

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 appended narrative pieces together the early history of the life in this part of the Dominion and shows how much progress has been made with the passing of years. The Memoirs of Bishop Plessis and Party in 1815

"Two vessels, a sloop and a schooner, go and come constantly from and to Fredericton and Saint John, carrying passengers and goods. Fredericton is three leagues below the village (Indian). The schooner was going to leave Wednesday evening, but had already so many passengers, especially so many women, that the Bishop preferred the sloop, although it did not leave until the following day, Thursday, 17th of the month (August).

The Falls

The St. John River (whose general course is northwest and southeast) discharges itself into its little gulf, or basin, by a rapid which neither boat nor canoe of any kind can overcome, either in ascending or descending, except at half-flood or half-ebb tide. When it is falling foam issues from this rapid, which spreads itself around the whole basin and collects itself around the vessels, which, in great numbers, are being loaded in the harbor with wood for building. It is seldom passengers embark in the basin when they are going to Fredericton; the rapid frightening them—they prefer to cut across a long point and by a path, about a mile long, to reach an English village situated on the bank of the river at equal distance from its mouth, and named Indian House, although it contains no Indians, but some inns, stores and workshops.

Uncomfortable Travelling

It was there that the Bishop and his suite had gone to wait for the sloop, which would arrive there at 8 or 9 in the morning, although the going on board was fixed at 7 o'clock. Its master was named "Sighi" brave and honest, a good singer of English songs, having a book often in his

hand to amuse his passengers. To these, moreover, he gave all the attention which a person should who might be left so often in charge of company.

He had with him for second in command a person named "Cretton" and two negroes, who formed his crew. We found that we had 21 passengers on board, of whom four were women and four children. The forward cabin (for the after-one was reserved exclusively for ladies) did not suffer all of the company to eat at one time. The passengers divided themselves into two successive parties, of which the first, that is to say, with the women and children; the second party was composed of the captain, his second in command and his passengers of less distinction.

Scarcely had they risen when the servants and negroes came to eat at the same place and table. No one amused himself by changing the cloth for the following repast. Dirty beds without cloths and without blankets were the lot of whoever did not wish to sleep in the common room, and in view of the other passengers, men and women who were enjoying themselves at cards far into the night.

The first was so disagreeable to the Prelate that he retired to his little cabin with Messrs. Broucheville and Gaudreau, which scarcely sufficed to hold them, much less their baggage, which had been piled into a heap. The next night, the weather being fine and the moon bright, he determined to remain on deck where, toward morning, he enjoyed a few hours of uncomfortable rest on overcoats and other articles of apparel gathered up from one place and another, for since leaving Halifax he had found himself deprived of all his articles of night use.

It was under all these inconveniences that two nights and nearly three days were to be passed in this miserable sloop which was delayed partly by calm and partly by a little effort of the rising of the sea, a thing astonishing enough in the neighborhood of the Bay of Fundy, where the tide rises to an extraordinary height. There is a place several miles long where the water is so still, whether the tide is rising or falling, that it is called in a saying in the country "No man's friend."

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Suspect Arrested

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In the scuffle, the rifle was discharged, but the bullet struck harmlessly on the ground. Stuggling McCaie, the holdup man broke loose and fled as passersby were attracted by the scuffle. McCaie suffered a broken nose.

Then, according to police, he escaped from Moncton in a dark green car stolen earlier from Dr. H. M. MacLean.

Deputy Sheriff DeBoo recovered that car yesterday morning at Hampton. In it were a couple of dozen .22 calibre cartridges—the same calibre as the rifle. There was also a small hacksaw.

Since Sunday afternoon, using his own name and driving the stolen car boldly through Hampton in broad daylight, Nelly had been visiting William McLeod, a farmer, whose property is about a mile from Hampton, and for whom he had worked one summer eight years ago. He was smartly dressed, and passed the car off as his own.

The McLeods did not suspect that it was a stolen machine, or that Nelly was wanted by police, until they noticed, according to Sheriff DeBoo, that some of his stories did not ring true.

