

# The Busy Town of Plaster Rock as Seen by a Fredericton Citizen

Mr. James Tennant Writes Entertainingly of a Recent Trip to the Tobique and Something About the Great Milling Industry Carried on by Donald Fraser & Sons—A Magnificent Farm of One Thousand Acres—How the Mill Refuse is Disposed of—The People are Prosperous and Contented.

To the Editor of the Daily Mail:

Dear Sir,—I trust I am not presumptuous in presenting for your readers a short description of a town upon the Tobique River called Plaster Rock, which I recently had the pleasure of revisiting after an absence of two years.

I may mention here that when we left St. Mary's on the morning of August 3rd, on board the swift and sure of the C. P. R. I was thankful that it only took twelve hours to do the trick. From the 3rd to the 17th I made Plaster Rock my headquarters and a pleasant time I had. On the morning following my arrival, when the sun was shining brightly

paradise of roots, stones and mud. Returning to Plaster Rock by another road, fearfully and wonderfully made, our eyes rest upon the beautiful western landscape with the noble river hidden between the rising hills of both sides. From the crest of the hill my eyes rested upon endless fields of grain, and I must here inform your readers that I was gazing upon a farm of one thousand acres, three hundred and fifty acres of which have been cleared of all obstructions in the short space of three years. It is only five years since this whole tract of land was bought by the firm of Donald Fraser & Sons and they

latter lending beauty and fragrance to the atmosphere. I was glad to notice the ladies taking a hand in the work of beautifying their homes and the solemn house of worship—work in which they have been foremost in all ages.

Let me pause a minute or two as I look at a very large new barn shaped building, which is to be used for cold storage purposes. Just opposite here is a group of twelve comfortable cottages, supplied with water and having commodious gardens. Four or five of them are occupied by former Fredericton families whom I found happy and contented. In the rear of these twelve houses is a perpendicular

ince have their lodgement here. I now come down to the mill yards where are located two great hives of industry, which manufacture from ten to fifteen million feet yearly. Here extending a distance of half a mile are stacks of lumber built so neat and orderly as to be a source of wonder to the stranger.

I should mention that the C. P. R. station is only one minute's walk from the principal hotel. The manager of the hotel is Mr. Crowley and he is called upon to cater to many distinguished sportsmen from many parts of the world, who visit the Tobique in quest of the royal game so plentiful in this part of New



View of Plaster Rock From Eastern Side of the Tobique

from a cloudless sky, I found a span of horses in waiting. In a very short time we were driving over the rampart hills on our way to the piggery. The road bends and circles and our attention is attracted by the fields of standing grain, so strong and green and I thought how nature repeats its great blessings. The face of nature is much the same today as it was in the time of the Romans three thousand years ago.

When we arrived at the piggery there was a mad rush of ninety Campbells, small and great, from their well built shelters to their

Two days afterwards when the weather was all that could be desired I made tracks to the scene of our first days outing. Again I was greatly delighted at the gambols of such a host of delighted porkers. Coming down the wide and well made road I noticed four or five men working in the garden of five acres, all busy weeding the great variety of vegetables which are destined for the culinary department of the hotel and also acquired two hundred acres on other homes. My attention was attracted by a young orchard and many extensive flower gardens, the

bluff, which descends to the stream a hundred feet or more. The crystal waters of the Tobique wash this rock for a considerable distance on both sides.

I shall linger but a moment longer on the eastern side of the river, but I must tell you of two things of much interest. One is the great water tank on the brow of the hill and the other is a gigantic barn immediately below, where the last of two hundred and fifty tons of hay was safely stored on August 22nd. And please consider that sixty of the finest horses to be found in the prov-

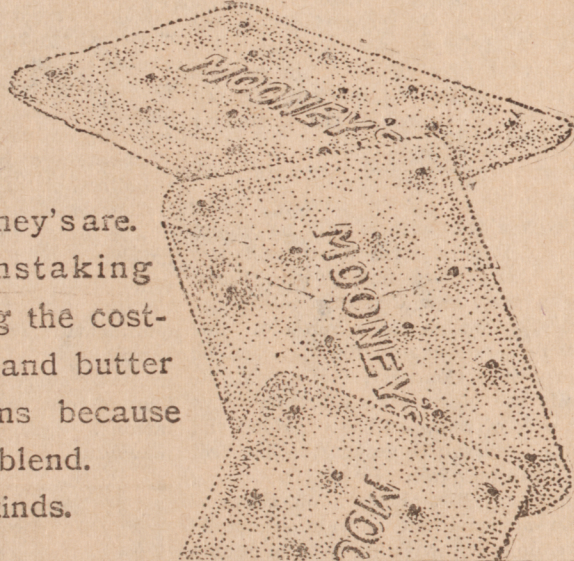
Brunswick, the lordly moose, the caribou, deer and salmon.

Another feature which is well worth a few remarks is the endless chain or carrier that transports from the mill to the opposite side of the river fifty cords of so called slabs and edgings daily. Between the hours of six and twelve p. m. deal ends are sold at the rate of 80 cents and \$1 per load to residents of the locality. The edgings and refuse are burned and at night time the atmosphere is illuminated by a cone of fire that makes darkness visible the whole night long.

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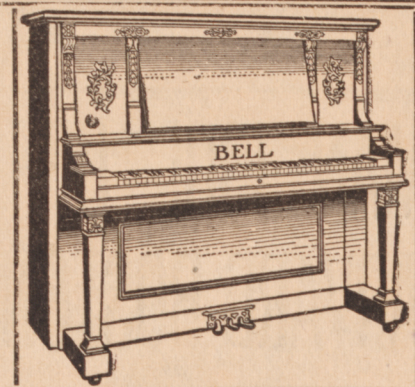
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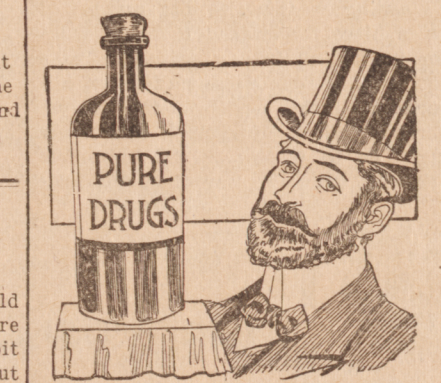
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