

The principal fishing at White Head is the herring fishing in weirs. Those weir-herring are principally all smoked, and, consequently, the preparation of so many thousand of boxes of smoked herring, from the time they are taken out of the weirs, all shining and silvery-scaled, until they are ready for the gridiron, keeps many hands busily and profitably employed.

There is a Free Will Baptist meeting house here and also a schoolhouse. The people, generally, are moral, honest and industrious. Circumstances occasionally of an unpleasant nature occur, but, in praise of White Head, it may be said that they originate chiefly with fishermen and others who visit the place only for a time, and not the permanent residents.

This state of things may be regarded as an index to other parts of Grand Manan—indeed, to the island and its islands generally. The introduction of many newcomers have introduced as well, many unpleasant episodes in the history of Grand Manan at the present day; but as an increasing population ever adds its bad with its good, and too frequently in corresponding ratio, to keep the field wholly free from the thistle, brier, and hurtful weed cannot be. It is too much to be expected.

White Head obtained its name, doubtless, from its white appearance, which bears some slight resemblance to the white, chalky cliffs of Albion. Viewed at a distance from a deck at sea, it presents a dreary and uninviting aspect, and to a mariner a dread, with a wish that no fortuitous event may ever cast him on its grim-looking rocks. A nearer approach, however, soon dispels those unfavorable impressions, and the verdure of little fertile spots, comfortable cottages, smoke-houses, and the merry laugh of childhood ringing out like the sweet chiming of Sabbath-bells, the lowing of cattle, the bleating of sheep, and the numerous white sails of sharp-shaped boats, dotting every nook, cove and inlet, fills the heart of the weather-beaten tar with thoughts of former days and boyhood scenes in his own land; and, heaving a sigh of regret at their departure, would fain land and live at White Head. It is from a point of land jutting out at the eastern part of Grand Harbour that foot passengers to White Head take their departure