

slowly the Settlement became self-sustaining and hopeful.

The first sale of real estate took place in 1785, when Jacob Libbey sold his farm extending from the Bridge to Main Street, and perhaps further down, to Nehemiah Marks, for £25, in money, a barrel of beef and a barrel of pork. The land is now valued several hundred times higher; but Libbey was in need of funds and food, and probably felt satisfied with his bargain.

With our well supplied markets on every side, where every needful commodity is kept for sale, it is difficult for us to realize the many deprivations and consequent trials of a new and isolated settlement. In those early days, fish and venison were plenty, but often almost uncatable for want of salt. It was therefore a very joyful day when Capt. Robert Pagon arrived at St. Stephen with a small cargo of salt;—the first ever imported. Tradition has not preserved the date, but the auspicious event could not be forgotten. How nice it was, and how grateful these poor people were, to have their potatoes and fish or moose beef, seasoned with salt!

In addition to the persons already mentioned in these annals, the following list of names is copied from old account books kindly loaned the author by G. M. Porter Esq., kept in the store of his father, Joseph Porter, at Ferry Point, Calais, from 1788 to 1791. It was probably the first store in the vicinity, and it received the patronage of the entire community. Few of the people at that time had much ready money; and hence as many as could, bought goods on credit, and therefore their names appear in Mr. Porter's day-books. The settlements had no legal names and none are found



In the store records ; but his customers doubtless included nearly all the people on each side of the St. Croix, from Baileyville to Robbinston, including the parishes of St. James and St. David. The early education of these pioneers had in many instances been sadly neglected. Each one knew his own name, but some were not acquainted with the art of spelling. The entry clerk, himself not a Master of Arts, adopted the phonographic style of spelling according to sound : and his careless and faded penmanship is in some places almost illegible. As nearly as possible I give the names as he wrote them, and leave the reader to decide for himself whom they mean.

In 1788, those who "got trusted" at the store were Samuel Andrews, Nathaniel Bailey, John Berry, Dea. Jacob Boyden, Benj. Bradford, Wm. Bugbee, Peter Butler, John Campbell, Peter Church, Esq., Henry Colloff, John Dyer (?) James Dyer, Jones Dyer, Robert Conners, Thomas Fitzsimons, Thomas Grace, James Gozline, David Hitchings, John and David Johnson, Samuel Jones, Thomas Lindsay, John Long, Hugh MacKay, Angus McDonald, Donald McDougal, John McKinsay, John McPhail, Alex. McRa Esq., James McNab, Hugh Maleom, David Mowatt, Samuel Pierce, Thomas Pettigrove, Francis Pettigrove, Joseph Porter, William Scott, Abiel Sprague, James Sprague, Wm. Swain, Thos. Tompkins, Robert Watson, and Thomas Wire.

In 1789, the following additional names are found in the Day-book :—

Bray, Brady, John R. Brewer, Henry Brown, Esq. Colin Campbell, Carlow, John Cooper, Thos. Delydier, Dr. Samuel Emerson, Robert Fawcett, John Foster, Dr. Gordon, Henry Gouldsmith, Eben Greenlaw,



Joseph Hale, John Hamlin, James Hannah, Benjamin Henderson, Humphrey, Job Johnson, William Kilby, James Lane, Thomas Lashare, Nin. Lindsay, William Mabce, Jacob Mabce, Hugh McPhail, Morrison. Andrew Murchie, McCullum, Jacob Norwood, Eben Owen, Alex. Patterson, Joseph Parker, Daniel Ray, A. M. Simpson, Barna Simpson, Daniel Soames, Daniel Swett, Ed. F. and N. J. Robbins, Wm. Tower, Matthew Thornton, Samuel Turner and Robert Verder.

