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SUBDIVISION OF LANDS AND TRADE.

Nearly a century and a half ago the farm lots in the older townships were laid out to contain five hundred acres of land, and each of these lots were expected to produce the food necessary to the support of the family settled on it. There were then no markets within reach of the settlers, even if they could afford, and toil, he succeeded in raising more of any commodity than he required for his own family, and his home market was sure to be well supplied where he had a surplus to dispose of. This state of things became changed very gradually. During the twenty-three years which intervened between the time of their coming to the province and the peace of 1783, it existed in full force; and it was not till after the arrival of the Loyalists, and not till they had settled the neighboring province and founded Parr's Town, that a change began to take place. The inhabitants of that town (soon after to be named St. John) looked to this valley for many of their food supplies, and to meet this new condition in their prospects, small schooners were built to take possession of this infant carrying trade, which continued to grow in the ratio of the demand of the growing city, and of Halifax which also contributed some share to the demand for the products of the valley.

Opening Day—Deep Water Pier and Frost-Proof Warehouse of the A. S. S. Co.

Last Monday a special train, on the line of the W. & A. R., conveyed a large party of the representative men of this and the adjoining county to Anna polis to take part in the proceedings incidental to the throwing open for active business of the frost-proof warehouse and the pier recently built by the Annapolis S. S. Company.