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# WHEN 3,000 LOYALISTS SAILED INTO ST. JOHN HARBOR, SEEKING

fron Guns of Fort Howe Roared a Welcome-A Marriage on on Board Ship---Belleisle Bay Looked So Uninviting That Women and Children Wept---The First Loyalist Dwellings -- Moose Meat the Farly Diet.

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CHAPTER XXX.-(Continued 2.)

The Loyalists who came to St. John in the first fleet numbered about 3,000. They were mostly natives of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, who had been driven from their homes and forced to seek refuge within the British 'ines at New York, or on Long Island. There was a scarcity of ships, and the number of those desirous of emigrating to Nova Scotia proved much larger than had been anticipated. It became evident that the vessels must make repeated trips. The following paragraph from an old newspaper is interesting in this connection:-

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New London, Conn., April 25, 1783. We hear that the Loyalists destined for Nova Scotia from New York are to depart in two Divisions; the first, consisting of about 3,000 men, women and children, are nearly ready to sail; the second to sail as soon as the vessels return which carry the first." This paragraph accords with what subsequently took place. The first fleet sailed from Sandy Hook, on the 26th April, arriving at St. John about the 11th of May; and the second fleet sailed from Sandy Hook on the 16th June, arriving at St. John on the 28th of the same month. The most authentic account of the voyage of the first fleet is to be found in the narrative of Walter Bates," who was a passen-ger on board the "Union." We learn from this source that in the early part of April, 1783, the Rev. John Sayre, one of the agents for settling the Loyalists in Nova Scotia, visited those who were then living on the north shore of Long Island it Eaton's Neck, Lloyd's Neck and Huntington, to inform them that the King had ranted to those who did not incline to return to their former places of abode and would go to Nova Scotia, two hundred acres of land to each family and two years provisions, and to provide ships to convey them as near as might be to a place of <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

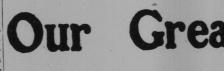
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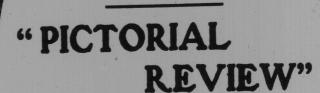
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stock, etc., and great loss had been incurred by their being obliger to blink there is mouth of the river. The Kingston settlers were amongst the few that proceeded directly to the lands on which they were to settle. For some weeks they lived in tents on the banks of Kingston Creek, where the mothers found occupation in nursing their children through the measels. They used to send across the river to "Jones's" for milk and other necessaries. They were visited by the Indians, with whom they established other necessaries. They were visited by the Indians, with whom they established other necessaries. They were visited them plentifully with moose meat. In the month of July they obtained the services of Frederick Hauser to survey their land. Before the lots were drawn by the settlers, however, reservations were made for church and school purposes. They then set to work with a will, working in one united party, clearing places on their lots for building, cutting logs, carrying them together with their own hands, having as yet neither cattle nor horses to draw them. By the month of November every man in the district found himself and his family covered under his own roof, and, according to Walter Bates, they were "perfectly, happy, contented and comfortable in their dwellings through the winter."

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as speedily as possible to settle them in habitations which they might call their own. There is a quiet spot in the parish of Studholme, on the banks of the Ken-nebecasis, where the mortal remains of Gilfred Studholme lie. No headstone marks his grave. Little preparation had been made by the Government of Nova Scotia for the reception of the Loyalists, and the season was cold and backward. Anxious as were the masters of the transports to return speedily to New York they were

cried." The days that followed the arrival of the Loyalists were busy days for Major Studholme and his assistant, Samuel Denny Street.\*\* By their orders, boards, shingles, clapboards, bricks, etc., were distributed to those needing them. A large number of Studholme's accounts in this connection are on file at Halifax. The first in which the name of Parr (Parrtown) occurs is the following:--"Parr, on the River St. John, 31 August, 1783. "Rec'd from Gilfred Studholme £5. 18. 10 1-2 for surveying 142,660 feet lumber for use of the Loyalists settled on the River St. John. "LEREMIAH RECAN."

"JEREMIAH REGAN." Each Loyalist on his arrival was provided with 500 feet of boards, and a pro-portion of shingles and bricks. Most of the erections at first were log houses, the

\*See "Kingston and the Loyalists of 1783," in which Walter Bates' narrative is edited, with notes by the author of this history; published at St. John by Barnes & Co. in 1889. \*\*Amongst the documents at Halifax relating to the settlement of the Loyalists at St. John is the following receipt:

"Rec'd from Gilfred Studholme. Esq. the sum of £72.10. Halfax currency for superintending his office for conducting the settlement of and issuing lumber to the Loyalists within the district of St. John from the 9th May to 30th September, 1783, both days included, at 10 shillings pr. day for which I have signed three receipts of the same tenor and date.

A pretty wedding took place in St. Ann's church, Musquash,on Tuesday, Sept. 5, when Charles Arthur Peabody, of Woodstock, was united in marriage to Miss Ella Hughina Anderson, third daughter of George M. Anderson. Rev. F. W. M. Bacon performed the ceremony at 1.30 in

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Luke's cathedral this afternoon provincial department of education has de-

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