

Pokemouche, though he had a grant here, and possibly the same is true of some of the others just mentioned, including Doran, an Englishman from Cumberland who settled at Shippegan, Gordon of Bathurst, and Taylor of Shippegan. Other early settlers, most of whom later removed, were one Carey from Quebec, Patrick Ryan, John Ford, O'Kane from Fredericton, John Redwood, William Connell, the three latter of whom removed to Milwaukee in 1843, and one Hannan, who came to Shippegan on the fever-ship in 1847. Major, a Jerseyman is a more recent settler. And of course in later years others have come in from various sources.

Reviewing the history of this great Irish immigration, which made Pokemouche one of the strongest Irish settlements in all New Brunswick, it seems clear that the majority of the settlers came first to Miramichi, and then moved on to join their fellow-countrymen already at Pokemouche. It is noticeable that a large number arrived soon after 1825, and it is very probable their movement was stimulated by the Miramichi fire of that year, which sent them from the desolation of the burnt country to seek new homes elsewhere, when they naturally turned to the prosperous settlement of their fellow-countrymen at Pokemouche. The Irish are a clannish folk, and devoted to their religion, which leads them more than other English-speaking peoples to settle together.

Such was the foundation of Pokemouche, which, unlike all the other North Shore French-English settlements, was more English-speaking than French in its foundation. It has grown steadily down to the present day, sending many French to settle farther up the river, and in the neighboring settlements of Green Point, Pacquetville, St. Isidore and elsewhere, and many Irish to help upbuild other parts of New Brunswick and the fortunate great republic on the