

## How Chathamites will Spend the Summer

A SERIES OF SKETCHES OF THE CHARMING RESORTS WHICH BECKON PLANET READERS FOR THE LONG VACATION.

NO. 3—ERIE BEACH.

Erie Beach, once the only watering place that Chatham could boast of, will furnish a haven of refuge from the heat of summer for quite a large number of Chathamites. It was rumored that this health resort, situated on the high banks on the northern shore of Lake Erie, would lose its popularity as the Eau Claire, but Erieau has grown and increased in popularity and Erie Beach has lost more of its prestige or popularity.

The houses there were all occupied last year and had there been more, there would have been more people at the summer resort on the north shore of Lake Erie.

The reason why Erie Beach, or "Grillville," as it has been dubbed by those who don't go there, has always held a warm spot in the hearts of all who have ever spent the summer there, are manifold. Being situated on cliffs 50 feet above the water, the place catches all the breeze that is going, and the houses being moved above the reflection from the water, enjoy a coolness not a part of residences more lowly situated. For years, Erie Beach has been the summer home of many Chathamites, and it has become as much a part of the lives of such as their food and their sleep.

It has been said and mayhap said truly that the places we love the best are the places that we know and the memories of which take us back to happy days long past. Such must have been the feelings of the ancient resident, when on meeting a man who had never been to "Grillville," said, "well, if you have never been to Erie Beach you have still got something to look forward to." As I have never been to Erie Beach, you may all know that even I have got something to look forward to. A delightful prospect truly and one that will be an accomplished fact some day.

At present Erie Beach boasts of sixteen residents, owned by Wm. Ball, Manson Campbell, Geo. Stephens, M. P. Judge Bell, H. P. Naylor, J. R. Galt, John P. Galt, and James Holmes, John A. Walker, N.

Many interesting and unique epitaphs noted—A Sunday Morning Trip up the River.

It was last Sunday morning that I—having nothing worse to do and, besides, preferring the fresh, pure spring air outdoors to the gloomy atmosphere of the house—set out alone on a voyage up the river. I had been promised company but it failed to materialize, so, as I said, I set out alone.

I was not a very inviting morning, as the sky threatened rain. After paddling for some time along the many winding turns in the river I reached Pikeville. Here a native who viewed the steps that had been taken to raise the gunboat, volunteered the information to me that, "The city fella's would know a heap more about raising gunboats than they do now when they get that gunboat up."

Judging that the rustic knew more of the weather than of gunboats, I returned reply to his friendly information with a query as to the probability of rain. He said, "It won't rain so long as the wind keeps in the north. It may spit a little, but it won't rain enough to wet a piece of tissue paper," was his reply.

Feeling reassured by this information, I continued my journey up stream.

I may as well confess right here that my objective point was a grave yard, a relic of former days. I knew about where it was, at least within a mile, but that was all. On my way up stream I passed many landmarks of brick and wood, but, not having any old resident to enlighten me as to what they were, I had to form my own conjectures and guess as to their uses. One brick building, large, and evidently deserted, had, judging from its structure, been a store or warehouse at one time. It had been spitting, as the native had called it, nearly all the time I had been on the water, but now the rain began to fall quite heavily and, looking ahead, I saw three piles in the centre of the river. I wondered how and where with reference to them and learned afterwards that they had formed part of an old dock and that a well had once stood on the bank opposite. As I drew near I perceived a man on the bank and I hurried forward to meet him. He proved to be William Wees, the lessee of the McGarvin farm, on which was the graveyard for which I was looking. This is the property known as the Traxler farm. Mr. Traxler was Mr. McGarvin's great grandfather, and during the war of 1812-13 the farm was one of the few on the river. The Americans and the Sheriff Mercer estate.

The pastimes of the families of

H. Stevens, Dr. Rutherford, Fred Stone, Spencer Stone, Wm. Douglas Stone, and there are only about two of the residents at "Grillville" who possess boats, which fact proves either that the people there don't care for boating or else they are unable to use boats. The latter surmise is not quite correct, however. They can use boats, but not every day, and the difficulties are great. There are both the wind and the waves to contend with.

There are, however, only a few of the many amusements that "Grillville" utilizes in speeding the flying hours. The place boasts of two real good tennis courts and a few more real good players. The boys play baseball, shoot chipmunks and climb trees, and when the opportunity offers they sport the orchards of the native time hangs heavy—

If it ever does here—the young folks can wheel to Blenheim and in a half hour go from the quiet calm of the rural resort to the busy life of the bright little town on the hill. The older folks can take delightful drives along the quiet and shady country roads.

