

## Old Times Recalled

EARLY LIFE ON THE ST.  
JOHN RIVER OVER ONE  
HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Bishop Plessis of Quebec Visited  
Fredericton and Found Poor Hotels  
—Came by Schooner

(Walter H. Golding)

(Continued)

The only disagreement which the Bishop of Quebec had in all this long and wearisome navigation was in conversation on religion with an inhabitant of the Miramichi river, an interesting man who appeared at length to him to have been convinced of the sufficiency of Protestantism to lead man to true happiness, and of the necessity of embracing a religion capable of attaining this end. His name was Richard Simons. He was far the best educated, and most honest of all whom he had met on board. Unfortunately he went on shore on finding his business not calling him to Fredericton.

That part of the river St. John which we passed in these 30 leagues contained nothing very striking (salient) with the exception of some houses, handsome enough, and some good farms, among which the establishment of Major General Coffin, brother of the Admiral of the same name, is the most remarkable. It is three or four leagues from Indian House (Town) on the other side of the river. Until you arrive there the river presents in general a frightful and wild aspect, rugged banks covered with wood. Some scattered houses seemed to have been built, in despite of nature, in clefts of the rocks.

Ascending one meets on the right the mouth of the river 'Kinnibeshish' where the St. John forms, as it were, a little lake at the head of which is the inhabitation just spoken of. The rest of the route presents a country monotonous enough, the cultivation of which is not much advanced, but where the farmers ought to make good profit from the hay of the numerous islands, of which the river is abundantly supplied.

The narrative of Bishop Plessis continues to state that:

On Saturday morning the wind changed suddenly and we promised ourselves that we would arrive at Fredericton before noon. Unfortunately Captain Sighi had a stop to make and many things to land, tar, oakum, etc., at a shanty of a country man named Morrison some miles from the city. An hour was spent in this; it could not be done in less time. But the wind, which would have answered to bring us up, fell at the end of this hour, forcing us to anchor. It was accompanied by a heavy rain which

scarcely suffered us to keep on deck, and we did not arrive in Fredericton until after 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

"Hotels" of 1815

Disgusted at the manner in which he had been served at the table, and a little humiliated by the company among whom he had found himself mixed, and which the motive for the journey alone had so far rendered supportable, the Bishop found in that day's fasting (the Vigil of Assumption) a cause for not eating on board. On being asked about the Fredericton hotels, Captain Sighi replied that there were some excellent ones, and cited in particular that which was near the landing, kept by Mr. McLeod. Scarcely had we cast an anchor when the Prelate urged Abbe Boucherville to land, in order to have dinner prepared for him at this house and to engage lodging there.

This foresight was of no avail; the hotel keeper answered that his house was full of strangers; that he could give dinner to these extra guests, but he had no beds for them to sleep in.

On this reply the envoy not knowing what to do, asked that a dinner en maigre might at least be provided for three gentlemen and one servant. Dinner was not taken until between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening. It was "maigre," even a little more than one would desire, for it consisted of but three eggs au miroir (three eggs for four persons), with a morsel of butter and a measure of bad wine (about two gills), served up in a very small decanter, which they took care to call a bottle, so that we should pay more daily for them.

The whole was served up in one of those little rooms in the back where drink was given to those drunkards who had the delicacy not to get drunk in the front part of the house in view of the passersby.

Before this miserable dinner, Abbe Gauveau had been sent to look for another lodging. He found a kind of tavern a little further away, kept by the son of a Dutchman, named Vanhorn, who received him rudely, saying that he could only lodge two strangers for the night; that the chamber in front (the whole being on the ground floor) must serve as a passage for every one in the house. There was no use of arguing, they would have to pass that way, but the people of the house were discreet and the room free enough. Having only a bed for two, it was necessary to consider as to what would become of the third.

M. Boucherville made an offer which was accepted, which was to take a carriage and go at once to the Indian mission of St. Anne and to send down the next morning some India canoes to carry up the Bishop. (To be Continued)

### Central Kingsclear

CENTRAL KINGSCLEAR, June 17—We have been very pleased with the recent rains which will be great benefit to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Anderson moved into their new house on Monday.

