

Old Times Recalled

(The Daily Mail has during the past year, from time to time published a series of papers on historical matters of local interest. These papers were written by the members of the York and Sunbury Historical Society and others, and most of them were read at the Society's monthly meetings. The first paper read at the Society's meeting this season was by Fred H. Phillips, of the New Brunswick Bureau of Public Information. This paper, which is on the History of Steamboating on the Saint John River will be continued from day to day until completed.)

STEAMBOAT A-COMIN'

(By Fred H. Phillips)
(Continued)

The Upper Route

From Saint John the river is mostly wide and deep, and the current slow and steady; but above Fredericton the stream soon grows narrow and the channel swift. Indeed the nearness of the banks often led river travellers to remark that they were sailing through farmyards. But to vessels of light draft the upper river was easily navigable up until the years which opened the present century. By that time the cutting of the forests of the valley had removed a natural reservoir which formerly maintained the water at a fair sailing level.

Although the little steamer "Woodstock" had made a failing attempt to reach the town for which she was named as early as 1832, successful navigation of the up-river route was not realized until five years after. On April 30, 1837, the "Novelty" completed the one hundred fifty-odd miles between Saint John and Woodstock between morning and evening. On another occasion she made the 170-mile round trip between Saint John and Fredericton in a day. The "Novelty" was a high pressure boat owned by James Whitney of Saint John. Although she was speedy she was aptly christened for beyond being a novelty she was of little use. Long of hull and narrow across the beam, she was swift but unwieldy and hence impractical for regular service. Especially was she the bane of the Red Coats garrisoned at Fredericton. For some years the troops there regarded it almost as a part of routine duty to embark in flat boats and assist in refloating the "Novelty" from the sand bar opposite the town.

Up River Service

Regular service between Fredericton and Woodstock was not established until 1845. That year the Craigs of Saint John launched the "Carleton" for George Connel, barrister, of Woodstock. Her light draft and powerful engines fitted her admirably to glide over the bars and shoals and through the rapid water of the upper St. John and for some years she dominated the carrying trade of the route. In the words of the old captain, "You could sail 'er on the morning dew" for she drew but fourteen inches of water.

Always the growing river traffic called for the launching of more boats. Connell soon launched a second, a side-wheeler called the "John Warren." In attempting to achieve larger carrying capacity Connell defeated his purpose. Being of too heavy construction to compete with the lighter craft on the swift current, the "John Warren" was a financial loss to her owner.

Prior to the middle forties all the boats had been side-wheelers but toward the close of that decade the stern-wheelers began to appear. The first of these, the "James D. Pierce," was soon followed by such other stern-wheelers as the "Richmond," the "Bonnie Doon," the "Tobique," the "Highlander," the "Gazelle," the "Ida

Whittier," the "Andover," the "Floranceville," and the "Aberdeen." But meanwhile Tibbitts had launched his famous "Reindeer."

Tibbitts' Compound Engine

Benjamin Franklin Tibbitts, youngest son of Andrew Tibbitts, was born in the Parish of Canning, Queens county, New Brunswick. After fire had destroyed the homestead in 1922 the family moved to Grand Lake. Eight years later the family made a second move, this time to Fredericton. After attending school for four years young Tibbitts was apprenticed to the watch-making trade, first under a Mr. Robertson of Woodstock and later under Benjamin Woolhopter of Fredericton. It was during these years that his inventive genius first envisioned an engine that would combine steam under both high and low pressure. His zeal for wider experience soon led him to the United States and, after apprenticeship in various workshops and foundries, he perfected plans for his compound engine.

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CROP REPORT

MONTREAL, P. Q., Sept. 23.—Wheat threshing, although delayed at frequent intervals by wet weather, is well advanced in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Southern Alberta. The Alberta wheat crop is of better grade than that of Manitoba or Saskatchewan. The total wheat yield is estimated at slightly higher figures than those of last year, but the quality is low. The production of coarse grains shows a substantial increase. In Quebec, crops are proving satisfactory throughout most sections. In Ontario crops in general are turning out well and the tobacco crop is exceptionally good. In the Maritime Provinces grains have failed to recover from the excessive heat and draught in August but rains have been beneficial to roots and pastures. In British Columbia crops are mostly proving satisfactory, though hay is slightly below average in yield and quality. Details follow:

Prairie Provinces

Alberta—Unsettled weather in the north has caused delay in harvesting, but cutting is well advanced. Threshing is over half completed in the southern areas where the average wheat yield is from ten to 12 bushels of high grade. Earlier frost damage in central and northern areas proved worse than was anticipated. Sugar beets continue to make satisfactory progress. Saskatchewan—Threshing is general, with about 45 per cent of wheat completed. Showery weather has delayed operations. Good yields are reported in portions of northwest, north-eastern, west central and south central districts. Wheat yield estimates exceed those of 1934, but most of the grain is low grade. Coarse grain yields are better than for several years. Manitoba—Over 50 per cent of the wheat is threshed. Operations have been held back by rains. Yields are small and the quality poor, except in small areas in north and Swan River districts. The estimated wheat production is the lowest since 1900. Coarse grain crops are fairly good.

Province of Quebec

In the Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John districts, threshing of grain crops, promising average yields of good quality, has commenced. Above average yields of root crops of good quality are in prospect. Pastures continue in good condition. In the Eastern Townships and Ottawa Valley threshing of a better than average grain crop is well advanced. Fodder corn is a heavy crop assuring ample feed supply. Root crops are generally in very satisfactory condition. The apple crop is below average

THE SUNDAY SERVICES IN CITY CHURCHES

Rev. Dr. Geo. E. Ross
Away—Several Clergy-
men Exchange Pulpits
— Anniversary Service
at Stanley.

