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PERCE.

(By Rev. W. Camp.)

The first thought on reaching Perce is to go straight to the famous rock, Mount Joli, opposite the rock, affords a splendid view but to reach it ont must cross a field, and this field is private property. The writer asked permission of the owner "may I walk across your field to the rock?" With that politeness that characterizes our French brothers he replied "You are very welcome to do so." The view of "Pierced Rock" from this point of advantage is most inspiring. There it lies just before you, the huge sleeping giant of the sea, which might be aroused into action at any moment, for it seems to possess the instincts of life. At Mt. Joli, the rock seems very near, although it is 300 feet away. Looking at it from this angle it has the appearance of a large man-of-war ship whose decks have been swept by the storm and with bow facing you. As you look at it, its bigness grows upon you. No human being has scealed its sides or walked upon its green level top. But to reach the top would not seem an impossible feat. Before the Niagara was spanned different schemes were tried to get a line across until one day a boy's kite flew across, that kite carried a silken thread, that thread a cord; the cord a rope; the rope a chain; the chain a cable; the cable a bridge across which now thunders the traffic of two mighty nations. So the Kite could carry a string; the string a rope; the rope a ladder along which one could easily pass to the top. Or what is more likely to happen, in the very near future, the aeroplane will encircle this famous rock as gracefully and efficiently a the sea gulls now perform their daily and attractive flights. When the tide is out one can walk from the foot of Mt. Joli to the end of the rock in slippers; and at low tides people have walked around the entire rock. So far as one can see once on the top, a person could travel over its surface as easily as over a floor, the only possible disputants to such a course would be the sea gulls and cormorants which might attempt resistance seeing their eternal rights invaded.

The "Pierced Rock" is of reddish conglomerate and sandstone 1500 feet long and 300 feet in width, and rising out of the sea with perpendicular cliffs 286 feet high. A scientific description of the rock and its probable history may be obtained form Dr. John Clarke, entitled "The Heart of Gaspe". This work is a scholarly and most attractive description of the Gaspe Peninsula, with accurate and historic setting and should be in the homes of the lovers of this charming country. The readers are referred to this book for a scientific description of this famous rock. At present there is but one arch in the rock which is about 60 feet high. Originally according to an old painting given in Dr. Clarke's book, it had three arches. Wind and wave took away the first. Then on June 17th, 1845 the outer arch fell leaving a smaller arch rising just as abruptly and to almost as great a height and with a clean channel separating it from the main rock. The accompanying photo shows the rock as it appears today. Another arch is coming near the centre and in time not only will there be other arches but the entire rock will disappear. It is not hard to believe that centuries ago the Island of Bonaventure and the "Pierced Rock" and the mainland formed one great peninsula. The sea driven by winds and tides has torn away the sand and rock leaving the "Island" and the "Rock" the remaining traces of what once formed a large and beautiful head-land jutting far out into the sea. One can easily see the inroads which are being made upon the high cliffs of Bonaventure Island. Gradually it is being dissolved and in time the sea will roll over where now stands the rock and the island.

Having viewed the rock for some time one gradually becomes conscious that he is in the midst of great beauties and sights of unusual attractivness, looking out on the vast expanse of water, the commingling of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Malbay and Bal Chaleur. One is reminded of the old lady who had lived all her life in a small and inland community with not too much of this worlds goods, and who was now making her first visit to the Alantic coast. She arrives in the night when darkness cast its mantle over sea and land. But next morning on lifting the curtains from her window there before her stretches the great ocean. Almost overcome by the vastness of the sight she cries "Thank God there is something there is enough of". Away in the distance is ship head light at the end of the Gaspe Peninsula, known as the Cap des Rosiers, nearer is Plateau light on Plateau Island opposite Pt. St. Peter. At night these revolving lights—one white and the other red—gleam with wonderous beauty over the vast expanse of blue water. Lying beyond the far-famed rock and to your right is Bonaventure Island. On three sides of this island the coast is high and steep, in many places the rock resembling "Pierced Rock". On one side the land runs down to the sea. On this side are about a dozen houses where there are are a number of comfortable homes with considerable cleared land. The fishermen who live there can raise vegetables sufficient for their needs and cut grass and grain sufficient for the stock they need to keep. This with good catches of fish and they are as independant as lords. A sail around the rock and out around the island is one of the most attractive outings one can take. The large gasoline boats can carry a dozen people as easily as two passengers. And if the wind is blowing the sea-capped billows will be all the ordinary land-lubber cares to have. One end of the island is inhabited by sea-gulls and the other by gannets. The air is filled with these beautiful creatures whose graceful movements are a constant delight, while upon the Perce No 2 ledges upon the shore they sit innumerable, reminding one of the early spring when the snow lingers upon the heights long after it has disappeared in the valley. No words can adequately portray the beauties of this trip or express the delights which fill the soul.

