

Old Times Recalled

SOME YORK COUNTY MILLS

(By William H. Moore)

Mills where the first settlers of these parts got their grists ground, and their lumber sawed, has been a problem that was on the mind of the writer for some days. The carding mill did not interfere so much for the wool was carded by hand, many times even after carding mills had been established, and even as late as 1894 my mother hand-carded a few fleeces of wool. This was about the latest that was hand-carded in this settlement.

Boards and planks were sawed by the so-called up and down saw machinery in many of the country mills. These saws only cut as the saw descended in its stroke and on the upward stroke the log moved ahead a certain amount, according to the size of the log, whether the log was of soft or hard wood, and also whether there was a slack, or full head of water to drive the machinery. Later, when the lumber was sawn for export, gangs of up and down saws were put into use and even today many large producing saw mills employ this method. When this process is used the first slabs are taken off with circular saws.

But it was in the early days of the first settlers in this country when there were no roads, or merely pathways from one settlement to another that we wish to put on record the manner in which the grain was taken to and from the mills, where the mills were, and a rough idea of the trials of the early settlers along this part of their household duties.

It might not be amiss to state that the first buckwheat brought to Spring field, York county, was carried in by Patrick McGrath, who carried in by hand one bushel of the grain, and this amount was divided between himself and his two neighbours, Mr. Reed and Mr. Clark, who were the only settlers in that place at the time. The writer has no account of where the buckwheat was procured but it was of the rough variety which has proved to be the most successful variety as far as yield is concerned.

Buckwheat, wheat, oats and rye were the grains grown but rye has been dropped out and there has not been any grown for at least seventy years, and the writer's mother used to tell us youngsters how she despised the rye bread they used to have to eat, but perhaps the manner of grinding hay have been partly to blame, as a loaf of rye bread eaten in the west a few years ago certainly was not bad. Buckwheat meal was formerly used to make bread, but has not come under the notice of the writer for many years.

Buckwheat bread was eaten by this individual at least fifty years ago in Prince William at the residence of John Crewdson. But no appetite for such food was developed as my mother's stories had sort of created an appetite against such provender, and her opposition had grown from eating too much food that was not relished.

Oats were grown for food for the horses and oxen, and there was one mill provided with the proper appar-

atus for drying the grain previous to grinding, for human use.

Wheat has been the standby even if not in use so much in the early settlement days as at present, and one thing certain the flour ground in modern mills is much superior to the old fashioned variety. Yet it may not be any more healthy for those eating it. The flour used for bread these times is grown in the West and there is very little home grown wheat eaten now.

In the days of early settlement in this section getting grain to the mill to be ground was no easy matter, as the grain had to be carried sometimes on the shoulder of the grower and often one bag would be carried until the bearer became quite tired. When that bag would be set down and the workman would call it a rest as he walked back and got another bag which he would take along the path as far as he was able, then give the other bag a boost along, and in this manner grain was taken to the mills to be ground.

Later the grist was taken to the mill by oxen and cart. Times were improving, and people who were only servants in the old countries became owners of land here. Some change from the present days when often forty bushels of grain are taken to the mills on a farm wagon hauled by two horses and often in late years a grist is loaded into an automobile and taken.

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BOIESTOWN NEWS

BOIESTOWN, June 22—Dr. J. B. Hamilton of Doaktown, was called to this place on Monday to Mrs. Amelia Norrad who is seriously ill at her home with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Scott and sons Gilbert and Lawrence spent Monday with Mrs. Frank McElwee, of Avery's Portage.

Mrs. Lorne Calhoun and Mrs. Cameron Carroll of Holtville, spent Sunday with their mother Mrs. Maxwell Greene.

Rev. J. B. Turner held service in Hayesville Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Leonard Brown, Mrs. Thos. Hunter of Avery's Portage, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer. Mr. Palmer is seriously ill.

Quite a few men are engaged working on the Hayes Brook Bridge at present.

Bert McLellan of Parker's Ridge, had the misfortune of losing his colt. Mrs. Durward Calhoun of Gordon Vale, spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Quentine Greene of Hayesville.

Mrs. Billie Scott and daughter Alda spent Sunday with Mrs. C. E. Boies.

Claude Boies and Oswald Smith have gone to Durham Bridge to work for R. Gammon.

Everett Moir spent the week end at his home here.

Geo. Green was the supper guest of Arch Munn on Sunday.

