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HISTORY

OF

ISLANDS & ISLETS

IN THE

BAY OF FUNDY.

Charlotte County, New Brunswick:

FROM THEIR EARLIEST SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT  
TIME; INCLUDING

SKETCHES OF SHIPWRECKS AND OTHER  
EVENTS OF EXCITING INTEREST

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here recuperate their impaired health, recruit their flagging spirits, returning to their respective localities with buoyancy of spirit and agility of limb, such as was experienced by the cripples from the Pool of Bethesda!

With the increase of summer visitors, hotel accommodation must keep pace. A good hotel will be required at Woodward's Cove or Grand Harbour, and another at Seal Cove, or in the vicinity of Deep Cove, near the residence of W. B. McLaughlin, Esq.; and should Mr. McLaughlin convert his fine private residence into an hotel—with his well-known desire to please—the enterprise would be a success. To dine on a rich leg of mutton, and then visit the Old Maid of Southern Head, and return before tea—how pleasant! The Old Bishop at North Head would never write its pastoral.

#### MINERALS.

This island presents a fair and an extensive field for a more thorough investigation of its mineral resources than it has as yet received. Its geological researches have not been adequate to its deposits. Lumps of copper ore, one weighing several pounds, in its native purity, have been picked up at different places from time to time, in the vicinity of Eel Brook, Fish Head and around the shores of Whale Cove; and yet, strange to say, those tangible proofs of this valuable ore existing here remained disregarded, until, in 1862, Moses Bagley made a new discovery of copper at the western or back part of the island, near a small cove called Sloop Cove.

Parties from England, attracted by the report of this discovery, visited the place and began mining operations in 1870. The ore is known as grey copper and contains 90 per cent. of pure copper. This mining party penetrated 210 feet into a cliff, near the beach, finding as they progressed the prospects of the ore in quality and quantity increasing. Why the party discontinued and returned to England cannot be well accounted for. The statement has been made, and it remains uncontradicted, that the soil of the island covers a strata of copper.

Baryta, combining the sulphate and carbonate acids, is found to abound plentifully near Pettes' Cove and in the Fish Head vicinity. It is a very valuable mineral.

and only requires a little capital and more enterprise to make it yield a large return for all outlays. The time may not be far distant when the hammer of the geologist may strike the blow that will set the miner's pickaxe at work in true earnest; and then the cheery song of the fisherman, as he nears the rocky shore with his boat load of fish, will blend merrily with the ring of steel striking the shining metal from its bed of ages! Thus will land and sea contribute in making Grand Manan shine brighter and brighter as one of the gems of the bay.

#### HORSES AND CATTLE.

The number of horses at present on the island may be counted up to 70, and horned cattle, oxen, cows and young stock upwards of 150, while sheep are numbered by hundreds. It is becoming quite common now for our youths and maidens, instead of visiting their friends or amusing themselves in sail or row boats, to step into a covered carriage or open wagon—of the newest style from Dewolf's factory in St. Stephen or from Nova Scotia—and "take a drive." The "saddle" is too old-fashioned, and the "sulky" is not sufficiently pleasing. That very welcome vehicle, too, the meat cart, makes its appearance up and down the island; and no person relishes a nice beefsteak or mutton-chop with greater zest than a sturdy, hungry fisherman.

In concluding the present history of Grand Manan, the author candidly confesses that he has not done full justice to the subject. With a willing hand, and an earnest desire to do justice, he is notwithstanding conscious of having left much undone of what ought to have been done, and, it may be, of having done what ought not to have been done. The small price of the work would not justify elaborate details.

A glance at the past and the present relative to Grand Manan, will convince the most sceptical that this fine island has kept steady march on the road leading onwards and upwards, towards independence; and if not oppressed and overburdened and crushed by and beneath the weight of taxes from outside herself, she will prove the nursery of a brave and able population of men, to