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YORK AND SUNBURY COUNTIES DESCRIBED BY R. P. GORHAM

Hills and Valleys, Lakes and Streams, and Motor Routes Galore

(By R. P. Gorham, Fredericton)
(Prize Essay)

York County is the second largest county in the province. It was established by act No. 1 of the first legislature in 1786 and was then much larger than at present, including all of the present Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties, and portions of the present Northumberland and Restigouche; also some territory now within the state of Maine.

The county and the county town, now the city of Fredericton, were given their names in honor of Frederick, Duke of York, son of George III of England.

Before the erection of the province of New Brunswick, the territory now included in York County was a part of Sunbury County, Nova Scotia. Earlier still, it was a part of Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, and still earlier a part of French Acadia, during part of the French period. Fort St. Joseph, at the mouth of the Nashwaak River opposite Fredericton, was the seat of government for Commander Villebon, who directed affairs over the whole territory between the Bay of fundy and the St. Lawrence. Within the bounds of the county, are the sites of several seigneuries of the French period and several townships of the Nova Scotia period. So for the tourist with a liking for history, there are many subjects for study.

Settled by Loyalists

The county was settled by men of the disbanded Loyalist regiments who fought in the war of American independence when families were divided and neighbor fought against neighbor. One of the results of this war may still be noted in that many of the old families of New England are represented in the country. The visitor from any part of New England will find family names which are familiar. If he delves into genealogy he will find they are branches of the New England families, and then he will begin to notice resemblances and characteristics which remind him of people in his own home town.

The New England colonists were joined later by people from Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland. So the country as a whole is populated by a homogeneous group whose blood streams all trace back to the British Isles.

Geographically, the county is one of hills and valleys with numerous lakes and streams. Many of the streams and some lakes bear musical names which have been in use for untold centuries and have meanings in the Indian language, which when known add greatly to the charm of travel. Some of them are Nashwaak, Nashwaaksis, Napodogan, Pokio, Shogomoc, Macnaquac and Nackawick.

In the early period of settlement the numerous streams and lakes formed highways into the forest for trappers, and the region became a centre of the fur trade with a trading post on the site of Fredericton. The same streams and lakes which served the trappers and traders, now give to the tourist, the sportsman and the angler access to the forested portions of the county where moose, deer, bear and game birds abound.

Variety of Motor Routes

For the vacationist who visits Fredericton by motor car, a variety of routes which leads to hills and streams are open. Six roads lead out of the city in as many different directions. Three are "valley" roads and three are "hill" roads; the former following near streams or rivers with the constant view of running water which adds charm to any vista; the latter leads to the high places from which views of great distances are obtainable.

The Saint John valley road follows the western bank of the river from Fredericton to Woodstock, presenting throughout its length a wonderful panorama of river, island and forested hillside. Sometimes the road is close beside the water and at other times high on the hillside, but always with the sparkle of running water in view. On this route the Pokio gorge is crossed and the rapids of the Shogomoc, both among the natural beauty spots of the province.

The Nashwaak valley is one of surpassing beauty at any time of day and at any season. Seen in the early morning when the mist lies over the low meadows and islands in floating billows of whiteness, at midday when the sunlight gleams from the white painted homes, and sparkles from the ever dancing water of the swiftly moving stream, or at evening with the western hilltops bathed in sunlight and the deep valley in early twilight, it is always lovely. It is a drive one can take many times and see the fresh beauty every time.

The valley of the Keswick has a beauty of an altogether different type. It is the wide valley of some prehistoric river with rounded hills on either side. The valley bottom is rich farm land and the homes stand amid fields of farm crops. Through this valley flows one of the most gentle streams in all New Brunswick. It winds its way between the lined banks rippling over gravel banks and sand bars. It is the ideal stream for the light canoe and the lazy summer afternoon. It is a stream upon which to drift and dream and now and then flick a trout fly over some deep shaded pool.

