

Activities in Harvey Fifty Years Ago Resembled Those of Community's Centenary-Year

Files of The Gleaner of 1887 Give Accounts of School-closing, Weddings, Accidents, Removals and Personal Mention—Honor-list of Superior School—Wails Concerning High Prices.

Harvey Station, N. B., July 14.—Fifty years is a long time when measured in changes in names and faces of those who have gone on or have moved away. In Harvey perhaps fewer changes would be noticed than in many other places, because few of the original families have gone; they and their descendants have remained on the old homesteads to develop and to build.

In The Gleaner files of 1887, when Harvey was just fifty years of age, are found accounts of the social happenings in the community. The things done and the good times enjoyed seem to be little different than those which take place to-day, yet when one looks at the names of those people he finds that he is reading the day-by-day life history of his forefathers. We have quoted a number of paragraphs from social notes dealing with Harvey, gleaned from The Daily Gleaner 1887 files.

School Closing.

"The Superior School held its public examination on Friday last. The work occupied six hours and embraced all the subjects of the course. The principal, A. Heron, questioned the pupils critically in their various studies, and the prompt answers and correct knowledge showed that each scholar was well up in his work. Miss Thomas' pupils also did well and reflect credit on their teacher. She is to take a six months' rest, and the pupils and parents are sorry to lose the services of one who has been persevering and kind. Many parents attended the exercises and were well pleased with the work done, with the readings and recitations of the younger, and the essays of the older pupils. One essay in particular was very good, being an epitome of events of Her Majesty's reign. The honor list is as follows:

Seventh Grade: W. Craig, W. Donahoe, Sadie Patterson.

Sixth Grade: Ella Donahoe.

Fifth Grade: Chas. Pass, Sterling Mowatt.

Fourth Grade: Ada McGee, Mary Thompson."

New Residence.

"Mr. George Wood had his house about finished. It is large and commodious, and has a beautiful situation near the lake. He is an expert angler, and keeps a fine large boat

"While speaking of angling I may say that John Swan, Esq., who pays an annual visit to the St. Croix for the salmon-fishing, sent home a few days since, a fine salmon weighing 21 lbs., the result of one of his casts.

"A new schoolhouse is in process of erection. It is large, occupies a pleasant site, and will be an addition to the settlement.

"The Cleghorn boys are adding weekly to their fame as bear-hunters. They caught another one last week, making four this season since stream-driving. Mr. Burtank of Charlotte, came up and purchased the hides.

"The school at the "Swamp" is nearing completion. A large force of men were at work on Saturday fencing in the grounds with wire.

"Mr. G. Dykeman, while working at a shingle-edger, had one of his fingers cut off.

"John Taylor has been whitewashing and otherwise renovating his store and hall. The past week he visited St. Stephen and Fredericton on business.

Losses in Livestock.

"Allen Little of Little Settlement, lost a horse a few days since. It was eating the rank grass which grew around an old well on his premises; and stepping on the covering fell through and was drowned in a few minutes.

"Ross Embleton lost a fine cow. He found her in the field lying in a

small hollow; and it is supposed that she rolled into the hole in which she was found, and was not able to get up again.

"The exodus still continues. One of our hardy New Brunswickers, a son of John Cessford, leaves to-night for British Columbia to join his brother, who has been there some years. So it goes.

"The 'Grub Road' put on its smoothest surface and nature her blandest smiles last week when James Brownrig of Acton, was united in holy bonds of matrimony with Mrs. George. This is the first contract of this kind consummated in this rural neighborhood.

"The members of the church and the "Sewing Circle" intend holding a bazaar and strawberry festival on July 5th at the church grounds.

"Mr. Thomas Christie and Miss Maggie Davison, both of Wilnot Settlement, were married by Rev. Mr. McLean last Wednesday. They have gone to Fredericton on a bridal tour.

"Mrs. Brown, wife of Trackmaster Brown, of the New Brunswick Railway, is here visiting at the house of Mrs. Smith.

Miss Jesse Burpee of Nashwaaksis, has taken charge of the superior school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Thomas.

Injured in Maine.

Matthew Little Jr. met with a serious accident. He was working in the Maine woods and cut his foot, taking one toe off, and severing the great toe in half. He was carried a half mile through the woods by the men, and then placed on horseback and taken to camp. He is doing well although weak from the loss of blood.

"Matthew Piercey Esq., for many years resident of this district, but for the last 12 years residing in Comox, Vancouver Island, is here revisiting old friends and neighbors. He likes N. B. for its old associations and home ties, but prefers the land of his adoption as better suited for agriculture.

Kicked by Colt.

"Charlie, James Swan's, little boy, while at a friend's visiting was kicked in the face by a colt. It was a severe blow and cut a gash on his cheek to the bone, and nearly two inches long. The physician put in several stitches and the little fellow is doing well.

"The Grange building is nearing completion. It is 34x20 and will be a hall and storehouse.

"The picnic on the 24th is taking up a great deal of attention. It is the first time the steam-engine has been used at a picnic in this neighborhood. It will drive the round-about serving all parties.

Potato Shipments.

"Mr. J. Smith has shipped one car of potatoes to the Boston market and several more are ordered, which will be sent away this week. The crop is bad. Although the yield is good, one half is rotten, owing no doubt to the wet season. Oats and buckwheat are heavy yields and Manners Sutton can feed itself for the next year.

"The Rev. Mr. McLean having got back from his vacation preached last evening to a good audience in Tay-

lor's Hall. Miss Maud Glendenning presided at the organ. Text: Matthew 14-17.

"There is to be a picnic at Brockway on Wednesday next. A giant swing driven by horsepower will be in operation and all the other attractions as usual.

"Mr. Thomas Craig has the contract for carrying the mails between Harvey and Brockway. He goes on the route the first of October. Mr. Craig being prompt and careful in all his undertakings will without doubt, make a good carrier, and will get his mails through in time.

"Councillors and their doings—nil.