

Lot Twenty—From Forest to Farm—III.

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THE waters around the coast and up the rivers literally teemed with fish; cod, mackerel, herring, lobsters, eels, oysters and gasperaux, being abundant. It is averred that once a man could stand on Constable's Cape (McLeod's), cast a line into the sea and catch as many codfish as he wanted. With boats of their own construction the settlers caught large quantities of fish which they exchanged for necessary supplies. They found a ready sale for their fish and other products at the stores of Ormsby & Chanter, Fish Island; Billings, Campbellton; or Capt. McKay, Yankee Hill; at which places trading posts were established.

The first roads were as bad as new roads usually are; and strenuous efforts were made to have them improved and new ones opened up. In 1827, when Governor Ready in company with his two daughters was making a tour of the Island, he visited some of the new settlements and was enthusiastically welcomed. He readily saw the necessity of better roads and in a few years the want was supplied. During this visit Governor Ready met James Sinnott, who is already known to you. But this was before Sinnott lost his heels! Now, Sinnott was a great boatman as well as "bear" man, so the Governor invited him to come to Charlottetown to take charge of his boat in a coming race. In this race the Governor's two daughters went aboard the boat with Sinnott and from the skilful manner in which he handled the craft they had every hope of victory. The race was a close one, so the story runs, and when nearing the line and seeing that another boat was pressing them hard, one of the young ladies snatched a silk shawl from her shoulders, held it up to the wind, and thus won the race.

As often happens the settlements took their names from some characteristic of their own. Third Pond, as before stated, was so named from the three large ponds it contained, and Sea View, its present name explains itself. Long River was so