

LANDING OF LOYALISTS.

The One Hundred and Twelfth Anniversary of the City.

Fleet Arrived in St. John on May 10th and Not May 18th.

Some Particulars of the Difficulties Encountered by the Fathers of the City.

No. 1.

The popular idea of the landing of the loyalists is that on the 18th day of May, in the year 1783, a fleet of some twenty vessels sailed into St. John harbor, having on board three thousand people, who, wearied with their long voyage, at once disembarked and pitched their tents on the site of the present city of St. John—then called Parrtown. The popular idea is not, however, strictly in accordance with facts. The fleet arrived in St. John, not on the 18th, but on the 10th day of May, and it is very doubtful whether there was any day fixed for a general disembarkation. As for the name of "Parrtown," it was not given until several months after the arrival of the loyalists, and was then applied only to that part of the present city which lies south of Union street, on the east side of the harbor. The name was never very acceptable to the citizens of St. John, who discarded it before a second year had passed over their heads and restored the time-honored name given by Captain on the memorable 24th day of June, 1784, when that famous explorer first entered our harbor. The name "Parr," of Parrtown, as applied to St. John, should be regarded as a mere passing episode that has received a great deal more attention than it deserves.

Today we commemorate the 112th anniversary of the founding of our city, yet it is a surprising fact that after the lapse of so many years the story of the coming of the loyalists to New Brunswick has never been written, save in a broken and fragmentary way. As contrasted with Shelburne in Nova Scotia, St. John is today far in advance, and yet there has not up to this time been a description of the founding of this city that can begin to compare with the Rev. T. Watson Smith's admirable account of the early days of Shelburne. Possibly the busy life led by all classes of citizens in this community as compared with the more staid and sober ways of the inhabitants of Shelburne, has heretofore prevented our students of local history from grappling with the subject, but of this the reader may be assured, that when the proper hand takes up the tale, the story will not be dull and uninteresting.

It would be far beyond the scope of such an article as this to discuss the reasons why the founders of our city sided with the mother country during the revolutionary contest. Suffice it to say, that they stood up manfully for the principles in which they believed, and after their failure to preserve the unity of the British empire in America, abandoned their old homes that they might still live under the old flag, "faithful alike to God and king."

When through Sir Henry Clinton's mismanagement, Lord Cornwallis was obliged to surrender to the combined armies of France and America at Yorktown on the fatal 19th of October, 1781, the independence of the United States was well nigh assured, and when a few months later the loyalists fled to New York, the resolution of the British to continue the struggle against any further offensive warfare, they prepared for the inevitable evacuation of the city as best they might.

New York had served as a rallying point for the English throughout the war. Thousands of loyalists fled from their homes by their old neighbors, after suffering bitter persecution, loss of property and imprisonment, sought and found an asylum within the British lines at New York and its vicinity. At that time the city of New York was scarcely as large as St. John is today, but during the period of British occupation it was a stirring place. The volume of trade and business created by the presence of the army was in itself immense; the city was gay with all the panoply of war, and amid the clash of arms, old world extravagances and amusements were freely introduced.

The temper displayed by the victors in the strife soon convinced the loyalists that there was little prospect of their being able to settle down in peace in their old homes, even had they been content to do so. An official address addressed to Sir Guy Carleton, March 14, 1783, the commanding officers of fourteen of the loyalist corps that had been enrolled in the King's service during the war, expressed the opinion that "it would be utterly impossible for those who have served his majesty in arms in this war to remain in the country; the personal animosities arising from civil dissensions having been so heightened by the blood that has been shed in the contest that the parties can never be reconciled."

The announcement was shortly after made that the British government would provide for those who did not wish to remain in the old colonies grants of land in other parts of British America, and furnish transport ships to carry them thither, with other like generous proposals for their assistance in forming new settlements. Sir Guy Carleton advised that agents should be sent to examine the lands vacant in Nova Scotia to ascertain where settlements could be made to the best advantage.

