

the giant headland looming up as mysterious as the great *roc* of "The Arabian Nights."

In New Brunswick a river is called, in local parlance, *Ken-ne-bec-ay'shus*, and local tradition, in endeavoring to account for the name, affirms that once on a time when the river banks and the adjacent country were covered with a dense forest there stood on the clearing, before the river, a tavern, the proprietor of which was named *Casey*. Two travelers in a terrible storm pushed on their way and coming suddenly upon the house thought of the comfort the inn and its accompanying "hot toddy" would afford and asked each other with incredulous joy, "Can it be Casey's?" Hence, of course, the name.

There are two mountains near the border line of the two fine Counties of Colchester and Pictou in Nova Scotia, Mount Thom and Mount Ephraim. Local tradition gives the following account of the origin of these place-names. The early settlers of Truro, Nova Scotia, came from New Hampshire (New England) and for a time lived in great terror of the Indians and accordingly they resorted at night to a stockaded fort where they might sleep without dreaming of wild Indians, war-whoops, tomahawks and scalping knives. On one occasion word was sent to them from Halifax warning them of the hostile intentions of a large band of Indians in camp at or near Pictou. The settlers resolved upon sending scouts across country to find out. Tom Archibald, Ephraim Howard and John Oughterson volunteered for the service. After journeying for some time through the dense forest they came to a hill according to their calculations not far from Pictou. Selecting the tallest tree Oughterson said to Archibald "Mount, Tom." Tom in obedience to the order mounted the tree. Not seeing the water from his lofty perch, he so reported and the trio travelled some distance further and came to another hill where they repeated the effort to see salt water, only on this occasion the command was addressed to Howard, "Mount, Ephraim." On their return to Truro they described the incidents of their expedition and among these were the tree-mounting exploits. Naturally the hill where Tom climbed the tree became known as Thom's Mount and the other as Ephraim's Mount. Hence to this day Mount Thom and Mount Ephraim remain the distinguishing place-names of these two elevations.

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