

OLD POST ROUTE THROUGH N. B. HAD BASE HERE

Indian Made Trip, Quebec to Saint John, by Canoe in 4 Days

COURIERS RECEIVED \$400-\$500 A JOURNEY
Not More Than 10 Miles of Roads in Province in 1802

During the War of the American Revolution postal service between Halifax and Quebec was carried on with Fort Howe as an intermediate base. Small post houses were established every 15 or 20 miles for the use of the "courier." The most trustworthy carrier was the Acadian, although the Indian was sometimes employed. In winter, travelling was done on snowshoes and toboggans, and in summer the famous birch canoe was used.

It was a difficult and tedious journey, the greater part of the route being forest, inhabited by wild animals and an occasional "coureur des bois." The average rate of travel was between 40 and 50 miles a day. In winter, of course, the courier did not make such good time, delayed, as he often was, by the heavy snowfalls. An Indian courier is known to have traveled 400 miles by canoe, from Quebec to Saint John, in four days to deliver important messages. The most famous of the Acadian couriers were Louis Mitchell, Louis and Michael Mercier, Joseph Dufour and Jean Baptiste Martin.

WERE WELL PAID
Their fee was generally \$400 or \$500 for each trip, but if the charge was high, it was a dangerous journey and they were honest men who faithfully accomplished the important missions entrusted to them. On more than one occasion their honesty was praised by such men as Governor Parr and General Hallam.

The usual costume of the courier was after the fashion of the original "coureur des bois" with traditional knitted belt decorated with bright colors, moccasins of untanned moose hide, gun, hunting knife and, of course, a black pipe.

With the arrival of the Loyalists in 1780, road construction was begun and new routes and gradually the blazed trail and the picturesque figure of the "courier" gave way to the more modern stage coach. For a number of years, however, the roads were little more than bridle paths. In 1802 there were not more than 10 miles of roads in the province fit for carriage wheels.

EARLY ROAD TRAVEL
Winter traveling on the Nerepis road from Saint John to Fredericton occupied nine or ten hours; open driving with the mercury hovering around 20 degrees below zero. In the spring of the year the roads became so bad that it often took two days to reach Saint John.

The event of the stage coach called for the erection of stopping places and inns along the route to provide comfort for the passenger. Along the Nerepis road several of these inns were built, the Douglas Arms, above what is now Sagua Station, kept by a Mrs. Livingston; the "Government House," 11 miles farther up; a third, a tavern five miles from Welford Station; and, next, a fine inn, kept by Darby Gillen. A tradition runs that the government supplied free supper, bed, breakfast and two glasses of rum to every traveler that needed it.

But the day of the stage coach and old-fashioned tavern that stood for warm hospitality and good cheer is past, the faint, pleasant memory of which lingers in the minds of our older citizens.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. J. Parquharson and infant son, Allan, of Toronto, are expected to arrive today at Miramichi, where they will visit Mrs. Parquharson's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Gribble.

Mrs. A. Nell McLean and children are visiting Mr. McLean's sisters in Bristol and Bath, Charlottetown.

Mrs. G. W. Currie and daughters, Dorothy and Phyllis, are visiting Mrs. Currie's sister, Mrs. Zenas Crocker, Jr., Cape Cod, Mass., for July.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wall, of St. John, N. B., have arrived in the city by motor and will spend the week end at the Admiral Beatty Hotel.

PROPERTY TRANSFER

Only one property transfer was recorded this week-end, that of Carrie Foster and to T. A. Pettie, of a property in Metcalfe street.

DEATHS

LACQUE—At Upland, on July 8, 1926, James H. Lacque, aged 74 years, leaving three sons and four daughters to mourn. Funeral from his late residence, 2400 Main street, at 2 o'clock. Interment in the Upland cemetery.

MARTIN—At her late residence, Pleasant Point, on July 9, 1926, Elizabeth Martin, widow of John Martin, leaving two sons, one daughter, three brothers and two sisters.

JANES—After an illness of six months, Allen Janes, aged 64 years, passed away at his home in Dipper Harbor, leaving his parents, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their sad loss.

ARMSTRONG—At her late residence, 230 Main street, on July 9, 1926, Robert J. Armstrong, son of the late Col. Andrew J. and Mary Armstrong, leaving three brothers and one sister to mourn.