In 1790-91, the following additional names are found in Mr. Porter's Account books :—

Thomas Ball, Isaac Bailey, John Barber, John Bohannon, Neal Brown, Jona. Caldwell, Hugh Campbell, Geo. and Peter Christie, John Colvin. Roberson Crocker, Silas Cummins, Joseph Dunham, John Fairbanks, Alex. Furguson, Wm. Frazier, Moses Fisk, John and Jeremiah Frost, B. Getchell, James and Wm. Grant, Thomas Grimmer, John Hall, Martin Haman, John Hasty, Daniel, Joseph, and Samuel Hill, Robert Hitchings, John Hopps, Wm. Jackson, Joseph Lawler, Robert Livingstone, John Loyall, Peter McDarmed, Neal McBean, Rev. Duncan M'Coll, Duncan McCullum, Daniel McCormie, James Maxfield, Thomas Mitchell, John Murchie, Samuel Millberry, James and John Noble, Robert Pagon, John Pettigrove, Abraham Pine, Benj. Pomroy, Dennis and Miles Post, Angus Rankins, Capt. Ed. Ross, Sibley, Mikel Simpson, James Stewart, Stickney, Ralph Taylor, Charles Thomas, Isaac Titcomb, Tyler, James Thompson and Jacob Young.

No estimate of the population of St. Stephen can be made from these names, as quite a number of the persons mentioned did not reside in this Parish. But if the tradition is truthful, that in 1790, there were only sixteen white residents in Calais, then there must have



Dover, instead of the uneuphonious though pious cognomen of Saint Stephen.

The same year, 1806, Wm. Pike of Wiscasset, Me., and his second wife, Hannah Sheppard, became citizens of Calais. Their home was near the river bank in the rear of Young's Hotel. From the first, Mr. Pike was one of the most able, active and efficient managers of public affairs. His name is on almost every page of the Town Records, as long as he lived. But in an evil day, July 1, 1818, while on his way to Eastport in an open boat, to celebrate the restoration of Moose Island by the English, Mr. Pike fell overboard and was drowned. His three sons, Fred. A., James S., and Charles, thus early left to orphanage and indigence, have done honor to his memory and to the city, as financiers, writers and statesmen.

From year to year, other families moved in, children were born and business increased, till the need of an organization to raise money, construct highways, support schools and take care of the poor, began to be clearly perceived. Accordingly a petition was sent to the General Court of Massachusetts, and an Act granting the power to incorporate the town, was passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, June 15, 1809. The warrant calling the first Town meeting, was issued by Oliver Shedd, Esq., of Eastport, and served by Stephen Brewer. It was held July 31, 1809, "at the Inn of Capt. Shubael Downes," and the following officers were elected:—

**MODERATOR.**—Stephen Brewer.

**CLERK.**—William Griggs.

**TREASURER.**—Stephen Brewer.

**SELECTMEN.**—William Pike, Jarius Keene, Francis Pettigrove.

COLLECTOR.—Thomas Pettigrove, Sr.

CONSTABLES.—Jones Dyer, Jr., Wm. Griggs.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.—Jonathan Knight, Jarius Keene, John Bohannon, Sr., Jones Dyer, Sr., Simeon Elliott.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.—Joseph Prescott, Daniel Rhoades, William Sherman.

FENCE VIEWERS.—Jarius Keene, Francis Pettigrove, William Pike.

HOG REEVES.—Nathan Foss, Shubael Downes, Wm. Pike, Eli Russell, Thomas Hill, Paul Knight, Wm. Griggs, Stephen Brewer.

Thus the political life of the town began. Half the voters were elected to office; though some probably in sport. We can hardly imagine swine enough to require the legal supervision of eight athletic Hog Reeves; but the list shows us the names of the wide-awake men of the day. Alas! not one of them is now living.

But officers were not enough for the exigency. Work was needed. Another Town meeting was held Sept. 14, 1809, in which it was "voted to accept the road just laid out from Stillwater (Milltown) to Ferry Point, and from thence down river to the Ledge." It is fair to infer that previous to this time, there were no highways, and no roads for the traveller but bridle paths in Summer, and logging roads in Winter. In these, on horseback, on rude sleds, but more generally on foot, the hardy settlers had managed to get along for thirty years. But a new age had come, and henceforth everybody and everything was to go faster and easier.