In the evening there are camp fires on the beach when the brilliant glare of the fires light up the shore for yards around and cause the flickering shadows to run up and down the cliff, suggesting goblins, ghosts and other weird and uncanny creatures. In the houses, the elder folks enjoy a quiet game of cards till bed time. Then all tired seek their couches and sleep, and the next morning are refreshed and ready for another day of pleasure.

GYPSY.

camped here the night before the battle at Moraviantown and despoiled Mr. Traxler of 36 acres of corn and a number of cattle. There are two walnut trees on the place, which Joe McGarvin's father, a boy helped his grandfather, Mr. Traxler, to plant. They were planted as poles to hang tobacco on, and the green poles planted took root and grew into trees. The trees are shown today to all visitors.

It was just here that one of the gunboats was burned in 1813 and Joe McGarvin's father said it burnt. The vessel where it sunk is about 12 feet deep.

The two graveyards that adjoin each other on this farm are remarkable and interesting. Mr. Wees kindly offered to show them to me, but candidly confessed that the McGarvin burying ground he had never visited and the Traxler not for a long time.

We first visited the old Traxler burying ground. The fence had rotted and was shown today to all visitors. Shrubs and saplings had grown up wild, tombstones were lying around and broken and a more unkempt and neglected plot of ground it would be difficult to find. We did not make our way through and then deciphered the epitaphs.

The one that first attracted our attention was the tombstone of George McKenzie, who died Sept. 6, 1857, aged 32 years. Mr. McKenzie was a contractor and was killed in a road race near Kent Bridge. He was leading when a pig ran across the road and the unfortunate man was thrown over his horse's head and killed. It is said that the eve before the race he said as he left the house of a friend that he would be "born to die."

However that may be, the tombstone at the head of the grave has a horse, with a rider pitching over its head, and the following bold warning, "Remember, man, as you pass by, As you are now, so once was I; As I am now, so must you be; Remember, man, you're born to die."

Beside Mr. McKenzie lie his two wives, who had evidently preceded him across the river Styx.

Next to him is the stone marking the grave of Hrbnah, wife of George McKenzie, who died Sept. 6, 1857, 25 years old. Her husband had surely admired her and expected to meet her again, possibly not in the place already alluded to. Witness the following epitaph.

"A faithful friend, a companion A tender mother both here. Great is the loss that we sustain, But hope in heaven to meet again."

Near by the son lies, marked by a stone that tells that beneath is the grave of George June, son of George and Hannah McKenzie, died Feb. 15, 1856, aged two years.

"He sleeps in Jesus and is blest. How sweet his slumbers are. From suffering and from sin released And freed from every care."

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Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runny Nose, and Bladder Troubles.

Just at the foot of Mr. McKenzie's grave lies his first wife, Elizabeth, who departed this life June 23, 1848, aged 19 years. She left a command for her husband to follow her to a very different place from that which he was going to race to. The following is on her tombstone.

"Farewell, dear husband, and kindred all. I must depart, the Lord doth call. When I my Savior's face do see, Prepare for death and follow me."

Another stone marks the grave of a Scotchman. The writing on it is given without comment. It needs none.

"In memory of William Neil, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, died June 11, 1861, aged 34 years."

"He was for many years a conductor on the Great Western Railroad."

"He never had greed to gather gear, Yet rigid kept his credit clear. He ever was to misery dear; His loss she'll feel. She age got six-pence or a tear. Frae Willie Neil."

Ann, wife of Peter Traxler, died on July 8, 1868, aged 24 years, has the following on her tombstone.

"Mourn not for me, my life is past. My life with you I did not waste. But mercy show and pity take, And love my children for my sake."

Mary Ann, wife of John P. Traxler, died Oct. 3, 1873, has the following epitaph.

"Afflictions sore long time I bore, Physicians here in vain. Till God saw fit to give me ease And free me from my pain."

The McGarvin burying ground, as I said, adjoins. It has a good fence around it and is better kept than the other, but it, too, shows evidences of neglect of late.

The oldest stone is marked in memory to James McMillen, who died on Oct. 3, 1858, aged 58 years.

This ended our examination of the burial place of former residents and it was refreshing to leave the precincts of the city of the dead and to return to the city of the living.

The sun, too, came out and brightened both my companion and myself and we felt cheerful again. During the time we had been in the graveyard it had been raining, but the water having ceased to fall, I embarked and started homeward well satisfied with the pleasant time I had spent on the river and the experiences in the little cemetery studying records of long ago.

## How a Little Girl Made Her Home Happier

The following extracts are taken from a letter written by a well known lady of London, Ont., to the Malted Cereals Company, Montreal.

