

ARRIVAL OF FIRST VESSEL IN ST. JOHN.

Rev. Dr. Raymond's Glimpses of the Past—The Coming of DeMonts—Navy Island the First Point of Habitation in the Confines of the Present City.

BY W. O. RAYMOND, LL. D. CHAPTER II. THE COMING OF THE WHITE MAN.

There are yet to be found in New Brunswick old regions, remote from the haunts of men, that serve to illustrate the general features of the country when it was discovered by European adventurers 300 years ago.

While the first recorded exploration of the southern shores of New Brunswick is that of de Monts and Champlain in 1604, there can be little doubt that European fishermen and traders had entered the Bay of Fundy before the close of the 16th century.



CHAMPLAIN'S PLAN OF ST. JOHN HARBOR, A. D. 1664.

The figures indicate fathoms of water. A. Islands above the falls. B. Mountains two leagues from the river. D. Shoals or flats. E. Cabin where the savages fortify themselves.

According to Champlain's plan of St. John harbor, the channel on the west, or Carleton, side of Navy Island was much narrower in his day than it is now. The name Ouygoody (or Wigoudi), applied by the Indians to Chikoudin's village on Navy Island, is nearly identical with the modern name 'We-go-die' used by the Malisets to designate any Indian village or encampment.

The first inhabited spot in St. John. Navy Island assumes a historic interest in our eyes as the first inhabited spot, so far as we know, within the confines of the city of St. John.

De Monts and Champlain passed their first winter in America on an island in the St. Croix river. Their experience was disastrous in the extreme. Nearly half of their party died of 'mal de la terre,' or scurvy, and others were the victims of the disease to the mode of life of the people, of whom only eleven remained well.

Effect on the Indians' Life. The advent of European explorers and traders materially affected the manner of life of the Indians. Hitherto they had hunted the wild animals merely for subsistence, but now the demand for furs and peltry stimulated enormously the pursuit of game.

In the summer time, when the annual ships arrived from France, the Indians gathered in large numbers at the various trading posts. They came from far and near, and for several weeks indulged in feasting and revelry.

A MALISEET INDIAN.

Very friendly fashion and were eager to barter their furs for knives and trinkets. The 'pale-faces' and their white winged barbs were viewed at first with wonder and amazement.

First Colonization in Acadia. But while it is probable that the coasts of Acadia were visited by Europeans some years before Champlain entered the Bay of Fundy, it is certain that the history of events previous to the coming of that intrepid navigator is a blank.

The honor of the first attempt at colonization in Acadia belongs to the Sieur de Monts, a Huguenot nobleman, who had rendered essential service to the French king. This nobleman, with the assistance of a company of merchants of Rouen and Rochelle, collected a band of 120 emigrants, including artisans of all trades, laborers and soldiers, and in the month of April, 1604, set sail for the new world.

They Enter the Harbor of St. John. The colonists embarked in two small vessels, the one of 120, the other of 150 tons burden; a month later they reached the southern coast of Nova Scotia. They proceeded to explore the coast and entered the Bay of Fundy, to which the Sieur de Monts gave the name of La Baye Francaise.

There is in Champlain's published 'voyages' an excellent plan of St. John harbor which, he says, lay 'at the mouth of the largest and deepest river we had yet seen which we named the River Saint John, because it was on this saint's day that we arrived there.'

Champlain did not ascend the river far but Balleau, the secretary of the Sieur de Monts, went there sometime afterwards to see Scoudon (or Chikoudin), the chief of the river, who reported that it was beautiful, large and extensive, with many meadows and fine trees such as oaks, beeches, walnut trees and also wild grape vines.

Champlain's plan of St. John harbor a cabin is placed on Navy Island, which he describes as a 'cabin where the savages fortify themselves.' This was no doubt the site of a very ancient encampment.

SIR RICHARD'S PROPHECY.

(Continued from page 1.) Empire and that he personally favored was to lay to heart a lesson taught by the Boer war and make it part of the education of every able-bodied man in Canada.

No Hope and Corner Meetings. The government's policy, Sir Richard said, was that we should deal fairly with all, make ourselves the tool of the French, and that those who come for aid shall explain openly and in light of day what they desire and why they desire it at our hands.

Hon. Mr. Tarte's Protection Speech. Hon. J. I. Tarte followed, making a strongly protective speech, but adding nothing that was new to the debate. He spoke of the balance of trade theory and said that it was against us in all the provinces except British Columbia.

A Rich Man's Mottoes. Millionaire G. F. Swift, the noted packer of the west, who has just died, left behind quite a bundle of maxims especially intended for young men.

Canadian people to adopt and maintain a fiscal policy as equitable and firmly protective of the large national industries at stake, and also to carry out an energetic transportation policy which will give to our commerce cheap transport to our own markets and those of the foreign nations trading with us.

WORK OF CANADIAN TEACHERS IN SOUTH AFRICA BEARS FRUIT.

Miss Winifred Johnston Sends Some Examples of English Composition by Her Pupils—Practical Instruction in Gardening, and Results Make a Welcome Change in Diet—The Boer Backward About Providing a Meat Dinner.

Ottoshoop, March 16.—With the exception of the mining industry the Transvaal, under Boer government, was a self-contained community. Its ways remind one on a large scale of the social experiment called the Brook Farm, where such enthusiastic souls as Nathaniel Hawthorne and Margaret Fuller endeavored to do every form of work necessary to human life.

Livingston Canned Goods. The Transvaal, up to date, is not a manufacturing country. Its water supply is miserable, and it has no wood to manufacture, and the coal industry is not developed up to the point of providing sufficient power for the mines of the Rand.

One day I was out on my weekly quest for fresh eggs. In a tiny cottage I saw a little pig hanging from the rafters. How my mouth watered for a spare rib, crisped with onions! My soul—or my stomach, I don't know which—longed for the juicy morsel.

Boer Farmer Has Much to Learn. The thing every farmer knows that spring lamb sells for much more than mutton, that tough beef is unobtainable at any price, these Boers will never understand.

Canadian Teacher Beside a Hedge of Prickly Pears in South Africa. However, with a blissful unconcern as to money value, we are going right on. We have dug drills and planted and dug more drills and transplanted, and eaten muttons to beguile our weakness, and had one cool and wet water-melon of a variety known as ice-cream—the last ice cream I tasted was at Lord Miler's last boys dig the ground," while "we only stand and look at it."

Round and Round. Round and round the old world goes— Any sort of weather; Kiss your hand to all your foes— Soon you'll sleep together. Sorrow, and a storm of woes— Reckon care a feather! Yonder—where the dim grass grows— Soon we'll sleep together eat the cabbage— Frank L. Stanton in the Atlanta Constitution.

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