ROBINSON—At her late residence, 230 Main street, on July 9, 1926, Mary Robinson, leaving three brothers and one sister to mourn.

Annular Eclipse Not Observed Here

AN annular eclipse of the sun took place yesterday, but it was invisible in Eastern Canada. The path of the eclipse lay across the Pacific Ocean, though it was partially visible wherever the weather was clear throughout a considerable section of Western Canada and in several of the western and southwestern states in the U. S. The eclipse was not considered important by astronomers.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN McPHERSON CASE

Mexican Says Special Sedan Seen in Sonora on June 22

Canadian Press
LOS ANGELES, July 10.—Ernesto Dubon, President of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, telegraphed District Attorney Keyes here that he had information to the effect that the "big blue sedan" mentioned several times in connection with the investigation into the kidnapping of Alvin Karpis, was seen parked near Niggerhead Mountain, below Sonora, at 8 o'clock on the evening of June 22.

Mrs. McPherson appeared on June 23 at Agua Prieta some time after she was believed to have been drowned at Ocean Park.

Attorney Keyes telegraphed authorities at Douglas, Ariz., to take affidavits from the persons who reported to President Dubon.

PARTY BREACH IN BRITAIN WIDENS

Conservatives Bitter in Denunciation of Labor Tactics; Battle Looms

By HERBERT BAILEY
British United Press
LONDON, July 10.—Bitterness such as parliament has not known since the days of the Home Rule fight is dividing the Tories and Laborites into two hostile camps while many members seem unwilling to preserve the amenities of the House of Commons which in the past have always taken the keenness of the edge of debates and softened the sting of personalities.

The Conservatives are most bitter in their denunciation of the attempt of Chamberlain, who is reported to be one of the ablest men in the British cabinet.

STRIKE RESPONSIBLE
The failure of the general strike is held to be responsible for the recent violent conduct of Labor, and McDonough and his followers have expressed their disapproval of such outbursts. They hold that such tactics harm rather than aid the labor cause, and will make many constituencies wary of electing labor candidates lest the good name of their constituency be smudged.

Prospectors Fear Orphan Calf Moose

Canadian Press
PORT WILLIAM, Ont., July 10.—An interesting story of how an orphan calf moose was adopted and reared by two prospectors in the Woman Lake district of Northern Ontario is told by William Carvell, of Cobalt, Ont., who recently returned from there.

Proceedings by canoe up a small stream which runs into Woman Lake, the two prospectors noticed a baby moose near the edge of a slough. They returned a few hours later and found the animal still there. On investigation, the body of the mother was found partly submerged in the water. The calf had been shot through the head and its supply eventually ran out, and the calf made from four and water was resorted to. Semingly this concoction did not agree with the calf as it refused to touch it. The baby moose was found one morning near the shore where its mother had been killed.

A YOUNG lady entered a fur store and a polite salesman came forward.

"I want to get a muff," she said. "Yes," said the salesman. "What fur?"

The young lady looked surprised. "Yes," she said, "to keep my hands warm, of course."

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COMMISSION ON MARITIME MATTERS HERE AT MONTH'S END

Exact Date Not Yet Fixed, However—List of Grievances

The Maritime Rights commission, if present plans are carried out, will meet in Saint John about the last of July. The commission is now engaged in drawing up an itinerary and making other preliminary arrangements. As announced in an Ottawa despatch last night the first sitting will be in Halifax, probably beginning on Monday, July 19. The commissioners are Sir Andrew Rae Duncan, chairman, Hon. W. B. Wallace of Halifax and Professor Cyrus MacMillan of McGill University.

The case of the eastern provinces, as set forth in the order-in-council creating the commission, begins with the "alleged failure to use Canadian ports for Canadian trade to the extent to which they might be utilized." It includes also the question of railway rates operative between the markets of the Maritime Provinces and the markets of Quebec and Ontario.

The question is affected by the executive of the Canadian National Railways in the administration of the former Intercolonial Railway. In the words of the order-in-council, this policy has been carried out by "methods and conditions alleged to be inconsistent with the pledges given at the time of Confederation in regard thereto and with the practice followed from the time of the construction of the railway until December, 1918."

