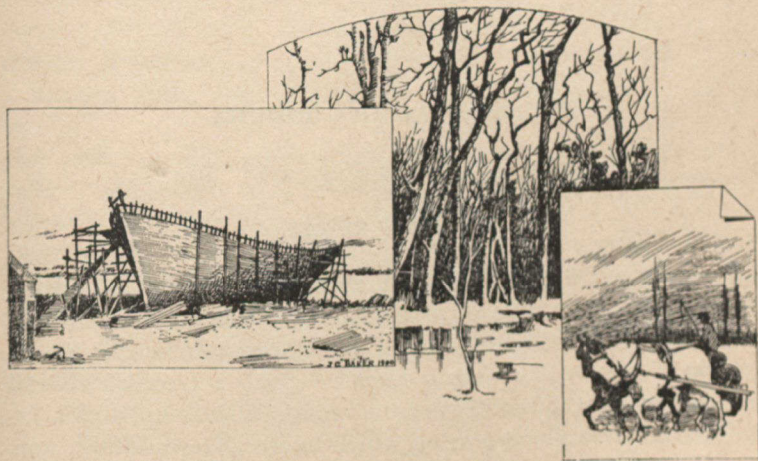


people and an amazing amount of work was done and a large number of men employed at the numerous shipyards.

At the Head of the Bay, near to where the village of St. Peter's now stands there were three shipyards, controlled by Mr. Martin McInnis and Mr. William Coffin. At the mouth of Midgell River were two large shipyards and even up the river their vessels were built. A few vessels were also built on the north side of the Bay and from Morell down to the Harbor they were almost as numerous as the farms are now. As many as twenty-five vessels, under course of construction, have been counted near Morell.

One of the first to promote the industry of shipbuilding was the well remembered Charles Morell, who then owned all the land in the Township. His sphere of direct operation was at Morell.

The most noted shipbuilder and navigator was the late Capt. George Sanderson. He, as was the custom then, would go to the woods in the winter and cut and haul out enough timber for a ship. As soon as the summer would set in he would commence building,



and before the fall the ship would be completed. Then she would be loaded with the produce of the farm and taken to Newfoundland, there to be sold with a good margin of profit.

In partnership with him were his six brothers, and year after