

Pioneers of Tryon and North River.

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AMONG the many attractive and progressive communities belonging to Prince Edward Island few are more worthy of note for their social history or for their agricultural advancement than Tryon and North River. The names of these localities are linked together because of the kinship existing between the leading families residing there. Their growth in population and in prosperity has many elements in common; and they trace their success to the worthy pioneers who laid the foundations of social life in these places. In the present paper an attempt is made to furnish a little helpful information respecting those early settlers.

Through the courtesy of A. E. Holland, Esq., of Centreville, there lies before me a quaint and most interesting document belonging to the last century, and bearing date April 25, 1768, from which valuable data regarding the early occupation of Tryon may be obtained. It consists of "Articles of agreement indented and concluded between Captain Samuel Holland, Surveyor-general for His Majesty's Northern District of North America, on the one part; and William Warren, Jacob Stagman, Henry Gouldrup, Daniel McCann and Thomas Shatforth, on the other part," conveying to these persons a tract of land lying on the eastern side of Tryon River. The document was drawn up and executed at Quebec, where the parties concerned seem to have been residing at the date mentioned. From its contents we gather that the grantor's title to the property referred to was still incomplete. In company with others, he had petitioned George III. for the possession of certain lots and settlements on the Island of St. John's, and the request had been granted. The Board of Trade and Plantations had informed the petitioners that the distribution of lands had been made by drawing lots, and that Lot 28 had fallen to the ownership of Capt. Holland. Letters patent had not, however, arrived as yet; and the conveyance was made anticipatively to the new purchasers. Among the