

been issued by the Government for Lake Huron. It was at this time that a number of people, jealous of the Captain's success, formed the Niagara Fishing Company and secured the sole licence for the waters. ¶The Captain forsook his Island home, took up his abode in Tobermory, and later on in Manitoulin Island. He now lies buried at Whitefish, the Old Hudson Bay Post, by the mouth of the Whitefish River, far from the scenes of his early labors. ¶But the memory of this pioneer fisherman, the Hendrick Hudson of the Saugeen Islands, is still cherished in the region of which he once was chief.

The "son Murray" later known as Captain A. Murray MacGregor, after leaving Main-Station sailed on all the five Great Lakes. He was Captain of the steamer Chicora, Spartan, and Francis Smith, and from 1884 was captain of the Dominion Hydrographic Surveying Steamer Bayfield. His intimate knowledge of our waters and his untiring zeal in duty gave him the enviable reputation of being one of the greatest pilots of our Lakes. He died in Windsor in 1903 and was buried in Goderich. ¶One of his sons was drowned in the sad wreck of the Asia; another son is Captain Ed. MacGregor of Sarnia; another is Captain Wm. MacGregor, Dominion Examiner for Masters and Mates at Windsor, and Commodore of the Ferry Fleet of River Detroit. ¶The traditions of the sea have thus been well and honourably upheld by the descendants of the Old Captain. And may we not then justly claim the Saugeen Fishing Islands as the cradle of the family's greatness?

LATER FISHING The fishing at the Islands was carried on for a time by the Niagara Fishing Company, but with little success. They sold out in 1848 to Captain John Spence and Captain William Kennedy, the first settlers of Southampton. Captain Kennedy left on the Polar Expedition of 1852 to search for the lost Franklin, but Captain Spence and his sons fished and sailed the Lake for half a century. ¶In the fifties and sixties, Robert and John Rowan of Southampton engaged in fishing at the Islands and made their headquarters on the Island (No. 20) which now bears their name. ¶Old Larry Bellmore belongs to about the same period, his headquarters being on the Island that also bore his name, but which name has since been partially eclipsed by that of a more famous inhabitant called "the Wildman", whose story will