The condition of Mrs. Jas. Grey, who has been ill at her home for several weeks is not much changed.

Miss Anna Tupper is spending a few days at her home at Scotch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Goodine have taken rented rooms at Charles Munn for the summer months.

Quite a number of the men from here are employed on the road near McKinley Ferry. While some others are peeling pulp wood.

Mrs. Frank Kilburn who has been a patient at the Victoria Hospital, was able to return to her home on Saturday last.

Mrs. George Goodine of Myshall Settlement is visiting her sister, Mrs. Anderson of this place.

Mrs. J. Bamford was visiting Mrs. Norman Burden, Monday.

### Follow Leads in

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Mounted Police seemed to discount the belief that Mr. Merrithew was drowned. They are of the belief that the canoe might have floated away accidentally while Mr. Merrithew was on the shore. It is understood that Mr. Merrithew had relatives in the vicinity but inquiries today failed to elicit any information from them and it could not be learned that he had visited any of them.

There was considerable floating pulpwood both in the Saint John river and at the mouth of the Nashwaak-sis during Sunday afternoon, and the finding this afternoon of Mr. Merrithew's coat now leads to the belief that it is possible that the canoe was struck by some of this pulpwood and upset, throwing the occupant into the river, in which case the possibilities are that he was drowned.

A party of about twelve, including Major E. C. P. Salt, commander of "J" Division of the R.C.M.P., and Inspector C. K. Gray were searching by motorboat this afternoon in the vicinity of Nashwaaksis, and grappling operations were commenced in that locality early this afternoon.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Premier A. A. Dysart arrived in the city last evening. He was accompanied by his daughter Miss Mary Dysart and his son Bobby.

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Mrs. Charles Fitz-Randolph of Ottawa, formerly of this city, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter Major and Mrs. Percy Flynn in Quebec.

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Mrs. John Snow of Moncton arrived in the city yesterday and was the guest of her son-in-law, Ald. Ivan McKnight. Mrs. Snow left for home today.

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### Ministerial Association

Members of the Ministerial Association of Fredericton, Devon and Marysville with their wives, left this morning for Doaktown where they will meet with the Ministerial Association of the Miramichi. They will be served dinner in the United Church Hall, by the Ladies of the Doaktown United Church.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey Price, of Vancouver, who has been in Washington, D.C., to attend the convention of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, is expected in Ottawa early in June to spend a short time, the guest of Mrs. George Black, M.P.

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Mrs. A. Hamilton McKee of Ottawa who has been spending a couple of days with Mrs. J. Harry Robertson, Charlotte street, returns home tomorrow. Many of Mrs. McKee's old friends were pleased to welcome her to Fredericton.

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The men's team of the Woodstock Golf Club are playing the Fredericton team this afternoon. At the conclusion of the game they will be entertained at dinner at the Golf Club House.

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### Banquet For Mrs. Spencer

Mrs. G. O. Spencer will be honored on her recent elevation to the position of president of the National Council of Women at a banquet in the Brunswick hotel on Friday. The Local Council is playing host. Mrs. Spencer was elected to the high office last week at the annual convention in Halifax—Moncton Transcript.

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### Executive Meeting

The provincial executive meeting of the I.O.D.E. was held recently in the parliament building. Plans were made for the semi-annual meeting in Ottawa. The report of the National Convention showed it to have been successful, representatives from all over Canada, the Yukon and from the Daughters of the British Empire in the United States being present.

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### Again Win Prizes

It is interesting to note that New Brunswick has again won the shield presented by the National Executive for having the largest percentage of Chapters, being 100 per cent, subscribers to Echoes, the official organ of the order. The Duke of Rothesay Chapter of Rothesay won the scrap book prize in competition from all of Canada as well as winning the prize given in New Brunswick at the annual meeting. The prize for all of Canada was donated by the National President Mrs. W. G. Lunbers.