Three side roads lead up to the heights of Keswick Ridge on the western side of the valley. From the top of this ridge, one can see for many miles over portions of three river valleys, miles on miles of river, forest and island scenery. To the west is the Saint John, flowing between high banks and divided by the snowshoe islands. According to Indian mythology, these represent the footprints of Glooscap on one of his journeys long ago when earth was young. To the north is seen the basin of the Macnaquac, a great area of forest as seen from the hilltop with a silver thread of stream showing here and there among the trees. To the east is the broad Keswick valley, and to the south the long, broad and island choked reach of the Saint John between Crock's Point and Fredericton.

Over Hills to South

Another road out of Fredericton leads over the New Maryland hills to the south. From the top of these hills one can see for 30 miles or more over forest and clearing, to the hills of three counties to the south and east.

SAFETY ON THE N. B. HIGHWAYS SERMON THEMES

Large Congregations Hear Inspiring Addresses on "Safety Education Week" in Churches on Sunday — Specially Interesting Service at Wilmot United Church.

"Safety Education Week" was observed in the city churches on Sunday with special emphasis being laid by the various ministers on the subject of safety on the public highways of this province. Large congregations were present at all the churches to hear the sermons.

A service of special interest took place at the Wilmot United church last evening, with remarks by the minister, Rev. J. W. Bartlett on "Safety Education Week," during which he mentioned the ten commandments of safety on the highways which were as follows: 1. Thou shalt obey the Traffic Signs; 2. Thou shalt dim thy lights; 3. Thou shalt keep to the right; 4. Thou shalt help the distressed brother motorist; 5. Thou shalt not hog the road; 6. Thou shalt respect womanhood; 7. Thou shalt take no intoxicants; 8. Thou shalt remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy; 9. Thou shalt not kill; 10. Thou shalt not worship the God of Speed.

Automobile Service

The service was an automobile service, and was most interesting; besides the pastor there were three other speakers, F. W. Barker spoke under the title, A Motorist Talks to Pedestrians. Mr. Barker pointed out the responsibility of the people who are walking on the highways and stressed the peril to the children.

Bruce Bird as the Pedestrian talking to the Motorist mentioned the peril of the drunken driver and the careless driver on the highways. The third speaker, L. A. Young spoke as 'The Motorist to Motorists,' mentioning the motorists' responsibilities for accidents and quoting statistics on accidents in this province. The responsibility is not with the roadmaker but with the motorist. He stressed also the necessity of having people use their automobiles to drive people to church on Sunday instead of taking them away from church. During the evening George Johnston sang a solo. The morning theme was 'The Principle of the Spare Tire.'

Other Churches

At the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the minister, Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross, spoke on the subject, "Who is My Neighbor?" at the morning service and on the theme, "Take Heed to Thyself" in the evening. The congregations were large. At both services emphasis was placed on the observance of "Safety Education Week."

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THE HUMAN SIDE OF LIFE IN PARLIAMENT

Daily Mail's Ottawa Correspondent Views Conditions From the Press Gallery at Ottawa

(By Wilfrid Eggleston)
OTTAWA, June 1—Add to your recollection of naive admissions in the House of Commons:

"I do not want to take up any further time because I know we should be conducting the business of the committee. However, since everybody else wants to talk, I am forced to say something or the people in my constituency will think I am dumb. I do not want to be considered a deaf mute, and I must say something at times or next year some of my friends will say that I am not on hand and I may not get any votes."

This came from Irish Dave Spence of Parkdale, Toronto, the outstanding authority on asparagus and roses and other horticultural matters in the House.

The member for Rosetown-Biggar possesses a very military name and at the same time a passion for peace, which sometimes mixes things up. He was christened Major James William Coldwell, the Major standing for an old family name which it was desired to perpetuate. To get around the difficulty of a pacifist bearing such a misleading name, he managed out west to get his friends to call him "M. J." Hardly anyone knew what M. J. stood for, but I wormed it out of him in 1932 when I first interviewed him.

