

FIRST BUSINESS FIRM IN ST. JOHN.

Rev. Dr. Raymond's Interesting Sketch of the Start of Operations by Hazen & Simonds—How Trade With the Indians Was Carried On—The Depredations of A. Green Crabtree.

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AT PORTLAND POINT—(Continued 3).

William Hazen and James Simonds were undoubtedly the prime movers in the formation of the first business firm in St. John in 1764. By their joint efforts they were able to organize a firm seemingly happily constituted and likely to work together harmoniously and successfully.

The company having been formed and the contract signed on the 1st day of March, 1764, the Messrs. Simonds, James White, Jonathan Leavitt and a party of about thirty hands embarked on board a schooner belonging to the Company for the scene of operations.

The writer of this history has among his historic documents and papers a number of account books in a very fair state of preservation, containing in part transactions of the company during the years they were in business at St. John.

While accounts were kept according to the currency of New England, the amount of cash handled by Simonds and White was insignificant. For years they supplied the settlers on the river with such things as they required often receiving their payment in furs and skins.

The fur trade assumed large proportions at this period. The account books of Simonds and White that are now in existence do not contain a complete record of all the shipments made from St. John, but they show that during ten years of uninterrupted trade from the time their settlement at Portland Point to the outbreak of the Revolution, they exported at least 40,000 beaver skins, 11,222 muskash, 6,000 Marten, 872 otter, 238 Sable, 222 Mink, 120 fox, 140 marten, 67 leopard, 67 wolverine, 5 bear, 2 Nova Scotia wolf, 50 caribou, 83 deer, and 1,113 moose, besides 2,263 lbs. of castor and 3,000 lbs. of feathers.

James White was the principal agent in bartering with the Indians who had every confidence in his integrity. Three-fourths of their trade was in beaver skins and "a pound of spring beaver" (equivalent to 5 shillings in value) was the unit employed in trade.

The goods kept in the store at Portland Point for the Indian trade included powder and shot for hunting, provisions, blankets and other "necessaries" and such articles as Indian needles, colored thread, beads of various colors, a variety of buttons—brass buttons, silver plated buttons, double-gilt buttons, scarlet buttons and blue molton buttons—scarlet red and red cloth, crimson broadcloth, red and blue striped, silver and gold laced hats, gilt trunks, Highland garters, silver crosses, round silver brooches, etc., etc.

The old account books bear evidence of being well thumbed, for Indian debts were hard to collect and white men's debts were harder to collect in ancient than in modern days. In point of fact the red man and the white man of the River St. John ran a close race in their respective ledgers.

John Allen, of Machias, had a conference with the Indians at Annapolis in June, 1777, and writes in his journal: "The Chiefs made a grand appearance, particularly Ambrose St. Aubin, who was dressed in a blue velvet waistcoat four inches deep, and a white cravat, also wore with him a cockade."

AS A REVENTIVE Parson's Pills COUGHS, COLDS, ROUP Johnson's LINIMENT

WOULD HURT ST. JOHN VERY MUCH.

To STOP EXPORT OF LOGS Such is Claim of Frank and Irving Todd Before Legislative Committee—Alex. Fraser Takes Different View—St. John Bank Act Amended in Committee.

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Frank Todd Against the Resolution.

Frank Todd, who carries on extensive lumbering operations on the St. Croix, and other parts of the province, was first called on. He said he believed it would be a great mistake for the legislature to prohibit the exportation of logs to the United States.

Millions of American Logs Brought to New Brunswick.

He did not know what quantity of logs was cut from crown lands on the St. Croix for export, but it was very trivial.

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Asked as to the probable result should the United States repeal the statute allowing Americans to buy logs for export, Mr. Todd expressed the opinion that the logs would then go to Maine mills.

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Balance of Trade in New Brunswick's Favor.

He believed that the balance of trade in round logs as between New Brunswick and Maine was 95 per cent. in favor of New Brunswick.

He thought if Mr. Cushing could not get American logs for his mill in Canada now he would remove to American soil.

Irving Todd. Irving Todd thought the business of getting out poplar pulp wood for American market would be destroyed if the resolution passed.

TALK OF A PAPER MILL AT ST. GEORGE SOON.

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ROUND THE TOWN.

Bright little bits which illustrate the many sides of human life in St. John.

There is a Scotchman somewhere in this town who needs a guide and should never be allowed out without one.

"Who is it?" she inquired, suspiciously. "The man who lives here," said the voice with a burr, "I've got my key fast in the door and can't get it out."

What are you doing there? the woman demanded sharply.

"The fact is," said the voice with the burr, "I've got my key fast in the door and can't get it out. I thought this was the house where I lodge. I went out for a walk and got completely turned around. Would you mind opening the door?"

For aught that I could read.

Could ever have I told of history; The course of true love never did run smooth."

The old adage still holds good as has been proved to Chatterbox this week by an occurrence of vital interest to at least one of our community—and of more than ordinary interest to the humor-loving public.

The tale has to do with a warrior from the west, bent upon adding to his already famous collection, a few more scalps. Not very long a resident of our city, he indulges in scornful criticism relative to the general "stupidness" of the public.

"No like the west," he asserts, as with lofty mien he discusses with a young man a newly formed friend. The argument ceases, but the friend has not forgotten.

Not any manner who comes to St. John has more friends than Captain Thompson, of the steamer St. Croix, and they always have a ready shake hands for him when he enters up town after docking his good ship at her berth after the run down from Boston.

The children didn't recover until sundry mothers, aunts and grand aunts had been to the rescue.

Stanley Church Officers.

Stanley, York Co., April 6.—Stanley church, Rev. B. Murray, pastor, Easter Monday elections resulted as follows:—Wardens—Howard Douglas and Dr. A. Sterling; Vestrymen—Eric H. Clarkson, Eldon W. Douglas, Robt. Waugh, Edward S. Thomas.

He ors for Henry J. Keith at McGill.

Montreal, April 5.—(Special)—Results at the Montreal Presbytery College, today announced Henry J. Keith, M. A., B. A., as gold medalist, having secured the highest marks in Canada in the list of the prizes in public speaking and architecture.

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