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## HISTORY OF HARTLAND

The Following took a Prize at the Recent Graduation Exercises  
BY AGNES WATERS

Let us go back in memory to the time when this country was an unbroken wilderness, except for a few small Indian encampments here and there. There were no roads, except Indian trails through the forest, no bridges spanned the rivers. But on the water the Indians went from place to place in canoes.

Then a few venturesome white men, mostly descendants of the United Empire Loyalists, who had settled on the lower St. John, came up to try their luck.

The first of these was William Orser and family who came all the way from St. John in canoes to the mouth of the Becaguimac. This little stream was named by the Indians and meant "River of Salmon". They found shelter for a number of nights beneath their upturned canoes. They took up a grant of land that extended from the Becaguimac to what is now Charles Bradley's lower line. Six sons were born to them here, and these had forty-two children. Those descendants of William Orser who are living today in Hartland are: Mrs. David Morgan, Mrs. Samuel White, Moses Orser, Albert Orser, Ziba Orser, Mrs. Martha Nevers, Osbur Orser, Stephen Orser and Mrs. Edward Britton.

The next settler was Lawrence Wilsey. The Orsers wanted to annex another grant to the lower part of their own, but Mr. Wilsey also wanted it. Mr. Orser would not start to the Crown Land Office on Friday, thinking it was an unlucky day, so he got there one day behind Wilsey. The Crown Land Office told Wilsey that he could not have it unless by consent of the Indians, but the officer said he would abide by any transaction made with them. Wilsey travelled in the summer, following the shore from Fredericton, with a bobbed, a plow and a yoke of three-year-old oxen. When he arrived, he began plowing on a small clearing made by the Indians where McMullin's house now stands. When the Indians

found out about this they came down from Andover and ordered him off. He made peace with them by giving them thirty bushels of corn a year. After this the Indians came every year for their corn, then they would go up over the hill, grind it between rocks, and have a big feast. The lot owned by Mr. Wilsey extended from the lower line of the Orser lot to what is now Kennedy's upper line. The descendants of this pioneer living in Hartland are Mr. W. P. McMullin, Mrs. Gordon Boyer and Mr. Guy McMullin.

Next below this, the land was taken up by William Turner who sold it out to Samuel Hayden. His descendants are, Granville Nevers, Byron Nevers and Arvin Nevers.

This place was first known as the "Mouth of the Becaguimac" and later as the "Mouth of the Guimic". There are several versions of the origin of the word Hartland—after Rev. Samuel Hart, some say from James R. Hartley, others say because it was the heart of the Country.

The first residence was built by Samuel B. Orser, then E. B. McIsaac built a house where F. F. Plummer's store is now. W. S. Nevers built a house and store where Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adams live. Part of S. B. Orser's house was rented by S. Hart Shaw and George R. Burt, but shortly afterwards moved across the street and built a store over a stump of a willow. Ninety nine years ago the McMullin house was built as a hotel for passengers travelling the river. When it was built the carpenter made the statement that it could be rolled over without pulling it apart.

Supplies were first brought in by two-boats. The first steamship came up the river in 1873 and was called the "Novelty". On its first trip up river it became stranded on the island above the bridge. It went back and never returned. Then came the Reindeer, Carleton, Bonnie Doon, J. D. Pierce, John Warrins, and Madawaska steamers. The latter was made at Grand Falls for service there, but finding business dull, they removed the engine and took the boat to Fredericton. On its return up river it had the first whistle. It arrived in a dense fog and people ran out looking in fear and wonder thinking it was a band of Indians coming upon them. Formerly the boats used a horn to announce their coming.

The first road ran up back of the town and was a continuation of what is now High Street. It ran over the hill by F. Hagerman's and crossed the Becaguimac. In 1889 it was changed to the present highway.

People first crossed the river by ferries. The first one crossed by Kennedy's. It was propelled by oars. Later on one run by cable was brought farther up the river. On May 4, 1901 a bridge was opened for the public travel and was for a while a toll bridge. The great celebration was on July 1. The main speakers on this occasion was the present Judge McKeown and the late H. R. Emerson. About one thousand people were present at this. On April 6, 1920 two spans were taken out by the ice. In 1921 concrete piers replaced the old ones and a covered top was put on. In 1950 a bridge was built over the Becaguimac.