The articles for settlement in Nova Scotia (which of course at that time included New Brunswick) were widely circulated by those interested in the movement, and the following agreement, appended to the "Articles of Settlement," was submitted to the loyalists in New York and elsewhere, and very largely signed by them, viz: "We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do agree to remove to the province of Nova Scotia on the above encouragement with our families, in

full reliance on the future support of government, and under the patronage of the following gentlemen as our agents, they having been approved of as such by his majesty's commissioner for restoring peace: Lieut. Col. B. Thompson, Lieut. Col. E. Winslow, Major Joshua Upham, Rev. Dr. Samuel Seabury, Rev. John Sayre, Capt. Mandale, Amos Botsford, Esq., Samuel Cummings, Esq., Judge John Wadsworth, Esq., Esq., and Frederick Hanmer."

Of the agents here mentioned three, Amos Botsford, Samuel Cummings and Frederick Hanmer, arrived at Annapolis on or about the 20th of October, 1782, and immediately set about exploring the country. On the 14th January they wrote their friends in New York, giving a full account of the lands from Annapolis to St. Mary's Bay. Their report continues: "After viewing this we proceeded to the St. John river, where we arrived the latter end of November; at this season our passage up the river was difficult, being too late to pass boats and not sufficiently frozen to bear. In this situation we left the river and steered by a compass through the woods, encamping on several nights, and went as far as the Oranout, where is a blockhouse and a British post. The St. John is a fine river, equal in magnitude to the Connecticut or the Hudson. At the mouth of the river is a fine harbor, accessible at all seasons of the year, never frozen or obstructed by ice."

The letter proceeds to give an accurate description of the falls, mentions the "immense quantities of limestone at Fort Howe and at the mouth of the river," and goes on to speak very highly of the lands bordering the River St. John. There can be little doubt that the very favorable report of Amos Botsford and his associates determined the large emigration from New York to the St. John river the ensuing spring. It is interesting to note the fact that Frederick Hanmer was a land surveyor, and many of the grants to the loyalists were afterwards laid out for settlement by him.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

The Final Meeting and the Election of Officers.

The Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Landing of Cabot to be Celebrated in Halifax.

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Ottawa, May 17.—The Royal Society held its final business session today. Dr. Geo. Stewart of Quebec reported for the English literature section. A resolution was passed recommending that the important historical records bearing upon the history of the Acadian provinces, so long looked for by students of history, be printed and circulated at once.

The new officers are: President, Dr. J. G. Bourinot; vice-president, Right Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax; secretary, Dr. Geo. Stewart of Quebec. The French literature section report was presented by the president, Hon. Jos. Royal. The officers elected are: President, Hon. Jos. Royal; vice-president, Abbe Gosselin of Quebec; secretary, J. E. Roy, Montreal.

The special committee appointed to report on the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the landing of John Cabot in America, recommended that a fitting demonstration should be held in Halifax in June, 1897, and that the Royal Society should meet in Halifax that year at the time of the proposed celebration. The report was accepted. Dr. Selwyn was elected president.

Principal Grant moved that Archbishop O'Brien be elected vice-president. He said that as it had been decided to hold the meeting of the Royal Society in Halifax in 1897, it was very appropriate that he should be elected vice-president this year, that he might fill the presidential chair at the meeting in 1897.

Dr. Kingsford seconded the nomination. Archbishop O'Brien was unanimously elected. Dr. Stewart moved the re-election of Dr. Bourinot as secretary and Prof. Fletcher was re-elected treasurer.

Votes of thanks were tendered to Lord and Lady Aberdeen and the citizens of Ottawa for their hospitality.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Confederation with Canada Impossible on the Terms Submitted.

St. John's, Nfld., May 17.—It is unanimously felt by all shades of public opinion that confederation with Canada is impossible on the terms submitted yesterday to the legislature. The opposition is general to the English for refusing assistance to complete the union. Several members of the government still hope that England will give help yet. The government is to present the budget on Tuesday.

