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THE TOWN OF YARMOUTH.

Yarmouth is a wealthy and prosperous seaport on the south-west coast of Nova Scotia, and is situated on a narrow harbour, three miles from the Atlantic, and is built on a line of low, rocky heights. The first white inhabitants of this part of the country were a few Acadians from the Port Royal colony, who formed several small settlements in this district, but who suffered with their countrymen in the deportation of 1755, but who, after the pacification of 1763, were permitted to return, though during the intervening period the country was settled by the English, a few families, in June, 1761, having arrived from Sandwich, New England.

Yarmouth has been called the most American of all the Provincial towns, and is endowed with the energy and pertinacity of New England, and the town has risen to opulence and distinction by the indomitable industry of its citizens. In 1761 the shipping of the country was confined to one 25-ton fishing boat ; in 1869 it amounted to 284 vessels, measuring 93,896 tons, and is now far in advance even of that figure. It is claimed that Yarmouth, for her population, is the largest ship-owning port in the world. In addition to these great commercial fleets, the town has established a steamship line to Boston and St. John, and has built the Western Counties Railway to Annapolis, by the opening of which line of travel great benefits have accrued to the timber districts. Yarmouth's financial success is due largely to the practical judgment and sagacity of her mariners, and she has reared an army of shipmasters of whom any country might be proud ; and it is also claimed that a large proportion of the Cape Ann fishing captains are natives of this country. On the adjacent coast, and within a few miles of Yarmouth, are numerous marine hamlets, which have in the aggregate a population of over 6,000 inhabitants ; these deserted shores having, about the middle of the last century, been taken possession of by colonies of fishermen from Massachusetts and Connecticut, who wished to be nearer their fishing grounds ; and the present population is descended from these hardy men and the Loyalists of 1783. The ancient name of Yarmouth was, in the Indian tongue, "Keespoogwitk," which means, "Land's End."

Yarmouth has a population of 6,000 inhabitants, with nine churches, four local marine insurance companies, two weekly newspapers, together with the Yarmouth Bank and a branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. It has a public library and a small museum of natural history. The schools are said to be the best in the Province and occupy conspicuous buildings on the ridge back of the town. The Court House is in the upper part of the town, near which is the spacious Baptist Church, built in Novanglian architecture. The Episcopal Church is a comparatively new building, and is one of the best in Nova Scotia, and one mile out is a rural cemetery of forty acres. Yarmouth receives a goodly number of summer visitors, most of whom pass into the Tusket Lakes, or along the coast to the East, in search of sport.

Louis Porter, Dealer in Groceries, Fruits, Confectionery, etc. Fish Market, Main Street.—A popular grocery and provision store in Yarmouth is that of Mr. Louis Porter, of Main Street, who has been established here for the last seven years, and who by handling only the best goods, and by giving prompt attention to all the wants of his customers has built up a very satisfactory trade. He occupies a well arranged store, and carries in stock a general assortment of family groceries, comprising well-cured hams and bacon, sugars, molasses, canned goods of all kinds, spices ; specially fine lines of teas and coffees, country produce and the usual staples. He also deals in foreign and domestic fruits in season, and pure fresh confectionery. In a department adjoining, Mr. Porter carries on a fish market, and has always on hand an assortment of fresh and pickled fish of the best kind, as well as poultry and game in season. Two hands are employed and prompt attention is given to all orders. Mr. Porter is a native of Yarmouth County and in all his dealings will be found prompt and reliable.

John Murphy, House, Ship, Sign and Ornamental Painter, Corner Forest and Hawthorn Streets.—An experience of over twenty years in this business means a thorough acquaintance with its every detail that no theory could ever teach and which should command the appreciation of the public. For twenty-three years has Mr. John Murphy been engaged in business here as a house, ship, sign, and ornamental painter, and proofs of his handiwork are to be seen in many a home in Yarmouth, as well as on many a ship leaving this harbor. His premises are at the corner of Forest and Hawthorn Streets, and comprise a general store, 12x18 feet in size, with a workshop in connection, of similar dimensions, employment being given to three skilled hands. Everything in the line of painters' and glaziers' supplies is carried in stock, and Mr. Murphy does a large business in all kinds of painting, decorating and glazing. Estimates are furnished and contracts entered into, the prices charged being moderate and reasonable, while all work is done in a reliable and first-class