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## OLD SHIPPING DAYS IN SAINT JOHN RECALLED

Records Go Back to 1782, 12 Ships Called Here

BENEDICT ARNOLD EARLY BUILDER

Boom Times Enjoyed in Yards Until Wooden Ships Superseded

Perhaps some of the older residents in Saint John can remember the days when the barkentine was a familiar sight in the blue waters of this harbor. The local office of the Dominion Archives possesses a wealth of information concerning the old shipping days, and the following article quoted from the late Rev. W. O. Raymond's manuscript is just a small part of it. It was written in 1888.

"Some years ago shipbuilding was a mystery and a craft, but a great change came over the art when steam was introduced. The further change from wood to iron, and then to steel, almost displaced the shipwright. Ships for commercial purposes may be said to have been built now, so far as their external hulls are concerned, by draftsmen and boiler makers.

**FAR BACK IN 1782.**

"The year 1782 furnishes the first records of Saint John shipping. As in that year it became a port of entry, James White being the first collector of customs. The tonnage which entered Saint John during that year amounted to 144 tons, and the vessels which cleared to 165 tons. Twelve ships in all entered the Harbor of Saint John in that year.

"The first vessel known to have been built in New Brunswick was a sloop, or small schooner, constructed by Jonathan Leavitt in 1770, and two or three other craft of the same kind

appear to have been built in Saint John prior to the landing of the Loyalists. In 1778 a large schooner was built at Miramichi, and named the Miramichi, by William Davidson, the first British settler on that river. From these two schooners the province dates its shipbuilding.

**BUILT BY ARNOLD.**

"In 1788 the Lord Sheffield (termed by the papers of that day 'a most noble ship') was built by Benedict Arnold above the falls, the pioneer of a long line of noble vessels claiming Saint John as their home port. Among the most famous of Saint John ships may be mentioned the clipper Marco Polo, 1,511 tons, built in 1831, and the Morning Light, 2,377 tons, built in 1855. Between the years 1825 and 1888 the smallest quantity of tonnage built was 8,450, in 1829, and the largest, 99,426 tons, in 1884. The total quantity built in these years was 1,317,289 tons, or an average of 36,931 tons per annum.

"The year 1825 was a prosperous one for Saint John, but 1826 was the most disastrous one the province had ever known. Rumors of trouble in England had been heard for a couple of months or more, but on April 8 the full extent of the disaster became known. J. W. Lawrence, in a lecture before the Mechanics' Institute, in 1875, thus referred to that Black Monday:

**FINANCIAL PANIC.**

"The work of a lifetime was swept away in many cases. Strong men wept. Hundreds were ruined. Saint John has never before or since seen such a disastrous day. It was then that the house of Hugh Johnston & Co. fell, which in 1825 loaded over 100 vessels. Ships, which in 1825 were worth \$18 1/2 in England, in 1826 would not bring 2s."

"James Hannay, noted New Brunswick historian, speaks of that disastrous year as follows:

"The year 1825 had been one of great speculation in England, and prices had risen to an extraordinary height. The property that was developed was shared by the people of New Brunswick who were exporters of timber and ships, and who found a good market for all they could produce. But towards the autumn of 1825, the rapid rise in prices was checked, and a decline set in which did not cease until it had brought ruin to thousands, and absolute poverty to many.

"The failure of the great banking house of Peto & Co., in London, brought on a panic in the commercial world. This bank had relations with 44 country bankers, all of whom were more or less involved with it. The crisis that ensued was the greatest that England has known since the year 1793. The panic continued for 10 years, and the Bank

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of England had its resources severely strained.

"The news of these commercial disasters only reached New Brunswick slowly, but by the beginning of April it was known to the merchants of this province that nearly all their agents and correspondents in England had failed. The price of pine timber went down to a merely nominal figure and ship property fell to a corresponding figure. The commercial distress that ensued affected people on both sides of the Atlantic and it was not until the end of the summer that matters began to mend, and prices rose to a point something near the actual cost of the production.

"The lesson thus learned was a severe one, and was referred to by the Lieutenant Governor in his speech at the opening of the legislative session of 1827. It showed that it was not safe for the province to depend for its prosperity on the timber trade or on shipbuilding alone, but that greater attention should be given to other industries which were less subject to violent fluctuations.