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Their Excellencies in Residence at Citadel

Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir have arrived in Quebec and have taken the vice-regal quarters at the Citadel, where they will reside for two months. The Governor General was accompanied also by his mother, Lord Tweedsmuir will be the guest of the Canadian Club and the Women's Canadian Club at a luncheon tomorrow when he will deliver an address. Their Excellencies have accepted an invitation of officials of St. Jean Baptiste Society to attend ceremonies in connection with the Feast of St. Baptiste, June 24.

### Short Wave Operators Meet in Moncton

The "Hams" will be in Moncton July 4, 5, and 6 for their annual "Hamfest" and it is expected that about 125 amateur radio operators will be present. The "Hams" are those amateurs who build their own short wave stations and operate them. The title they bear is their own invention.

There will be representatives from all parts of the Maritimes and some from the eastern United States. A splendid programme of entertainment has been prepared for the visitors.

The Moncton Amateur Radio Club and the Halifax Club are the only organized clubs in the Maritimes, but the operators are affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, Hartford, Conn. Last year the convention was held in Halifax.

### SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow afternoon, commencing at five o'clock in the city hall. The meeting has been called to consider several resolutions.

### SUMMER DANCE

Shall I don the rose or the Alice blue?  
Or the vampire gown of a fiery hue?

Shall I curl my hair like a gay coquette?  
Or wear it sleek with a pin of jet?

Shall I be a Garbo, distant, tense?  
Or a Grace Allen, void of sense?

How to win her way to a brave man's heart  
Has been maiden's problem from the start;

So I'll hie me on to the summer dance  
My same old self—and take a chance.  
—Hazel Ellnor Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Evans of Minto are in the city today.

Rev. Edgar Baird and Mrs. Baird, nee Miss Doris Bailey of this city, are spending a few days in Winnipeg. Rev. Mr. Baird with his wife is stationed at Poplar River, Manitoba.

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MRS. A. T. McMURRAY

Prov. Pres. I.O.D.E.

Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Provincial President of the I.O.D.E., has returned home from Winnipeg where she attended the National Convention of the Order.

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### Hagerman—Morrison

An interesting event took place yesterday at the Parish Church, when Miss Marion McAdam Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Morrison of Lower Southampton was united in marriage to Leigh Vernon Hagerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hagerman. The ceremony was performed at two o'clock by Venerable Archdeacon A. F. Bate. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The young couple, who were untended will reside at Lower Southampton where the bridegroom is a farmer.

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### Mrs. John Black Memorial

The memorial to the late Mrs. John Black is to be placed at National Headquarters in Toronto. This is to be in commemoration of Mrs. Black's untiring work for the order through the thirty-six years of its existence, and the encouragement and inspiration she gave to the founders, the late Mrs. Clark Murray of Montreal at the time of the organization of the order in 1900. Mrs. Black was the first regent of the first chapter ever formed anywhere. A resolution to this effect was passed at the National Convention of the Order in Winnipeg.

### TWO KITTENS SHARING 26 TOES

TRURO, N. S., June 18—Two extraordinary kittens have been born to a common house cat of the black and white variety. They have identical markings, four white paws and black patches on the head and back. But the most remarkable part is that the kittens have seven toes on front paws which bear a resemblance to a human hand.

Four toes are separated from the other three by a deep cleft which gives the paw an appearance of fingers and thumbs. The rear feet have six toes each. The feet of both kittens are out of proportion to their size. The cat and kittens are owned by E. Hardacker.

SYDNEY, Australia, June 17—The government will shortly consider the adoption of "a new defence programme to complete the commonwealth's defence against air raids," declared R. A. Parkhill, minister for defence, in a speech at nearby Manly today.

The programme would supplement the three-year defence scheme begun in 1934, he said.

He added that, as a member of the League of Nations and of the British Empire, Australia's interests and obligations were world-wide. She was particularly concerned with her own and the Empire's relations with the great Pacific Powers.

Jerry Mersereau of Bathurst, who has been attending St. Joseph's University is in the city today.

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