Despite the inclement weather of last evening, the churches of Fredericton and vicinity were filled to capacity with worshippers of all denominations. The morning services were also well attended. Several local clergymen exchanged pulpits for the day. Rev. Dr. George E. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, who is in Goderich, Ont., taking part in the centennial celebration of the founding of Knox church there, was replaced yesterday by Rev. Mr. Lawson, Prince William. Rev. William A. Burge of the Gibson Memorial church, Devon, and Rev. George Telford, M.A., B.D., took part in the anniversary services of the United church at Stanley. Rev. R. H. Barker, S.T.B., Stanley, exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Telford in the evening, while Rev. Mr. Burge took the afternoon service at Stanley.

Yesterday afternoon at the Gibson Memorial United church, Devon, W. K. Tibbett addressed the young people on the work of the Sunday school, pointing out to them the points of progress in Sunday school by means of a map. He compared like to a highway and stressed the aid that Sunday schools are rendering in helping us to keep the right road. Several of the young people took an active part in the service.

A quartet from St. Paul's United church, Fredericton, took part in the anniversary service at Stanley. At that service Rev. Mr. Burge delivered an excellent address on "Making God Absolute in Our Lives."

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church two excellent services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Lawson, at eleven o'clock and seven o'clock. The usual Sunday school classes at 2.15 p.m. were well attended by the younger people.

Rev. G. W. Guio, pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, delivered two excellent sermons at both morning and evening services. In the morning his subject was "The Sermon on the Mount, II, Higher Standards," and in the evening he used as his subject, "Your Relationship to the Church. What of It?" Sunday school and Brotherhood classes were held in the afternoon.

At St. Paul's United church Rev. Mr. Telford used as his subject in the morning "The Hearing Ear." The evening service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Barker, Stanley. The regular Sunday school and Bible classes were held in the afternoon.

The service at the Devon Baptist

in size and quantity. Tobacco is an average crop of good quality. Pastures are in good condition.

Province of Ontario

Threshing operations have been slower than usual, due to the bulkiness of the harvest. Cannerys are now completing a satisfactory pack of corn and tomatoes. Fodder corn is being cut; the yield is above average. Late potatoes give poor promise. Recent tests show a reduced sugar content in the sugar beet crop, but the tonnage is expected to be well above that of last year. Early varieties of apples, while smaller than usual, are a good yield. Later kinds are patchy and yields will be light. Plums are being shipped to Great Britain in large quantities. The pear crop is below normal. A large percentage of an exceptionally good tobacco crop has been safely harvested. It is estimated that the yield for the Norfolk area will be around 30,000,000 pounds with the quality on the whole well above average.

Maritime Provinces

In Prince Edward Island harvesting of a grain crop of light yield and fairly good quality is complete. Root crops are light, but recent rains have been beneficial to these and pastures. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the grain is spotty. Late rains have benefited root crops, which are of good quality, but below average yield. Storm damage to apples is reported from Annapolis Valley, but on the whole the apple crop continues to mature satisfactorily. In some areas pasturage is poor, while elsewhere it is reported in fair to good condition.

Province of British Columbia

A good grain crop has been harvested. Tomatoes are ripening well and deliveries to canneries are heavy. Onions and late potatoes of good quality are yielding well. A good average crop of hops is being picked. Tree fruits of good colour and quality are ripening satisfactorily. Packing of McIntosh red apples is under way. The following yields are indicated: apples and pears 90 per cent of average, peaches 35 per cent., plums and prunes 100 per cent. Pasturage is fair to good on the mainland and water for irrigation is plentiful.

church was taken, both morning and evening by Rev. W. P. Whittemore, Boston, whose sermon in the morning was directed towards triumphant Christian Life, and in the evening towards the exaltation of Christ. His evening theme was "Consider Christ." Mr. Whittemore, who is a singer of note, sang several solos, and his wife who is an excellent cellist, rendered several selections, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. David L. Kennedy, wife of the pastor of the church.

"Staleness in Religion" was the theme used by Rev. J. W. Bartlett at his morning service in Wilmet United church, when a capacity congregation heard him. At the evening service he spoke on "Scarlet Sins" when a like crowd filled the church to hear the popular pastor. In the afternoon the regular Sunday school classes were held.

A large congregation was present at St. Dunstan's church in the morning when Rev. Msgr. F. L. Carney officiated at Low Mass. In the evening the service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Milligan when another large congregation attended.

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By order,
N. DESJARDINS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, September 16, 1935.

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias to me directed and issued out of the Supreme Court whereby I am commanded to seize the lands and tenements of ALFRED O'REE, I will sell in front of the COUNTY COURT HOUSE, FREDERICTON, N. B. at 12.30 o'clock, on MONDAY the 30th day of SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1935, the within described lands and tenements:—

"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Fredericton aforesaid, fronting on the north westerly side of the lane or alley running from Queen Street to King Street called Chancery Lane having a frontage of thirty-five feet on the said lane or alley, and described as follows:—Beginning at a point on the easterly boundary line of lot of land conveyed to Hugh Shannon by deed recorded in the York County Records in Book T-4, pages 376, intersects the said land, thence in a northwesterly direction along said line sixty-six feet or until it meets the lot of land known as the Queen Hotel lot, thence at right angles in a northeasterly direction sixty-five feet, thence at right angles in a southeasterly direction sixteen feet, thence at right angles in a south westerly direction thirty feet, thence at right angles in a southeasterly direction parcelled to said Shannon line fifty feet to the lane above mentioned and thence along the said lane thirty-five feet to place of beginning."

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