**SHIP MEASUREMENTS.**

"The ships built from 1825 to 1835 were measured under the old or 'carpenter's measurement', the calculation of which was based on the outside length, breadth of the vessel, without reference to depth. Under this law the tendency was to build vessels narrow

## GIN PILLS

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## Pale, Tired Mothers Should Beware of Chronic Fatigue

Many a discouraged mother thinks that her thin, pale, tired-out condition is due to exhausting housework and care of children—when as a matter of fact the real cause of all her distressing ailments is chronic fatigue. Don't confuse chronic fatigue with the ordinary fatigue you feel after a good long walk. Chronic fatigue comes from within. Your organs and muscles have become debilitated due to lack of sufficient organic iron in your blood. To conquer chronic fatigue you must strengthen your system by restoring

account of this branch of business must have been very large.

"About 1825 it was noticed with no small degree of alarm that iron ships were being regarded in England with much favor by ship owners, shippers and underwriters. The demand on the Clyde, Mersey and Thames for iron ships was never so great, and on the Clyde alone there were built 118 vessels of 72,000 tons.

**RECORD YEARS.**

"The next year a stimulus was given to the shipbuilding business by the American Civil War, which led shippers to prefer British bottoms, thereby avoiding the increased expenses of war risks. 1863 was the highest year in the building record, 127 vessels of 32,755 tons were constructed in New Brunswick.

"In 1864, owing to the continuance of the war, our ship-building operations increased, although with less remuneration to builders than during the previous year. Towards the end of the year, as the value of new ships in the Liverpool market decreased and the prospects for shipbuilders became more discouraging, wages receded in proportion and the demand for skilled labor diminished. Measuring the amount of new tonnage, the amount would be about 101,848 tons, the greatest ever recorded in the history of the province. Of this amount \$5,711 tons were built at Saint John.

**SAINT JOHN WORK GOOD.**

"In 1865 the value of the Saint John ships in the Liverpool market was depressed and the demand very light, the highest price obtained being £8 1/2 s. a ton. Saint John ships generally sold for £10 s. a ton higher than either the ships built in Quebec or on the North Shore. The difference was due to the superior output on the Saint John ships.

"The value of New Brunswick ships in the Liverpool market during 1866 was still more depressed than in 1865, and during the summer months when the commercial panic was at its height, and money rose to 10 per cent, ships were almost unsaleable. From 1868 down there has been a steady decline in the building record in the busy days in the shipyards around Saint John live only in memory.

**DECLINE BEGINS.**

"In 1874, 72 vessels were registered at the Port of Saint John, and 68, with a total of 55,593 tons, were built here. In 1882 only 38 vessels were built in Saint John, and 45 were registered. On December 31, 1883, there were remaining on the register of the Port of Saint John 601 vessels of 198,254 tons. At the close of 1888 there were some 35 vessels in the course of construction in New Brunswick.

**OUTLOOK IN 1888.**

"While the number of new vessels added to the list of Saint John shipbuilding in 1888, and the aggregate tonnage were less than for many years, the owner witnessed a lifting of the depression that had for a long time rested on the industry. Freight came up with a bound, and owners and builders had been pushing their hands in their pockets to meet current expenses, suddenly found substantial dividends placed to their credit.

"The demand for new vessels of a small class for special trades will no doubt be permanent; indeed the return year by year show a gratifying increase in the number of small vessels constructed in the vicinity of Saint John, as well as in the size of these schooners, and there is no reason why in this line a steady increase should not be made for many years to come, but there is not the faintest hope for the restoration of shipbuilding in its former proportions.

"It is not because square-rigged wooden ships cannot be built in Saint John cheaply, for there is no other country in the world that can compete with us in this respect. Nor is the falling off due to the decline in commerce. There has never been as much interchange of goods between the wide separated people as now. Trade will continue to grow, but it will not be carried on through the instrumentality of wooden ships under sail. Communication by land has been established between many places where formerly communication could be had only by water. Commerce may easily increase without increase in water carriage, so that if iron and steam had not largely taken the place of wood and canvas, the limits of demand would have been reached more easily than one would hastily suppose.

"The shipyards in their day furnished the farmer with a market for the produce of his fields, and put money in the pocket of every producer of goods necessary for the use of the ship carpenter and his family. The cotton factory, sugar refinery, poline mill, car

## BLOOD-STAINED AXE IS FOUND IN HUNT

Presumed Weapon Used in Killing Quebec Couple in Their Home

MONTREAL, Oct. 30.—A blood-stained axe, presumably that with which Charles Bernard and his wife, Sarah, were murdered last week-end in their home at Rougemont, Que., and for which detectives have been looking all week, was found this afternoon in a pile of brush about 80 feet from the cellar door of the murdered couple's house, according to a report received by Dan Lorrain, chief of provincial detectives, from Detective Germain, who has been on duty at Rougemont since the discovery of the crime last Monday.