The other day, on the defence estimates, the member for London, F. C. Betts, not being aware of the above, proceeded to twig the Saskatchewan member about being such an opponent of expenditure on military matters, and at the same time of having gone to the polls as "Major" James William Coldwell.

It was slightly vulnerable, as an interruption, and the C.C.F. member was able to set his interlocutor straight with a flourish.

I sometimes look down from the Gallery on the House and speculate what it will look like some years from now. Who will be in the front benches then? Which of the obscure back bench members will be leading the government, or the opposition? Whom shall we have in the South East corner? Will J. S. Woodsworth, or Gordon Ross, or Archibald Mitchell, or someone like that be ruling with a rod of democracy? Or will someone not even in parliament now be the centre of attention?

Nobody can answer those questions. But I amused myself for a few minutes looking back 25 years to see where our present leaders were then, and to what extent the commentators

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of the day saw their brilliant future. Some of them of course, were already shining. Quoted in Morgan's 'Canadian Men and Women of the Time' (1912) were such illuminating passages as these:

Of R. B. Bennett: "One of our coming statesmen" (Late Hon. A. G. Blair). "One of the ablest young men in the Territories" (Mail and Empire).

Of the present prime minister, who had already gone a long way, the Canadian Courier was quoted to this effect: "A virile upright man," while Saturday Night in 1910, said: "A feather in the cap of Sir William Mulock, who discovered him about 13 years ago."

Arthur Meighen was described as a lawyer and legislator, and the Toronto News saw in him "a man of remarkable keenness of mind and clarity of expression."

The 'Who's Who' of that day contained nearly 8,000 names. It did not, however, mention Ernest Lapointe, H. H. Stevens, T. A. Crerar, C. A. Dunning, P. J. Cardin, W. D. Euler, nor several other leaders of today, whose rise to prominence has occurred since Nor does it include the present speaker of the Commons, Hon. Pierre Casgrain.

The speaker of the Senate is there, however, Walter E. Foster is described as a merchant, but his leaning toward public life is foreshadowed by the comment: "A Liberal and a great admirer of Laurier and Fielding; advocates a maritime union."

One would hardly expect to see such promising young men in it as Hon. Norman Rogers, and of course he is not, having been only a high school youth at the time. But Morgan does contain a sketch of Mrs. Grace Dean McLeod Rogers, who is described by Dr. Thomas O'Hagan as: "Unquestionably one of the most gifted among Canadian writers."

The 'south-east corner was represented by at least one man, already notable in 1911. Rev. J. S. Woodsworth (Meth.) was the way he was described. The sketch went on to say that he was 'actively interested in philanthropic work—believes in the necessity of practical Christianity that will meet the needs of our modern civilization.'

Our 'elder statesmen' were of course already famous. Concerning Sir George Perley (not then knighted) we learn that he is of Welsh descent, and that the name was originally Apperley—a fact which the parliamentary guide seems to have missed. It was further stated that Sir George's family emigrated to America in 1636, so that if they were not on the Mayflower, they were only a few years after it.

Hon. Raoul Dandurand, described as statesman, lawyer and capitalist, was relatively the most prominent of all 25 years ago, and was lauded highly in the contemporary press as a 'man of great executive ability.'

C. H. Cahan, similarly, was given extensive space, and spoken of as a courageous, ready and powerful speaker, which he still is. Another quotation says of him: "as promoter, a winning hand; as corporation lawyer, a great success."

Hon. Charles Marcell, the dean of the present house, was of course already a man widely known, and is described as 'a wholesome, genial, tactful gentleman.'

Dr. Arthur Beauchesne, the Clerk of the House, finds a place in Morgan along with his father, who sat for Bonaventure at one time. The present Clerk is described as a journalist, and now (1911) about to edit a new journal in Montreal, to be started in opposition to Le Devoir.

MONCTON, June 1—Suspected of being implicated in the series of thefts of lice boxes from ranches in the Moncton and Shediac districts last fall, just about pelting time, Jas. R. Smith and Marvin Steeves, residents of Moncton-Shediac Road district, were arrested by R.C.M.P. last night.

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