"My little girl, aged twelve years, came home recently after a visit of ten weeks in Toronto. She got looking so plump and hearty that I came to the conclusion that she had been well fed. I found that while her diet, morning, noon and night was very much the same, as she had been accustomed to eat at home, she had been given what she called Malt Breakfast Food at her aunt's, and that this food had given her extra flesh and such a robust appearance. I got no peace from her till I ordered some from my grocer, so that we might try the food she had thrived so well on. We now use Malt Breakfast Food every morning, and I am pleased to say that she has become robust and healthy without it for any consideration. We think it the most delicious and healthiest food we have ever used, and wish you every success with your beautiful Malt Breakfast Food."

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The girl is the mother of the woman just as "the boy is the father of the man." The period of the woman's life, from the beginning to the end, is carefully watched and considered. Irregularity or derangement at this period may be promptly met and cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. But, neglected at this critical period may entail years of future suffering. "Favorite Prescription" acts directly upon the womanly organs giving them perfect vigor and abundant vitality. It removes the obstructions to health and happiness and delivers womanhood from the cruel bondage of "female weakness."

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He who does not respect himself, cannot long hold the respect of his fellows; and he who truly respects himself cannot long be deprived of the respect of his fellows.

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with their attendant dangers may be speedily averted and remedied by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Excellent to gargle with—relieves the throat, soothes the inflamed tissues, and cures the sore throat and hoarseness simply because that's what it is made for. The large 25 cent bottle of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is a household liniment. It cures everything.

The universal mark of manhood is manliness. Possessions and position are mere accidents of local conditions.

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Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## TOLSTOI TO THE CZAR

THE PHILOSOPHER'S APPEAL TO THE RUSSIAN EMPEROR.

Tells Him of the Abhorrent Cruelties Practiced in His Name—Warns Him Against Ploboednostoff and Siplagin—Letter Opens With an Appeal to Read It Alone and Allow His Own Good Heart to Prompt.

In 1896 a Russian official publication called The Statesman's Handbook for Russia was issued in the English language from the Chancery of the Committee of Ministers, primarily in order to acquaint the young Emperor, the granddaughter of Queen Victoria, with the institutions of the country which had just become his Majesty's new home, and also to afford information on the subject for Englishmen in general, says the Moscow correspondent of The London Times. In that book, among other extraordinary things, there is a certain calculation to mislead the Russian Government in religious matters entitled "Freedom of Religion," which will astonish any reader who happens to know the real position of Russia in this respect.

It is certainly calculated to mislead the Englishman who takes his information from this and other official publications lately distributed by the Russian Government with an unbecoming expenditure of labor, money and credit, and which, in this official "Freedom of Religion," which, like many other Asiatic or mediaeval things in Russia, hidden under European nomenclature, means exactly the reverse of what it means everywhere else in Europe. I send a translation of one of the many copies of Count Tolstoi's last letter to the Czar, now being privately circulated. The style in Russian seems to me to be a masterpiece of distinguished writing; but this, I am told, is to be accounted for by the fact that it was written when the author was very ill and bedridden at the end of last year. His confidants have become so generally known here, and all well-informed people that there can hardly be any doubt as to its authenticity. The request made on behalf of certain Russian women, who ask to be allowed to leave their present place of abode evidently refers to their wish to join their husbands in exile somewhere in the remote parts of Siberia.

Your Imperial Majesty Gospodar Nicholas Alexandrovich.

Kindly read through the enclosed letter yourself and alone; it was not at first intended for you, and it is short. Listen to the promptings of your own good heart and act accordingly.

"Nine young women living at liberty, with sufficient for their needs, and two old matrons, beg as a special favor, after selling all they have accumulated, to be allowed to leave their present place of abode, and to go to the most horrible place of exile surrounded by the most painful conditions. What must have been the sufferings of these people during six years of separation, living alone, in the most difficult circumstances? And how moral and strong must they be, in the midst of their sufferings, to think not of their own needs, but of another, and of how to be true to their marriage vows. But these are not the only people who are suffering there. Hundreds of such Russian women, who have been sold, or have been sent out, or are being sent out, to various parts of the world, are suffering from religious persecution, which, through some astonishing misunderstanding, continues to be practised in Russia, and is even on the increase at a time when enlightened persons and Governments have long ago recognized the futility, absurdity and cruel injustice of such persecution. I have long had it in my mind as a sacred duty before I have written this letter, to tell you of the senseless and terrible cruelties which are perpetrated in your name. The accompanying letter from the Doukhobors has deformed me to put it off no longer. 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