Before leaving Mt. Joli let your eyes travel toward your right until the main land is reached. Here on a high bluff at Cape Cove is what is called "White Head" and upon this steep head-land is White Head light. During the night this light flashes its beautiful gleams over the inhabitants of Perce. Turning now to the left and back from the shore is a beautiful rock, higher than any other in this neighborhood which guards the entire coast of Malbay, like a lonely sentinal on duty. This rock which has the same composition as "Pierced Rock" is called St. Anne. Some years ago it was the custom on July 26th for the parish priest to take his congregation together with visitors from many parts of the country to the top of his rock and hold the festival of Ste. Anne. Of late this custom has been discontinued.

With these beauty spots and fascinating walks, and alluring objects to examine, and hills and coves to explore and with sea bathing not to be excelled by any other summerr esort in America no wonder that Perce is becoming a favorite summer home for tourists. Hundreds are now coming every year; and many more will come when people learn of the many attractions of this place, where summer beauties linger and fresh invigorating sea-breezes bring bloom to the cheek and rest to the tired brain and nerve.

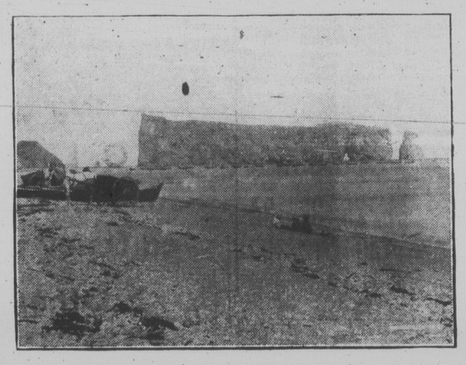
The people of Perce are kind and obliging. Whether you converse with the merchant or the farmor or fisherman you are impressed with the genial and the wholeheartedness of the people. One gentleman, the writer met has a flow of language equal to Henry Ward Beecher's and can give a scientific explanation of all the beauties and mysteries of land and sea. Happy is the visitor who meets this cultured and genial merchant. It is a delight to meet these folk. But beautiful sights and sounds cannot satisfy the hungry man. Perce has a hotel which measures up to man's ideal. Where can one find in Eastern Canada such hotels as the "Baker House" at Gaspe and Perce Rock Hotel at Perce? The genial proprietor, Mr. Bisson, makes you feel at home the moment you enter his hotel. And when you return from your sea bath or sail around the island of Bonaventure or walk to the "Corner of the Beach" or some other enjoyable outing, (for there are many of them, and sit down to the good things prepared for "the inner man" what a grand and glorious feeling comes over you.

The guests of the Perce Rock House enjoy entertainment and of the reasonable rates which are charged. One gentleman said to the writer: "the tourists to this place always return"

Your scribe saw for the first time in his life a number of the ladies after dinner, light their cigarettes and enjoy a comfortable smoke. At first the strangeness of it brought a shock, but on another thought why should not a lady smoke cigarettes as well as a gentleman? Let the men who do not like to see a woman with a cigarette in her mouth set before the fair sex the right example.

The whole of the Gaspe peninsula is full of intrest and attractiveness. More and more the people from Upper Canada and the Western States are finding their way down the Gaspe Coast to enjoy their summer holiday in these cool and health giving spots. At Gaspe the Baker House has been full of guests during July and August. At Perce the Perce Rock Hotel has been full and the proprietor has had to refuse more than three hundred people whom he could not accommodate at his hotel and cottages which he had secured for the summer. Increasingly will the stream of summer visitors grow as more is learned of the wonderful country whose cool and bracing climate is an antidote to mny forms of illness. Mrs. McWhirter has written a most attractive book on the Restigouche and Bonaventure, The "North Shore" and the Gaspe Peninsula are made most attractive by her fascicen, but she has not over-drawn the picture. And besides, her book contains some fascinating legends which add charm to this wonderful country.

Let the tourist remember that not only in July and August are these places attractive, but even so in Sept. and Oct., when the forests as well as the sky are filled with rich and beautiful colors. Many beautiful and attractive summer resorts are open to the present day traveller, and among ideal ones are the northern sections of New Brunswick and the ever fascinating Gaspe Peninsula, and until one has seen Perce the beauty and glory of our northern summer lands has not been experienced.



PERCE ROCK, ONE OF THE WONDERS OF THE BAY CHALEUR.

ANOTHER INDUSTRY FOR GASPE COAST

Montreal Syndicate May Work Gaspe Asbestos—Cheap Shipping Facilities.