Mrs. Lorenzo Hunter was the supper guest of Miss Jean Hunter Sunday.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

His Grace Archbishop J. H. Richardson and family are leaving today for Nova Scotia, where they will spend the season at their summer home at Smith's Cove.

Mrs. W. Allan Staples announces the engagement of her daughter Eileen Jean Golding, to Frederick Hudson Hewett, B.Sc., formerly of Fredericton, but now of Saskatchewan, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hudson Hewett, Boston, marriage to take place in Ottawa early in July.

Neighbourhood Bridge

Mrs. Miles Gibson was hostess last evening at a delightful neighbourhood bridge at her home on Winslow street in honor of Mrs. G. E. Little who is leaving shortly for Campbellton. The prizes were won by Mrs. Little, Mrs. R. K. Nevers and Mrs. R. P. Gornam. Guest prizes were presented to the guest of honor and to Mrs. Kenneth Fowler of Hampton.

Mrs. G. W. Chapman entertained at a delightful tea yesterday afternoon at her home on Woodstock Road. It was planned to have the tea on the lawn but due to the inclemency of the weather it was held in the drawingroom. Miss Geraldine Chapman admitted the guests. There were about fifty present. The drawingroom was bright with peonies and roses and in the dining room the table was centred with large peonies in a silver bowl. Mrs. B. R. Ross ushered the guests to the dining room and Miss Joyce Kelly, Miss Margaret Doran and Miss Audrey Chapman served. Mrs. Alfonso Kelly and Mrs. Walter MacKay presided at the table.

Bridal Shower

The Junior Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, St. Mary's Parish Church, Devon, entertained at a shower last evening in honor of Miss Nellie Blair who is to be married in the near future. The shower was held at the summer camp of Mrs. Monteith at Peniac. The guests motored to the camp in the afternoon where dinner was served and later in the evening guests played at three tables of bridge and auction forty-fives. Mrs. Arthur McLaggan was the winner of the first prize at bridge and Mrs. Brunswick Allen the first prize at auction. Miss Blair was presented with a lovely pyrex casserole with Sheffield cover and resting on a Sheffield tray. Miss Blair thanked her friends in a few well chosen words.

Reception Held for Very Rev.

W. H. Moorhead and Mrs. Moorhead The ladies of the congregation of Christchurch Cathedral were hostesses yesterday at a charmingly arranged reception in honor of Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead and Mrs. Moorhead at the home of the Rt. Hon. the Countess of Ashburnham. There was a profusion of summer flowers throughout the house, among them snapdragons, peonies and other garden flowers. The members of the congregation were given an opportunity of meeting Very Rev. Dean Moorhead and Mrs. Moorhead following the reception. The guests were received by the Rt. Hon. the Countess of Ashburnham, Mrs. Richardson, wife of His Grace the Archbishop, Mrs. Moorhead and Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead. Mrs. A. R. Slipp, Mrs. W. C. Lawson and Miss Gertrude Davidson ushered the guests. Mrs. George Howie, Mrs. Bull, Mr. G. W. Bailey, Miss Peters and Miss Louise Sterling presided at the tea table. Mrs. H. Niles, Mrs. Golding, Mrs. Turney, Mrs. Frank Shute, Mrs. Delmas Oltz, Mrs. Donald Smith, Miss Louise Hill, Miss Muriel Wainwright, Miss Jean Thompson and Miss Barbara Wetmore served. The dining room was in charge of Mrs. J. H. McMurray, the refreshments in charge of Mrs. T. C. Barker and Mrs. A. E. Hanson, while Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. J. Penety, Mrs. Martin Horncastle, Mrs. Holyoke, and Mrs. Bustin replenished.

MRS. HARRISON'S FUNERAL

A large number from this city and elsewhere in this part of the province were present this afternoon at Sheffield at the funeral of the late Mrs. Clara C. Harrison, widow of C. Ashley Harrison. The remains arrived here last night from Kentville, N.S. Prayers were said at the home at two o'clock and service was conducted at the United church there at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Wood and Rev. Mr. Fytche jointly officiated and interment was made in the church yard adjoining. The pallbearers were Kenneth A. Harrison, Maynard Harrison, Arthur L. Harrison, and Fred A. Harrison. The chief mourners included the four sons who acted as pallbearers, W. M. Thurott, Leon Thurott, Dr. L. A. Reid, Ex-Ald. H. E. Harrison of this city, Prof. Frank Harrison, H. A. Watson, Fred Barker, P. K. Barker, J. P. Jewett, and Dr. P. Kierstead. There were many lovely floral tributes.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burns are today receiving the congratulations of many friends on the forty-sixth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Burns, formerly Miss Lois Amelia McLatchy, were married at Hillsborough by the late Rev. Dr. C. Wellington Camp. Following their marriage Mr. Burns continued teaching at Hillsborough as Principal of the High School until 1908 when he was appointed Principal of the Model School in this city, having also held a similar position at Devon. One son, Professor Jas. W. Burns, of Western University, resides at London, Ont.