It is expected to show a deplorable condition of affairs. The statement from the Ottawa conference made the whole debt and outstanding obligation for finishing the railway \$15,800,000. A drastic retrenchment scheme is in preparation by which salaries of officials will be reduced 10 and 20 per cent. It is feared that this will increase the general depression and add to the tide of emigration.

St. John's, Nfld., May 19.—G. H. Emerson, a member of the legislature, sailed for England today. It is reported that he has gone on official business, but this mission is kept secret.

Moss Monroe, one of the most distinguished of Newfoundland statesmen, an ex-member of the state executive council and a delegate to the British parliament on the French question, died this morning. He was interested in a ropewalk, in the lobster factories, and in every local interest. His death occasioned widespread regret.

Smallpox is reported to have broken out among the French fishermen on the west coast of Newfoundland.

Robbins-Higbee is a genius. Bradford—Can do anything, I suppose? Robbins—Yes, anything except making a living.—Truth.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

The Harvard Students Far Below Their Usual Athletic Standing.

Preparing for a Big Tourist Travel to the Provinces This Summer.

The Journal on the Canadian International Exposition—The Bicycle Run to Quebec This Year.

(From our own correspondent.)

Boston, May 18.—It is very evident that the students at present attending Harvard university are far from being efficient in athletics of any description. Until this year no institution of learning in the New England states except Yale could beat a Harvard ball team out, but during the past few weeks the Cambridge men have played very miserable ball and have been beaten by every country nine that happened along, in many cases being saved by a shut out. The rivalry at Harvard is demoralized, and many other branches of athletics are in bad shape there just now.

The various transportation lines doing business between Boston and the lower provinces are making arrangements for a big summer travel, and as usual the peninsula province will receive the lion's share. Although it should not be, it is surprising that Nova Scotia receives probably four times the number of tourists that does New Brunswick, due, as the writer has before pointed out, to the immense amount of advertising, begun by the poet Longfellow and continued by the many transportation companies interested in "the Land of Evangeline." Although there are few places on the continent more adequately fitted by nature as a tourist's paradise than Nova Scotia, yet New Brunswicks possess just as splendid scenery, as good transportation facilities and as healthy and invigorating climate as do their brother "bluenoses" in the adjoining province. W. H. Price, the travelling passenger agent of the Intercolonial railroad, was in the city this week looking after an increase of passenger traffic for his road during the coming summer, but unfortunately for New Brunswick he found that all the rest of the passenger agents, sought to advertise his road by recommending Nova Scotia as an attraction. Mr. Price claimed that the scenery of Cape Breton had not a counterpart and incidentally mentioned that Prof. Bell of telephone fame, George Kennerly, the well known travel agent, and other celebrities, made their summer home at Baddeck. Mr. Price is now engaged in putting in Boston hotels and ticket offices a beautifully framed picture of that well known resort. It is quite true that the New Brunswick took some steps to advertise their province, for even up here complaints are few, except those who have been there, know much about it. They have a vague idea that it is somewhere "down east," or perchance a part of Nova Scotia. The Maine legation did a very sensible thing a few weeks ago, and sent a committee to the New Brunswick local government. The Maine legislators thought that, even as widely known as Maine is, she needed further advertising, and the expended in the proposed celebration. The advantages of the state, a Portland photographer was sent through all the sixteen counties of Maine, and he secured some excellent negatives, which when completed, will be distributed in large cities to the best possible advantage. The New Brunswick towns and cities is another drawback to the increase of summer travel, and if this were remedied they would have more visitors. As St. John has set the pace in this respect perhaps other places will follow.