Suspicion Aroused

Yesterday morning Mr. McLeod was talking with Deputy Sheriff DeBoo. He had read about a car being stolen. There was one down at his

place, he said, that he was wondering about.

Almost at the same time this conversation was going on, Nelly was getting a can of gasoline at a service station in the shadow of the courthouse at Hampton. The car was without gasoline, in the McLeod yard. Soon after Nelly left with the gasoline, the deputy sheriff started for the McLeod farm.

The alleged bandit saw him as he drove into the yard. "They told me he moved pretty fast," the officer said.

He and Sheriff F. E. Sharpe, their suspicions thoroughly aroused, communicated by telephone with Moncton police and also the Mounties. The car was definitely identified as the stolen one.

Mounted police hurried to Hampton from Saint John and Sussex. The chief of police, chief inspector and a constable hurried to Hampton from Moncton.

Outlets Guarded

By noon they had spread a net around the district. In Scotch mist and drizzling rain they beat through woods and thickets without sighting the fugitive.

Highways were being watched. Train conductors were furnished with Nelly's description.

Halfway through the afternoon word came through from Sussex that the conductor of the Moncton train thought Nelly was aboard as a passenger.

Police, disheartened by their failure

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Ladies, plan on attending the Garden Party on Friday, June 19, at the beautiful grounds of Miss Gerow.

At a recent meeting of the Devon Women's Institute Mrs. Frank Shorttill was elected president for the coming year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, plan on attending the Garden Party at the beautiful grounds of Miss Reta Gerow on Friday, June 19. Public cordially invited. Sponsored by Governor Carleton Chapter I.O.D.E.

Little Miss Patsy O'Regan of New York city, is a guest at the home of her uncle and aunt, Premier and Mrs. A. A. Dysart, she having accompanied Premier and Mrs. Dysart, when they returned recently from New York.

Miss Patricia Michaud, was hostess at the tea hour Saturday in Ottawa in honor of the graduation class of 35-36 of Notre Dame Convent, Aylmer and Misses C. Desmarais and M. Dugre, graduates of last year.

Picnic at Springhill

The Ladies' Aid of Wilnot United church left this morning by bus for Springhill where they will have a picnic dinner and supper at one of the camps.

C. W. L. Monthly Dinner Meeting

Fifty members of the Catholic Women's League were present at a supper party held last night at the Nupalm. Reports were received from the convensors of the various committees and a new committee, "The Travelers' Aid" was formed with Mrs. Earl Doohan as convensor. Mrs. Doohan reported a meeting of the committee and outlined plans for carrying on their work. Plans were discussed for raising funds and it was decided to hold a rummage sale Saturday, June 27. Several members also pledged themselves to raise talent money during the summer months. It was decided to hold a Sunday school picnic for the children some time in July. Members also discussed holding a fair some time in the fall. Rev. Father Daley was a guest at the meeting and congratulated the members on their work. The following members took part in the programme for the evening: Mrs. Wm. Hall, Mrs. Earl Doohan, Mrs. E. J. Whalen, Mrs. F. Foster and Miss M. O'Neill. The meeting closed with the singing of the League hymn and the National Anthem.

Hon. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. King will leave shortly for New Brunswick to visit for a few weeks in Saint John, Chipman and Andover. Later they will visit in Prince Edward Island, and expect to leave early in August to return to their home in Victoria, B. C.—Ottawa Citizen.

Encouragement

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to those assembled referring to the government's policy of introducing the Percheron to this province and improving horse breeding. At noon lunches were for sale on the grounds by the Fredericton Women's Institute. Stanley Wood acted as general manager today. A local bank manager was on hand to receive the money for the purchases. The purchase terms are one half the price down and a note for the balance for one year, without interest. J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture, was at the grounds today conversing with possible purchasers and describing the qualities of the horses to would-be purchasers.

to find any trace of the alleged desperado, and believing he had succeeded in either boarding a train or hitch-hiking out of the district, were prepared to give up.

Officers of the Moncton force, in fact, did leave.