Dinner Party at Acacia Grove

Mrs. A. J. Gregory was hostess at a charming dinner party last evening at Acacia Grove for her guest, the Baroness von der Osten. The guests included Brigadier General and Mrs. F. W. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens. The table decorations were artistic with crimson peonies predominating.

Mrs. T. O. Monahan, who accompanied Mrs. T. V. Monahan and grandson Hayden Monahan to Portland, Maine, on Tuesday last, went on to Amesbury to attend the graduation exercises of the high school from which school her niece Miss Isabelle Mary McHugh was an honor graduate. Mrs. Monahan is also going to spend a few days with the staff of the Shirley, Mass., Industrial School, where she and Mr. Monahan were formerly employed.

A pretty wedding took place at 7.30 p.m. on June 24, at Prince William, when Miss Anna Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Brewer, was married to Walter Estabrooks Saunders, son of Mrs. Emily Saunders also of Prince William. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Sterling Brewer of Boston, Mass., uncle of the bride, and assisted by Rev. R. H. Barker of Prince William. During the ceremony the bride couple stood under an arch of evergreen, the color scheme throughout the house being yellow and white with white bells and a profusion of flowers.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of white organdie made on princess lines, floor length, the skirt ending in a short train. Her veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of American Beauty Roses, lilies of the valley with maiden hair fern.

During the signing of the register Miss Myrtle Gunter sang "O Promise Me," the Wedding Marches were played by Mrs. R. H. Barker, sister of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, about 125 guests being present. The bride's table was centred with a wedding cake surmounted by a miniature bride and groom, yellow and white streamers running from a wreath of bells to the corners of the table. The guests were ushered into the dining room by Miss Helen Brewer, sister of the bride. Mrs. L. D. Gunter, and Mrs. Sterling Brewer poured, Miss Annie Darrah and Miss Hilda Joslin replenished. Misses Mary and Myrtle Gunter, Doris Saunders, Dolly Joslin served, and Mrs. Idella Graham and Mrs. Geo. Joslin cut the ices.

The happy couple later left on a short wedding trip, the bride wearing a travelling suit of pink silk crepe.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Brewer, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Dunbar, Miss Rhea Dunbar, Clarence and Winston Gourley, North Devon, N. B.; Walter Estabrooks, Woodstock.

Numerous gifts were received, showing the popularity of the young couple, including furniture, silverware, pyrex, cheques and linen.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith has returned to her summer home, "Cluneligh," St. Andrews, N. B., after a motoring trip to Boston and the New England States—Montreal Star.

MRS. LEWIS BOONE DIES

The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Mrs. Lewis Boone, following several weeks' illness at the age of 75 years. Deceased was a daughter of the late John and Lavinia Sandwith and lived the greater part of her life in Devon. She was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her and her death will come as a distinct loss to her many friends in this community. Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. R. A. Malloy, of Devon; one son, William D. Boone, of Devon; two brothers, Archibald Sandwith of Campbellton and William Sandwith of Royal Road; also seven grandchildren. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon with service from the late home at 2.30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. J. A. Woodworth and interment will be made in the Sunnybank cemetery.

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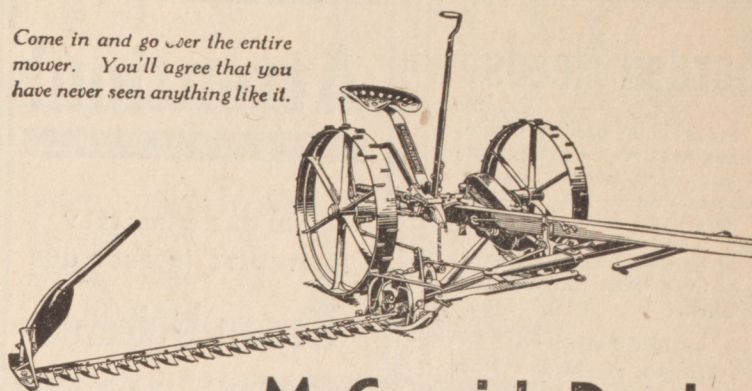
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