WESTERN LAND ISSUE

The effect of customs, immigration and other economic policies, "adopted by successive governments," the operation of certain financial measures and of the disposition and allotment of public lands among the provinces of Canada, are also mentioned in the report, note being made of the contention that "at the time of Confederation certain pledges were given that such measures would be undertaken which would ensure the future satisfactory economic position of these provinces, and that these pledges have been disregarded, as a result of which the Maritime Provinces have not shared in equal measure the prosperity enjoyed by the Dominion as a whole."

BEAR AND FORBEAR

(Chicago Herald-Examiner.)
On the roads there may be intolerance and delay. Bear and forbear. The good of one is the good of all. There can be no value in the congress for anybody who attends it or witnesses it in any other spirit. So we venture to suggest to all those on the streets or on the roads a particular recollection of this fact. Put the spirit of comradeship into your driving. Put thoughtfulness and the ideal of co-operation ahead of everything else when you are at the wheel, so any inconvenience, any delay, any danger to anybody will be reduced to a minimum.

CONDITIONS OF FARMERS.

(Kingston British Whig.)
Rev. W. R. Armstrong, an authority of farm life, contends that farmers are better off than many of them think they are. When the food he consumes increases in his pocket and the farmer is all added together, the farmer who is wearing a poor mouth is sometimes found to have quite a substantial income. They may not see as much money as the small business man in the city, but at the same time they are getting a better living than a good-sized income could purchase in the city. Most farmers have a living that is far above the average living of the city man and at the same time enjoy privileges which cannot be valued in terms of dollars and cents.

THE doctor was examining school children. One youngster was under weight.

"You don't drink milk?" "Nope."

"Live on a farm and don't drink milk at all?"

"Nope, we ain't got hardly enough milk for the hogs."

WANTED—House to house salesman. Good opportunity for a hustler. Commission basis. No missions advanced. Box B 14, Times.

FOUND—At circus, pair gold spectacles. Telephone Main 2333 or Main 2274.

Deaths

Harry Buckley
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LOITERER QUESTIONED
At 11:45 o'clock last evening Edward Thompson, charged with loitering, was taken to the central police station, was called to the corner of Pitt street and Elliott Row in an attempt to get a man who was loitering in that vicinity. On the arrival of the policeman he found a young man there whom he took to the central station. The man said he was waiting for a friend and as his explanation was considered satisfactory he was given his freedom.

International Meet In London Today

LONDON, July 10.—The prospect of close contacts between English and United States track and field athletes was drawing an eager crowd to the Stamford Bridge grounds this afternoon to see the Oxford-Cambridge and Princeton-Cornell show their pace and powers in a dozen events. The forecast was not very encouraging as frequent showers were predicted.

PREMIERS TALKED MARITIME MATTERS

Baxter, Home From Montreal, Repeats He Is Not For Federal Arena

That his recent visit to Montreal was no wise connected with his possible re-entry into federal politics was the statement made by Premier John B. M. Baxter on his return home today.

P. R. officials on business, and while there Mr. Meighen and Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia arrived, and I took advantage of their presence to go over certain Maritime matters with them. But I am not entering the Meighen cabinet, as when I returned to New Brunswick it was with the understanding that I would devote my time and energy to my native provinces.

LAWTON'S WHARF IS SCENE OF ACTION

Many Thousand Tons of Coal Have Been Handled Over This Property

Residents of Saint John have grown accustomed to experiencing a peaceful calm, during the summer time, in the wharf district, but it would now appear that "them days have gone forever." Since this property is now being used as a coal wharf, the wharf, Lawton's Wharf, has been a very busy place.

Early in June Eastern Coal Docks Limited, handled over this wharf one thousand tons of special coal which was delivered to the New Brunswick Power Co., this was followed by a steamer containing two thousand tons of shipboard coal, the balance remaining for local delivery. Along about the end of the month Steamer Elina E. arrived with about one thousand eight hundred tons of Consolidation Mills Creek coal, most of which was put in storage for local delivery, making a total of almost five thousand tons of coal to pass over the Eastern Coal Docks wharf in the month of June.

The case of John C. McIvor, of Washabuck, charged with selling liquor at the Buckley social also came up this afternoon. After the evidence of several witnesses had been heard, a verdict was found guilty and fined \$800 and costs, with the alternative of six months in jail. The fine was paid.