The Boston delegates who went to St. John this week to attend a conference of railroad and steamboat representatives there refused to say much about the meeting on their return, other than that the meeting was as "harmonious as could have been expected under the circumstances," though a final agreement which could be signed by all parties has not been arrived at. It is stated with some degree of truth that if an amicable arrangement is not made shortly between the different companies taking passenger traffic to the provinces, another year will be wasted in litigation, which may possibly bring the price of passage between Boston and Halifax, St. John, Yarmouth, etc., down to \$1. All lines will have to give their ultimatum by June 1.

The plant line began the Boston-Charlottetown service last Tuesday, and until further notice no steamer will leave here every Tuesday for P. E. I.

The American Anglers who fish in Canadian waters are doing all in their power to have the \$5 license fee cancelled. They recently offered the Canadian government in return for the privilege of fishing without a license, a pledge that the alien labor law would not be enforced against Canadian boatmen who seek employment on this side of the line. It is thought, however, to see just how long the United States government will carry out the law.

Among the visitors from the west were provinces in town this week were George Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, W. A. Clarke, R. J. Matheson, W. R. Wallace, C. F. Anderson, Mrs. F. Murray, T. G. McMullen, B. F. Plerson, Halifax; W. J. Price, Moncton; W. C. Denison, St. Stephen; Rev. Dr. A. Steele, Amherst; Frank Davidson, Bridgewater, N. S.

The deficit in United States government finances for the present fiscal year will be about \$50,000,000, according to latest reports from the treasury. If the Wilson bill had become a law before Senator Gorman et al. performed their little work on it, the deficit would have been \$60,000,000. In the seven months that the present law has been in operation, the exports of

the entire country fell off \$52,000,000, while the imports proportionately increased. Such a deficit certainly is not doing better in the Boston stock market just now that it has done for some time. Nearly ten thousand shares were sold in one day recently at about 17-1/2. Manager Pearson caught up from a fall a few days ago and he states that the prospects are very encouraging for the company this year.

The International Exposition to be held by Canadians next year is beginning to attract considerable attention up here, and without doubt many thousands of Americans will attend the enterprise, if successfully carried out. It will prove of everlasting value to Canada. The Boston Journal thinks the exposition will be a good thing and says of it: The United States has received from government, press and people of Canada, cordial co-operation and not a little money to assist in the successful carrying out of the various large expositions of this country, and it is now our privilege to bestow the same appreciative good wishes and practical assistance to our Canadian friends. May their venture prove an unqualified success.

Justice Henry of the supreme court of Nova Scotia was in Boston a few days ago and occupied a seat alongside of Judge Fessenden in the superior court.

The Massachusetts Bicycle club will have a big run to Quebec this year. Applications have been received from Philadelphia, St. John, New York and many other places, so that a large number of wheelmen will participate.

Edward Messenger, who claims to have lived in Amherst and Halifax, was before the divorce court this week asking for a separation from his wife, who deserted him in Nova Scotia, in 1891, according to a deposition which was granted a decree nisi and control of his children.

Rev. Alexander Ross of Pictou, N. S., is visiting the pastor of the Scotch Presbyterian church here, and took part in services conducted in Gaelic on Thursday and Friday.

Among the graduates of the Bangor Theological Seminary on Wednesday were Franklin W. Barker, Debec, N. B., who is assigned to a church at Somerville, Me., and Lorenzo W. Muttart of Alberton, P. E. I.

The spruce situation is growing rather more encouraging from a dealer's point of view. The market is firmer and most of the mill owners report that they can handle for a few weeks at least. Most of the lumber being sent forward commands association prices, with the exception of cargo lumber, a quantity of which is sold before the mill. The market is firmer and most of the mill owners report that they can handle for a few weeks at least. Most of the lumber being sent forward commands association prices, with the exception of cargo lumber, a quantity of which is sold before the mill. The market is firmer and most of the mill owners report that they can handle for a few weeks at least. Most of the lumber being sent forward commands association prices, with the exception of cargo lumber, a quantity of which is sold before the mill. The market is firmer and most of the mill owners report that they can handle for a few weeks at least. 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