I will now trace the history of the school. The first school house was built of logs and stood on the hill near where McMullin's barn now stands. It was built a little earlier than 1894. The first teacher's name was Dixon. This little school house was then moved up to where Jarvis Day's house is. In 1850 a frame school house was built at the upper end of town. It was also used as a church. It is now part of the house owned by Bert Smith. Before 1882 a school house was built next to the present one. It was burned while this one was being built. The present one was built in 1899. The school was made Superior in 1882. Some of its principals were: Allan A. Rideout, Joseph Howe, H. F. Perkins, E. J. Alexander, Miss Murray, Charles Palmer, Dr. Peppers, Inspector P. R. Hetherington, Joe Barnett, Bruce Barry, C. D. Dickson and Miss W. A. M. Clark.

The first post-master was W. S. Nevers. He kept post office in his private residence. Mail was brought up by Robert Hume, from Woodstock every Saturday. Then John Barnett kept an office where the Windsor hotel is now. In 1912 the recent post office was built. On January 18, 1912 the town clock was set up in its tower. Mr. Barnett was post-master, followed at his death by Edward McCollum.

Hartland owes its rapid growth to the fact that "It has at the mouth of the Becaguimac", to quote from a Carleton Sentinel dated 1853, "A splen-

did water privilege with power at all seasons of the year sufficient for driving the machinery of sawmills, grist mill or factories of any description that may be erected thereon." The first saw-mill at this place was burned and Samuel Nevers bought the site and built a mill, sawing planks and boards by the "up and down" method. Isaac Stephenson, later a member of the U. S. Senate and a Wisconsin millionaire, lived here at this time. Then Benjamin Jewett bought it from Nevers. He had a grist mill and saw mill. Later on Sawyer bought, enlarged and improved it. Then it changed hands to Sayre who now owns it.

Alexander Shaw built a mill at the lower end of town which was destroyed by fire. Then a man by the name of Miller moved a mill on this site and it was destroyed by flood. Later on J. K. Flemming built the present one afterwards selling out to Price & Nevers who in turn sold out to Sayre the present owner. There was at one time a clap-board mill at the Poklok owned by John McLeod.

About the year 1896 a woodworking factory was built a few rods below the depot. One of the first managers was J. F. Alcorn. It gave employment of from eight to twelve hands. It manufactured all kinds of interior finishings. In association with Mr. George Shaw Mr. Alcorn also established a broom handle industry. These were exported to other countries. This was later taken over by another company. This factory is not operating now.

In 1900 Mr. Chas. H. Perkins came from Bangor and entertained a monument works at the end of the bridge. This building was destroyed in the fire of 1907. He moved to a building now owned by Harry Lipsett. When he left this building James Rogers moved in operating a grist mill. Then he moved across the road on the bank of the river. Here he had a grist mill and a planing mill combined.

The first church building was the Free Baptist built in 1875. Rev. Charles McMullin was the first pastor. Others were T. O. DeWitt, Mr. DeWare and J. B. Taggett and Dr. C. T. Phillips.

The Baptist Church was organized by Rev. A. H. Hayward. The land on which the church is built was donated by Rev. Benjamin Jewett. The main body of the present building was built in 1897. The annex was built later on. At the present time they are putting an extension on the back part. The ministers were A. H. Hayward, J. D. Wetmore, E. C. Jenkins.

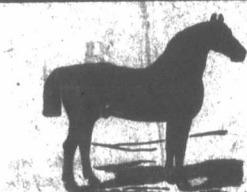
In 1905 the Free Baptist united with the Baptist making an organization called the United Baptist. The Ministers after the Union were A. F. Baker, Mr. Steeves, O. E. Steeves, S. W. Schurman, George Kincaid and E. A. Trites.

The Methodist church was built in 1894. Mrs. T. T. Hammond formerly Miss Maude Keswick, laid the cornerstone. The ministers were, William Penna, Henry Penna, Robert Clements, S. A. Bailey, Ernest E. Gough, John Dunlap, Stanley Young, Mr. E. Smith, John B. Gough, George A. Ross, Daniel Rice, George Ayres, B. O. Hartman, Frederick T. Bertram, George N. Somers, W. E. Smith, P. J. Tiltpatrick, Mr. Helps, Mr. Crisp, J. L. King and Rev. Thomas Pierce.

On Nov. 6, 1892 the Reformed Baptist Church was dedicated. Some of the pastors were Mr. Trafton, Mr. Kinghorn, Mr. Colpitts, Rev. Mr. McDonald, S. A. Baker, Percy Trafton and Rev. H. C. Mullin.

The Anglican church was built in 1918 on Burt's flat. There have been two rectors, Rev. N. Franchetti and Rev. W. P. Haigh.

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**The Fickle Men.**  
The two girls were talking, and one was deploring a recent experience. "He promised to teach me to drive his car," she said, "and I wanted to do it in fine style, so I went uptown and bought me a very fancy pair of gauntlet gloves."  
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