NEW CANADIANS WILL LAND TODAY

White Star Liner Pennland Due at Halifax With Over 200 Settlers

On board the White Star Liner Pennland, which is due at Halifax today, are a large number of additional settlers, in addition to the 100 who arrived on the liner Pennland last week. Many of these are a large contingent traveling to the west coast of Canada by the Canadian National Railway special conductor.

The total number of passengers to disembark from the Pennland at Halifax will be 279 in all classes.

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DR. ROBERTS WRITES OF NEW DEPARTMENT

Recommends Matter of Fees For Private Patients Left to Committee

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts recently appointed to the department of physiotherapy wrote to the board of hospital commissioners for their meeting yesterday explaining that this work supplemented modern surgery and medicine using heat, light, water and electricity to shorten treatment for cases, reducing hospital days for some surgical cases, \$8.13 per day and some medical cases by 25 per cent.

There were now three units for the department that had been purchased as a start. Dr. Roberts thought three other units would be required next year. While a ward was desirable for the department he realized this accommodation was not available but suggested a room on the western corridor on the third floor be set aside.

He suggested also that a lay assistant be engaged or the services of the second anaesthetist be given the department. The matter of fees for private patients, he recommended, should be left to a special committee and he proposed to draw up a code of regulations for the department.

The board decided to set apart the room asked for by the department of physiotherapy and a committee was appointed to meet Dr. Roberts and discuss the arrangements for the department.

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MOTOR 1,500 MILES TO HOPEWELL HILL

Frank and George Steeves Arrive From Detroit to Visit Home

HOPEWELL HILL, July 9—Frank and George Steeves, who have been in Detroit for some time, came to their home at Hopewell Hill, N. B., today, after a journey of 1,500 miles, by auto.

Mrs. Frances E. Rogers, head dietitian in the metropolitan department, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is spending a holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rogers.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Dance tonight at McLaren's Beach. 7-12

Dance, Pandemonium Club House tonight. Members and friends invited. 7-12

Mrs. J. Fenwick Fraser of Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, left last night for New York and Canadian cities on a buying trip.

West Side Taxi Service. A. E. Kindred. Phone 12. Day or night. 7-12

DANCE.
Grand Bay Outing Association, tonight. Members and friends invited. 7-12

DANCING, RITZ, TONIGHT.
Ritz Orchestra. Latest numbers. Good time assured. 7-12

ORANGE SERVICE
Orangemen will meet in their hall for divine service at 8 o'clock Sunday at Centenary church. Visiting Orangemen invited.

RITZ, TONIGHT.
Ritz Orchestra. Argentine tango and Apache dance as it should be done. This feature by Mr. Graucha and Miss Wetmore. Don't miss it. 7-11

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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF SAINT JOHN

Imperial's Next Singer

Miss Dorothy Cooke of New York, mezzo-soprano, who is to sing at Imperial Theatre all next week. Miss Cooke is a favorite concert and choir artist in the New York-Brooklyn district.

Field Narrows To 62 For U. S. Open

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 10.—Sixty-two golfers today remained in the competition for the United States open championship at Scioto Country Club out of a field of 181, as a result of the two rounds of Thursday and Friday, and were ready to fight it out over 36 holes today. These golfers, who scored 188 or better, were held by Bill Melhorn, of Chicago, who had tallied 68-75-143 for the first two rounds.

Next to Melhorn was Turney, of New York, who had 71-74-145, with Dan Williams of the same city, one stroke below.

STOWAWAY LEAVING
James Spencer, 21, a native of England, who appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the police court yesterday charged with being a stowaway on the steamer Manchester Merchant, was today placed on board the steamer, which was scheduled to sail at one o'clock for Philadelphia.

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Imp. Theatre Bldg.

Anglo-Saxon Renaissance
We are reminded of something in the utterance here of a distinguished Furniture Artist that the Furniture really worthwhile is that modeled after the classic designs of the Masters who wrought up until the end of the eighteenth century.

We have turned away from the outrageous Furniture of the last hundred odd years back to the period styles whose beauty and comfort is immortal. Furniture designing was in the heyday of the art from the middle of the sixteenth to the end of the eighteenth century. The arts of ancient Rome lay dead for ages to be reborn in the Italian Renaissance. So with Furniture in the Anglo-Saxon world. But our own renaissance is on and flourishing. For growing proof look about the refurbished homes of the city—look likewise through the well filled departments of

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