

Early History Of The Shiretown Of Kings County

An Informing Sketch of Early Kentville in Which Many Readers Throughout the County Will Be Keenly Interested

(Continued from last week.)
might be many more stories told of the Court House and Gaol but there are too many tears there and the subject is not congenial.

But I think I should say a few words in reference to old William Gould and his wife who for 21 years kept the gaol under Sheriff Caldwell. During their long occupancy I never heard any complaint in regard to their treatment of prisoners. Mr. Gould is dead now, but his aged wife is still living. William Gould was also Town crier, and from him I learnt the curious rignarole beginning "O yes-O-yes," by which the court is opened, adjourned and closed. The crier's duties are now performed by the newspapers, and the office is really useless. I can hardly give a better idea of what their duties originally were than by quoting some lines from a nonsensical old poem called "The Bachelors Sale."

"And the crier was sent through the town to and fro
To rattle his bell and his trumpet to blow,
And to bawl out to all he might meet on the way,

How forty old bachelors sold here today.
In fact what is now done by newspaper advertisements was formerly done by the bawling paripatetic town crier.

Kentville's first school house stood near Margeson's gate nearly opposite the gaol. Here taught master Fisher and others. My father was one of master Fisher's pupils. Master Fisher was an old man-of-warman, and a rather vigorous disciplinarian. Which fact may account for the scarcity of the birch trees even yet in the vicinity of Kentville. The next School house was partially a government affair, and stood for many years near where Fletcher Neary's steps now stands. Many of the present inhabitants of the town received a considerable part of their education there, and it has turned out some persons at least, who held very respectable places in the world. As the town grew it was found to be too small and the present school house was built. It was said to have an efficient staff of teachers, tended by some three hundred pupils.

The first church built in Kentville was a small Methodist church, which stood on the hill where Albert DeWolf's house now stands. It has long been down and the present Methodist church on Main Street was built long afterwards. The second church was the old Catholic Chapel that stood on the hill near the bridge. It was commenced and far advanced by the priest Father McNama, and a large part of the work was done by James Neary, who, it is said, never lost a job if he tendered for it.

This old chapel has lately been pulled down and a new one built. The third church in Kentville was the Episcopal church. It formerly stood on Church Street near McIntosh's hotel, but was afterwards removed to the new street south of the Porter House, and was enlarged after its removal. It is said that the carpenter Stephen North fell from the tower of this church to the ground and how his life was preserved was little short of a miracle. A curious thing about this church is that the large east window is in the west end. Next was the Presbyterian church that stands on the corner of Webster and Church street. It really is a transposition of part at least of the old Congregational church of Chipman's Corner. Next came the Baptist Church which stands on Main street and is said to owe its initiation to the Rev. James Parker. And last of all the Salvation Army whose barracks or place of assembly was for some time in Carter's building on Church street. I have often wondered why people who profess to be brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ and one another could not meet in the same house and eat at the same table. Prof. Drummond I think wrote a book called "The Natural Law in the Spiritual World" and as I have seen so much quarrelling in families I am inclined to think the Prof. is correct.

I should not end I suppose without speaking of the battle of Moccasin Hollow. This battle was fought on the old French road (and not on the old military road as is commonly supposed), on John Harrington's land near the railroad, so that the place can be seen from the car windows. An old aunt now long deceased who lived in the vicinity in her youth, and was more than 80 years old when she died told me that when she was young the story was that as a result of this battle, three hundred Frenchmen were buried in a trench there. I have tried to get the history of this battle, but have not been able to make myself very sure about details. I think there is no doubt about the battle. The tradition is that after Colonel Noble's Massachusetts troops were so terribly massacred by Ramsey's band under Villiere in the winter of 1747 at Grand Pre, that the remnant of his army was retreating towards Port Royal, now Annapolis, and that they were waylaid and attacked by a band of French and Indians at Moccasin Hollow, and that the English soldiers who were not probably in a very pacific frame of mind defended themselves so valiantly that most of their enemies were slain. Moccasin Hollow was afterwards known by the rather unromantic appellation of the "war hole" and it was observed that the boys of the neighborhood never

sought for cows or stray cattle there after night fall. The idea appearing to be that some of the old Frenchmen might occasionally become weary of their accommodations in the trench and be wandering around there clad in the airy habiliments of one of the characters in the old Primer.

I think that a great many of the ideas at present entertained in regard to the explosion of the Acadians are erroneous. I believe that the true history of the Acadians is yet to be written and that when it is people will be very much astonished. It is to me a thing preposterous that the Old New England Puritans should have come up here for no other reason than to chop up and destroy peaceful inhabitants. My own opinion is that these men were performing a grim duty that they very much disliked and that their own homes, and the dominance of the English speaking race depended upon dislodging the French from their great base of supplies, the Grand Pre and other dykes and uplands bordering on the Bay of Fundy. I believe they acted far more wisely and for far greater results than they ever got credit for, and I think as I read over the old records that the French understood matters exactly as the English did. I might mention a lot of other Kentville people, Masters, Calkin, Dodge, Harris, DeWolfe, Hutchinson, Hall, Gould, Lyons, Redden, Eaton, Terry, Webster, etc., etc. of whom good things might be said but I guess my readers are tired and so am I.

E. J. COLSWELL.

Kentville, Dec. 3rd, 1896.

TWIN BED TALES

Time and Place—The Perkins bedroom at 10 p. m.

Mrs. Perkins (softly)—"John!" No answer.

(Not so softly)—"John, wake up!"

"Ho-hum? Whatja want?"

"Did you mail that letter I gave you this morning?"

"Yepl"

"Are you sure?"

"Positively! I'm not so forgetful as all that, I reckon. I remember mailing that letter as soon as you gave it to me."

"Oh, well, I just wanted to make sure. That was a letter I sent to mother, telling her not to come next week because I—"

"Gosh! Why didn't you say so at first! Where the blankety-blank-blank are my pants? Throw over that collar, will you! I'm just going out for a little air. Be right back!"

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