During this decade, St. Stephen had also made some progress. Good schools had been established,



Brewer's house, Paul Knight, Samuel Darling and Joshua Burbank were chosen a committee "to call on Wm. Pike and request of him a settlement of the town accounts for 1809-10, or to give up to them the town account books; and to report their doings at the next annual meeting." The results of this illegal proceeding, were dissension, hard feelings and a harder struggle with want. The merits of the case have long ago been forgotten.

At an adjourned meeting held Oct. 12, it was "voted to accept the road laid out from James Sprague's to the Robbinston line." Thus, thirty two years after its first settlement, the town first had a public road,—at least a road in name, extending through the whole length of its territory.

The aspect of affairs in the Spring of 1812, was gloomy and discouraging. The coming war cloud began to darken the whole country. Business was stagnating. The population of Calais was not increasing. Money was scarce and debts plenty. But nearly all the people were brave, war Republicans, and they gathered up their courage and strength, and went on with the usual routine of affairs.

At the annual meeting, held April 6th, Shubael Downes was chosen Moderator; Joseph Whitney, Clerk; Jones Dyer, Treasurer; Shubael Downes, Jones Dyer and Jarius Keene, Selectmen; Samuel Darling, Jones Dyer, Jr., Paul Knight, Francis Pettigrove and Jarius Keene, School Committee. \$300 were appropriated for the support of schools, \$200, to defray town expenses, and eight per cent. allowed for collecting the taxes. This increase in the percentage was not made because the price of labor was higher, but because in the hard

Children:—Adaline Todd, F. H.; William Henry; George A.; Caroline M. Hayden, C. H., of Eastport, d.; Anna L. Eaton, H. F.; Gorham, of New York city; Charles E.; Mary E. Dexter, Rev. H. V., D. D., formerly of Calais; Emily F. Lowell, Elwell.

## DEMING.

WILLIAM, son of Charles and Mehitabel, came to Calais from Brighton Mass., in 1824; has ever since been a successful merchant; married Sarah Wilcox, of Dartmouth, Mass. Children:—William, d.; Mrs. Sarah J. Purington, Capt. Isaac; Mrs. Emma Granger, Gen. G. F.; Charles L.; Mrs. Rebecca Eaton, C. B.

## DUREN.

HON. WILLIAM, came from Waterville, Me., about 1827; engaged in lumbering and trade; has served as representative and senator in the Legislature of Maine, and as mayor of Calais; been successful in business; married Mary Dutch; and has two children, viz:—Mrs. Adelaide Sawyer, E. D., of Cambridgeport, Mass.; Jed Frye.

## DYER.

JONES, came from Machias with his family, 1784. His children were, James, Jones, Jr., Nathan, Mrs. Thomas Hill, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Henry Knight, all deceased.

The children of James were, James, Jr., Samuel, Mrs. Chase, d., Mrs. Westbrook Knight, d.

Jones, Jr. married Lydia Knight, and their children were, Mrs. Maria Sawyer, Thomas; Mrs. Harriet White, L. C., d.; Edward S., of Washington Territory; John H., d.; Harrison, d.; Mrs. Lydia Kettelle of Boston; Mrs. Sophia Porter, C. C. Dr.; Geo. W. of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Helen Bradbury, A. R., Dr.; Mrs. Josephine, Dodge Dr.; the last two of Santa Barbara, California.

## EATON.

JOSEPH EMERSON, a native of Groton, Mass.; born in 1809; came to St. Stephen in 1830, and at once engaged in lumbering. Soon after, the death of his brother-in-law, David Wright, left to him the management of a large business, which he conducted with great energy and ability. He continued in the lumbering business until the brief illness which terminated his life in 1869. His fortune at death amounted to nearly \$1,000,000. His children are, Charles B., of St. Stephen; Joseph E., of Calais; Herbert; Albert; Bradley, of Calais; Elizabeth Benton, Philadelphia.

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