

know as the Farnham dyke and doing good service at the present day. Above Port Williams nearly all the marshes were enclosed to the head of the tide, and most of them show evidences of early enclosures near the shore.

On the Canard River the settlement evidently commenced at the upper marshes first, and the probabilities are that the first enclosure was that on what was formerly known as the Nesbit farm near Upper Dyke Village. On a small brook coming from the north was a marsh of some extent, and just north of the present road where the low points of upland come near together they built a small aboiteau and a few rods of dyke which enclosed about forty acres of prime land. Small dykes were built on both sides of the river near the shore and across the narrow marshes on brooks. One on the Isaac Reid farm, another across the Dewey Brook on the S. Walton farm, one running not far from the shore in front of Levi Clark and L. Eatons farms, with one or two others on the south side.

Growing stronger or bolder they then built the Upper Dyke across the river. Later on growing more enterprising they built the Middle Dyke, this had two large aboiteaus with heavy sluices, crossing the main stream and the Chipman Brook a short distance above their junction. They had also make large enclosures on the north side, one known as the Bowen Dyke had a large aboiteau over the Dewey Creek, and another since called the Bigelow Dyke which also had a large aboiteau. On the south side there is a long dyke running the whole distance from the Middle Dyke to the Grand Dyke, and it had a heavy aboiteau over the creek formed by the brook on which Cochran's mill is built. Lower down is the Union Dyke with a good sized aboiteau over the Marsters Brook.

But their last and greatest effort on the Canard River was the construction of the Grand Dyke. This work did not enclose so very much land, but it protected all the land already enclosed. It was the third dyke thrown across the main river and very much larger, and more expensive and difficult to build than either of the others, and must have taxed the resources of the whole community very severely to accomplish; for the largest estimate of the population of Canard that I can find, that of Judge Morris, drawn up shortly before the expulsion, puts the whole settlement at 150 families, and many of those living on other rivers could have had no more interest in the

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