In his report, the detective stated that there were bloodstains on the handle of the axe, but that its head was clean, probably due to the fact that it had been partially buried in the ground. The instrument will be brought to Montreal for close inspection and for possible fingerprints.

## MRS. STILLMAN SAID TO BE SUING MATE

Secrecy Surrounds Facts Involved in Report; Stories Differ.

New York, Oct. 30.—Complete secrecy tonight surrounded the facts involved in the report that Mrs. Anne U. Stillman had brought suit for absolute divorce against James A. Stillman, the banker who failed in his long efforts to divorce her within the last few years.

So shrouded with mystery has the relationship between Mrs. Stillman and her husband become that it led to widely divergent reports today in circles that have followed the domestic tangle of the couple. One held that Mrs. Stillman had begun divorce action in West Chester county, another that the banker by his wife were on the verge of a reconciliation and still another that the divorce action had been started when efforts at a reconciliation had failed.

works and other industrial establishments must fill the vacant place. And Saint John's facilities as a manufacturing center are unsurpassed in all Canada."

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**Weak and Run-Down.**

To get new health and strength the blood must be enriched. What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills do in cases of this kind is told by Mrs. Augusta Emery, Woodford Station, Alta., who says:—

"I was so weak and run-down, and knowing that there are thousands of women like myself miles away from a doctor, I want to tell them what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me. After my first baby was born I seemed to have little energy. I felt weary and run-down and unable to do even the ordinary household duties. I felt I needed a tonic and as I had long seen Dr. Williams' Pink Pills advertised I decided to try them. I followed the directions and before very long the result was wonderful. Day by day I regained my former strength and energy. The pills seemed to give me a keen appetite and I gained in weight and soon was able not only to do my work about the house but to help with many of the chores on the farm. For this reason I would advise women, particularly those on the prairie or the farm, to keep a supply of these pills always on hand. One trial will convince you of their worth. I have recommended them to many of my friends and never have they failed to produce good results."

**Nerves Sound as Ever.**

There is no torture more intolerable than nervousness. The sufferer starts at every noise, is shaky and depressed. The least thing produces a feeling of irritation, and nights are often sleepless. Often, although in a completely exhausted condition, the patient is unable to sit or lie still. The nerves are in this jaded condition because they are being starved by poor, watery blood, and to restore them to a normal condition the blood must be made rich, red and pure. For this purpose, no other medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They act directly upon the blood, bringing it to the elements necessary to enrich and purify it, thus bringing new health and strength to run-down, nerve-worn people. There is no doubt about this; thousands have testified to the blood-enriching, nerve-restoring qualities of these pills. Among these is Mrs. Aubrey Coldwell, Melanson, N. S., who says:—

"I was badly run-down and my nerves were in a terrible condition. I would start at the least sound and often faint away. I could not sleep at night, and only those who have been in a similar condition can tell what I suffered. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me."



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## SARRAIL RECALLED

Syria, to Paris to furnish a full explanation of the Syrian situation.

It has also been decided to appoint a civilian high commissioner to Syria. This announcement was made after a special cabinet council convened to consider the recent disturbances in Damascus and the general unrest in Syria.

Pending the arrival in Syria of a new civilian high commissioner, the duties of the office will be in charge of General Dupont, a member of the Supreme War Council, who is now in Syria on a mission of investigation.

PARIS, Oct. 30.—Official announcement was made tonight that the Government had summoned General Sarrail, French High Commissioner in

## A TONIC TO RESTORE BLOOD AND NERVES

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**Brought Back Health.**

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**An Operation Avoided.**

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"I am one of the many for whom Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done wonders. About three years ago I was so weak that I could not do my housework, or even go about without feeling utterly worn out. The doctor suggested that an operation was the only thing that would help me, but this I refused to undergo, and I returned home almost in despair. My trouble was all due to the lingering change of life. At this time I read an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and decided to try them. By the time I had used six boxes there was no doubt they were just what I needed, and under their continued use for some time my health was fully restored, and since that time I have been in the best of health. I am writing this letter in the hope that it may induce some other suffering women to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and regain their health."

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