"He seems to have a horseshoe with him," Chief of Police Hutchinson of Moncton remarked to Deputy Sergeant DeBoo.

Had a Hunch

"I've got a hunch he'll drop in before long," the deputy rejoined.

Fifteen minutes later the Kings County sheriff's office had an excited telephone call from Ora Dempster who is employed on the Reid Farm, where Nelly was captured.

Dempster who knew police were searching the district for the fugitive, had seen through the open door of the barn a stranger making for the loft.

Ten minutes later, drenched, detected Nelly was under arrest. He admitted his identification—an immigration passport was found in his pocket—and turned over to police the keys of the stolen car.

The prisoner was being taken back to Moncton last night to face charges preferred against him.

A. D. Lawrence of Hamilton, is a guest of the Queen hotel this afternoon. He is here on business.

Miss Lillian Snowball of Chatham, is visiting in Ottawa, the guest of Mrs. George S. MacCarthy.

Mrs. Lewis A. Murray with her little daughter Ann arrived today from Toronto to spend the summer with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer.

Capt. G. Alvan Good, Boy Scout District Commissioner, who will be among those attending the Vimy Ridge Pilgrimage in July.

Captain Good, who is a returned soldier, has taken an active part in Boy Scout activities.

Home and School Executive Meeting

The executive of the Fredericton Home and School Association held their monthly meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. A. R. Menzies on Rookwood Avenue. The president, Rev. Dr. Ross was in the chair. Members of the executive present included Rev. Dr. F. A. Wightman, W. K. Tibert, Mrs. G. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Thos. Styran, Mrs. Leslie Wood and Miss Mary McLean. Routine business was carried on and plans were completed for the annual meeting when a resume of the past three years' work will be heard in full. The acting president for New Brunswick will report on the progress made in New Brunswick at the National convention which meets in Toronto early in June.

Educationalists to Attend Congress
Dr. G. J. Trueman, president of Mount Allison University, Sackville, and Mrs. Trueman, have sailed from Halifax enroute to England. Dr. Trueman will attend the centenary celebration of the University of London, and the Congress of British Universities at Cambridge. Dr. and Mrs. Trueman will be accompanied by Miss Doris Runciman, Annapolis Royal, N. S., who is dean of the home economics department at Mount Allison; Miss Pauline Norris, Amos, Quebec, and Miss Jean H. Weeks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Weeks, Millstream. Miss Weeks will spend two months with her brother, Ernest Weeks, who completes his course at Oxford this spring, and they will tour the continent. Mr. Weeks is a New Brunswick Rhodes scholar. Miss Runciman will attend the Universities' congress at Cambridge.

TRADE PACT PARLEY BEING ARRANGED

LONDON, June 17—Preliminary discussions with a view to revision of the Ottawa trade agreement with Canada will begin shortly, Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons.

"The Association of British Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of British Industries and the National Union of Manufacturers as well as a number of bodies representing particular industries, have been invited to furnish observations to the Board of Trade by June 19," he declared.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR DAMAGING BRIDGE

VERNON, B. C., June 17—Paul Vatkin, convicted by an Assize Court jury on a charge of damaging a government bridge, today was under sentence to life imprisonment by Mr. Justice A. M. Manson.

An attempt was made to destroy the bridge near Doukhobor settlement at Grand Forks, B.C., on May 2.

In passing sentence yesterday, Mr. Justice Manson told Vatkin he felt he would be doing an injustice to his fellow men if he ever again allowed him liberty.

POSITION RESIGNED BY A. TASCHEREAU

QUEBEC, June 17—Resignation of Antoine C. Taschereau, brother of Quebec's former Premier, as secretary treasurer of the Catholic School Commission has been accepted by the board. On suggestion of Mayor Goggin, he has been replaced by Eugene Huet.

The Commission made no decision on Mr. Taschereau's request that he be given his pension.

A 60-acre camp site has been given by Mr. John R. Green to the Boy Scouts of Moose Jaw, Sask.

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ALEX. MURRAY, Secretary, Fredericton Board of Trade.

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