During the past year or so, some very interesting mineral discoveries have been reported in this province. Quebec, however, is naturally an asbestos yielding province, although such deposits are more or less confined to certain districts. It is now reported, that some large attractive asbestos deposits are located in Gaspe, and it is known that efforts are at present being made to have these deposits worked in a commercial way. There is some advantage in the location of the potential mines, inasmuch as a saving could be made on transportation to the various markets by water.

A syndicate of Montreal business men headed by Sydney A. Ogden, is at present planning an asbestos development situated on the Gaspe Peninsula, on the Baie de Chaleur. Mr. Ogden, who is in the city at the present time, having spent the summer months at the property, says that the asbestos deposits which his syndicate control, while not by any means a new discovery, have never been developed except for inch fibre, and that effort was abandoned some fifteen or sixteen years ago. He describes the deposits as being a large low-grade proposition with an extensive available supply of excellent milling stock, and some 2,000,000 tons are in sight and available to the mill.

The asbestos runs in quality all the way from No. 2 Crude down the scale. It is the lower grades of asbestos, however, which, in the opinion of the sydicate, hold out the greater possibilities for development. As the deposits are on the mountainside and are represented by outcroppings, it is said that a commercial working would prove quite feasible, inasmuch as the ore would be carried the short distance to tidewater by gravity cable carrier. Thus, with excellent shipping facilities, including good harborage, the ore could be loaded directly on vessels for shipment either overseas or to the United States markets.

This, it is pointed out, would enable the operators to make shipments, preferably in smaller vessels, say of 100 ton capacity, at extremely low cost as compared with high freight rates from the inland workings to the American and overseas markets. It is also pointed out that there is available within a short distance, sufficient necessary raw materials to enable the operators to begin an asbestos manufacturing industry which would take in cement, asbestos, brick and other asbestos products. Water power is also available.

With excellent and cheap shipping facilities, and a sufficient supply of good labor on hand, it is thought that operations will prove successful. Mr. Ogden says that he has carried out preliminary exploration work at the property and is convinced that proper working of the mine will prove profitable.

In connection with shipping by means of small schooners with auxiliary gasoline power, he says that return cargoes from New York to Nova Scotia points and coal from there to Gaspe will be assured, so that cost of operating such vessel would be more or less small. In this manner, the operations could be carried on at a respectable saving.

The discovery is within a short distance of Port Daniel, which is about 60 miles west of the town of Gaspe. A 1200-ton mill is at present spoken of with a minimum output of 63 tons a day.—Montreal Star.

LIST OF PRIZES FOR FAIR EXHIBITS

List of Articles For Which Prizes Will Be Given At The Fair.

All articles must be entered under some one of the sections in the list when possible, when not, may be entered as extra.

Prize colors 1st. Blue
2nd. Red
3rd. Green
Highly commended White.

Prizes (Honorary) will be offered in the following classes:

Poultry:—Hens, Chickens, Geese, Turkeys, Ducks, (living or dressed)
Eggs:—White and Brown.
Dairy Produce:—Butter, Cheese.
Garden Vegetables:—Beets, Beans, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Carrots, Celery, Corn, Cucumbers, Onions, Parsnips, Peas, Potatoes, Radish, Squash, Tomatoes (ripe and green), Turnips, Garden Herbs
Fruit—Apples, Crab apples, Plums.
Horticulture—Plants in Pots, Cut Flowers, Honey.
Fine Arts:—Painting (oil and water colors) Stencilling, Brass work Basket making.
Women's work—Blankets (home made Rugs (hooked and braided) Stockings(knitted) Socks(knitted) Gloves (knitted) Shawls (knitted crotcheted) Sweaters (knitted, crotcheted) Bedroom Slippers, Bed-room Sox, quilt, Plain Sewing, Embroidery, crotcheting.
Household—White Bread.
Science:—Brown Bread, Nut Loaf, Pound Cake, Fruit Cake, Sponge Cake, Doughnuts, Puff pastry, Biscuits, Milk rolls, Canned fruits, vegetables, Meats, and Fish, Preserves, Jellies, Pickles, and Candy.
Amateur Photography:—Best group of six (6) scenic snap shots.

Special prizes for children under 12 years will be given. Give age of contributor.

All donations will be sold for the benefit of the Hospital.

The management have also made arrangements to hold a Baby Show. "Better Babies" is the watchword of the day and all mothers should take an interest in this part of the programme. Points to be considered:—

Healthy appearance, good looks, cleanliness and neatness of dress. Costly apparel not called for nor considered.

Visitors may feel assured of finding in the building everything necessary to the convenience and comfort of all during the entire time. An ample restaurant will serve meals and refreshments in the building during the days of the fair.

COME ONE, COME ALL.

Two women of uncertain age, who had long been rivals in love, quarreled over a trifling gift which the object of their adoration had indiscreetly bestowed on one of them.

