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EARLY DAYS OF ST-LAWRENCE, WHEN OUTLAW BANDS HELD SWAY

The Observer Tells How Many Got Their Names and Some Interesting Facts Concerning Their History—Also the First Settlers Along the Shores of the Great Waterway.

Observer in On-the-St.-Lawrence, Clayton, N. Y.

The first official survey of the St. Lawrence river was made by Capt. W. E. W. Owen, of the British royal navy, in 1818. The charts with description in print of this region being published in 1828.

Previous to 1874, when the United States government ordered a second survey of the river, copies of the old English charts were scattered here and there throughout northern New York and Canada, but since that time they have become worn out or destroyed by fire until but few if any are in existence. The official numbers of those charts that possibly some of our readers may desire to possess as an interesting addition to their private libraries recorded in the admiralty office at London, England, as 338, the sheet referring to this particular locality being No. 6, Nos. 5 and 7 being extensions up and down river. There seems to be no records of Iroquois Indian names as applied to any one of the Thousand Islands, and it is to be noted that Owen ignored them and bestowed names of English localities and prominent persons as for instance, Jeffrey's, now known as Grenells, and Amherst, now known as Pine, the two names having been that of Gen. Jefferys Amherst, commander of the British army, with headquarters near Lake George during the French and Indian war of 1758, and under whom one of my ancestors, Abraham Stickney, was a British soldier. Pictou Island was named by Capt. Owen, as was Crawford, now Bluff; Oporto Head, now Grand View Park; Sir James, now Gordon Island, and Parkenham, now Maple. Maple Island, one of the most prominently located and beautiful of all, has been connected in some way with tragedies that make it seem like a haunted house.

Parkenham, as Capt. Owen named it, was the name of the English general who was killed at the battle of New Orleans during the war of 1812. Embalming of dead bodies was either unknown in those days, or the material was not at hand, so the general was shipped back to his native land in a barrel of alcohol as preservative. The body arrived at an English port in good condition, but several gimlet holes in the barrel were evidence that thieves had drawn and consumed the liquor.

Fifty years later near Maple Island there was the burning of the hermit's cabin at night and his disappearance. It has since been believed that he was murdered by enemies and the body, with heavy weights, sunk far out in the channel.

At Fishers Landing, as one of the places where in early days death by violence occurred, there are yet to be seen the stones with which a deep well was filled to hide evidence of a tragedy as the result of a free-for-all fight at a loghouse dance back in the 1840's.

But times and customs have changed. Where once neither life nor property was secure, there is, with but occasional outcroppings of degeneracy and inherited criminal disposition, peace and prosperity. As a rather vivacious young woman probably ignorant of the old saw, "Children and fools tell disagreeable truths," expressed herself a few days ago: "We're a pretty good lot of folks to have been descended from such ancestry as ours, aren't we?"

Gibson, transferred to Cuba. Mr. Brymner has arrived here.

While in Lethbridge Mr. Brymner made many friends and the Board of Trade there gave him a special luncheon. He had been president of the board from 1914 to 1919 and had served with great efficiency. A Lethbridge paper says: "He was one whose counsel could always be relied upon and who had always been willing to do all in his power for the benefit of the city and district. Not only had he rendered valuable services to the Board of Trade, but had been a prime mover in the musical festival and the social and church life of the city."

R. J. Dinning, manager of the Merchants' Bank, spoke on behalf of the bank managers of the city. Mr. Dinning declared that Mr. Brymner had always inspired his fellow managers with confidence, and when a bank manager can do that there is something to him. Mr. Dinning then presented Mr. Brymner with a pipe and an empty flask as a slight token of esteem from the members of the board.

When Mr. Brymner rose to reply the audience stood and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." When the row subsided he replied in suitable terms and was given three cheers and a tiger. He said: "I feel that I am in the uncomfortable position of a corpse without going before with proper ceremony. It is very trying to a young and bashful man to listen to his obituary. I would like to make a long speech and tell you a lot of things but I do not know how. I appreciate this present and all the kind things that have been said. I will always cherish throughout my life. I came here in 1913 just as the crest of prosperity had swept over the rocks and we had to take some of the buffeting between the rocks a little. I believe I have benefited a great deal from my stay in Lethbridge and I feel that by leaving here I am not getting away from my friends because I feel I have a good many friends who will always remain my friends."

Mr. Brymner originally came from Ottawa, so he is near home. He will be heartily welcomed to Kingston.

AGAINST BEST INTERESTS

Of Cheese Industry to Ship to Montreal For Sales.

A former president of the Frontenac Cheese Board writes to the Whig regarding the proposal to change the system of marketing cheese. He says: "I would like to be there and have something to say about the shipping of cheese to Montreal to be sold. I hope, and I think, that the farmers and cheese manufacturers of Frontenac know very well that such a move would be entirely against the best interest of the cheese industry, and one of the strongest rules that the Frontenac Board has always had was that the cheese must be weighed and inspected and paid for at the point of shipment. They won't surely play into the Montreal men's hands and lose money and create positions for a few men who seem to be tumbling over themselves."

The writer does not look favorably upon the new proposals, and he says he would like to be present at the board to take a part in the discussion, as he thinks that the farmer will be the loser by the co-operative method of marketing cheese.

Another sign of spring is the worried efforts of young fathers to decide whether it will be a new baby carriage or a second hand motor car.

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WORKING ON THE ROADS

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The Price of Seed and the Lateness of Spring Will Cause a Change in the Year's Produce—What Farmers Say.

Unless something unforeseen happens the price of grain next fall will be the highest in history. On Tuesday morning, when speaking to some men who are in a position to know what they say, the Whig learned that there will be many reasons for the increase in cost.

One reason is that last year there was practically no grain which means that the farmers are compelled to pay high sums for seed grain. One feed merchant stated that he could well remember the days when he sold seed clover for \$8.00 a bushel and was then making a good turn-over, but to-day seed clover was \$14 a bushel.

When people make the statement that oats are dear they do not realize that seed oats cost \$1.30 to \$2.00 a bushel. Another reason for the increase is that the spring is very late and farmers have been unable to get in the seed. It was only during the last few days that farmers have been able to get out on the land. The shortage of farm help is another. For years there has been a shortage of labor but never as bad as it is at the present time.

Many farmers who live on the road over which the new highway is to be constructed state that on account of the high cost of seed and also the late spring they have decided to spend a good part of their time working on the new highway and will only put in a very small crop. This means that there will certainly be a great shortage.

It is the feeling of many people if the work on the highway could have held over until about June 1st, it would mean that hundreds, in fact thousands, of bushels of seed would have been put in by the men who are working at the construction work.

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