"He intended those flowers for me," the elder woman said to the lucky recipient. "You waylaid him on the road to my house and shamelessly robbed me of his offering. Your guilty face tells tales."

The other woman shrugged her shoulders as she sniffed at the pretty bouquet and answered sweetly:

"O' well, my dear, have it your own way. At any rate no one will accuse you of having a telltale face. It's so very difficult to read between the lines!"

And now the deadly breach between them has widened beyond repair.

Popular Mechanics.

Scientific Parent (on a stroll)—You see out there in the street, my son, a simple illustration of a principle of mechanics. The man with that cart pushes it in front of him. Can you guess the reason why? Probably not. I will ask him. Note his answer, my son. (To the Coster): My good man, why do you push that cart instead of pulling it?"

Coster—'Cause I ain't a hoss, you old thickhead.

De Smythe had been waltzing with his host's ugly elder daughter, and was now in a corner repairing damages.

Here his would-be-papa-in-law espied him, and —

"D'you know," he remarked, referring to De Smyth's late partner, "that girl is the flower of my family, sir?"

"So it seems," answered the young man. "But it's a pity she comes off so, isn't it?" he added, as he made another vigorous rub at the white spots on his coat sleeve.

ENCOURAGE THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

Inducement to Use A Pure Bred Ram at the Head of Your Flock of Sheep.

The New Brunswick Department of Agriculture are co-operating with the Dominion Live Stock Branch in encouraging the use of Pure Bred Rams.

Persons Eligible.

Any sheep raiser who purchases a pure bred registered ram and who has not before at any time used a pure bred ram in his own flock shall be entitled to a premium of ten dollars the first year; five of which will be paid by the New Brunswick Department of Agricultural and five by the Dominion Live Stock Branch and an additional premium of five dollars the second year, payable by the Live Stock Branch. Applications for premiums to be sent in to Live Stock Division, Department of Agriculture, Fredericton, not later than December 1st.

Co-operative Purchasing of Pure-Bred Stock.

The Dominion Live Stock Branch will pay the travelling expenses to any point east of Fort William, Ontaria, of any accredited man appointed by a Society, group of Societies or group of farmers who have orders to purchase at least twenty-five pure bred rams for farmers never having used a pure bred before. This same person has the privilege of making purchases of other live stock or rams for any farmer while on the trip, so long as the minimum of twenty-five rams are purchased as outlined above.

Grading of Pure Bred Rams in New Brunswick.

The services of Professor Sackville of Ontario Agricultural College have been secured to visit each pure bred breeder in the province and classify the rams offered for sale into three grades, superior, average and common. By purchasing your rams in the province farmers can write any breeder of pure breed sheep and be sure of getting the class of ram he applies for. New Brunswick is the first province to adopt this classification system. Breeders and Purchasers stand to gain by it. The number of rams for sale together with the price and grade will be listed with the local Live Stock Division.

Boys and Girls Sheep Clubs.

In order to create a deeper interest among our farm boys and girls in the business of sheep raising, arrangements have been completed to organize Sheep Clubs in the province. Members must be between ages of ten to eighteen years. Ten members will constitute a Club. Two grade Shearling ewes will be the number alloted to each. Members can get credit from any bank for purchase price of sheep for one year at 6 p. c. interest. The Department will arrange a fair at which prizes will be given. The Department will loan a pure-bred ram to any Club with twenty ewes.

For information on any of the above policies, write.

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Hon. J. F. Tweeddale,
Minister,
FREDERICTON, N. B

A young Scotsman who married an English lady, and some time afterward he paid a visit to a bachelor uncle.

"Weel, Sandy I hear ye hae gotten a wife," said the old man.

"Yes, uncle."

"What can she dae?".

"Do? What do you mean?"

"Weel," the uncle went on, "can she sew an' knit? Does she mend your claes?"

"No," the young man admitted.

"Humph!" commented the uncle. "Weel, does she cook? Can she make parritch?"

"O, no, uncle!" the young man explained. "The servants do all those things. But you should hear her sing. She has the most beautiful voice you ever heard."

"Sing!" repeated the old man, scornfully. "Man, could ye no hae gottensa canary?"

Her Only Regret.

"How nicely you have ironed these things, Jane," said the mistress, admiringly, to her maid. Then, glancing at the glossy linen, she continued in a tone of surprise: "Oh, but I see they are all your own."

"Yes," replied Jane, "and I'd do all yours just like that if I had time."

NO STRIKING THERE.

The ship and mill men strike, the carpenters strike, the milkmen strike, the railroad employees strike, but the country editor plugs right along. He had hard enough work getting people to pay their subscriptions as it is. What would happen if he struck for higher wages? And as for shorter hours—when he has to serve all positions from office devil, to editor-in-chief, he'd rather strike for longer hours, but that's impossible for there are only twenty-four hours in a day.