

REPORT

OF THE

Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

To His Honour

Major-General the Honourable D. C. Howe, C.B.E., D.S.O.,
C.D.,

Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.

For the Year 1959

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Respectfully submitted,

R. L. STANFIELD,

Premier.

Board of Trustees

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA

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Report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

For the Year 1959

To the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia
Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the annual report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1959.

The past year has been both active and interesting for the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in every phase of its operations. Signal progress has been made in the acquisition and in the assimilation of materials; increasing use has been made of its resources; several special displays have been arranged. A repainting of the lobby on the ground-floor, of the photographic room and of my secretary's office has greatly enhanced their attractiveness; and several pieces of new equipment have been acquired.

Notable acquisitions of manuscript records were made. These included such rather substantial collections as the correspondence and other papers of the Lieutenant-Governor for the years 1905-1953 (with gaps), which were transferred from Government House; marriage bonds for the years 1763 to 1863 which were transferred from the office of the Deputy Registrar General; records pertaining to mining rights, licenses to search and leases (1864-1946) from the Department of Mines; and a number of ledgers which were transferred from the Provincial Treasurer's office. Among the other important accessions were the assessment rolls and the collector's rolls of the Municipality of the County of Halifax for many of the years from 1902 to 1948; papers of the Pernette and Miller families, of Bridgewater, which were presented by Dr. Elizabeth Hall, of Bridgewater; the Massachusetts-Halifax Health Commission Monthly Reports, 1919-1928, presented by Mayor Charles A. Vaughan; and records and documents relating to Edward Howe, a member of the Council of Nova Scotia, 1744-50, donated by Mrs. Mary Hamond, of Portchester, Hampshire, England.

Besides these manuscript documents, interesting accessions relating to Jones Fawson, Richard John Uniacke and Crofton Uniacke were received from Mrs. A. C. Cuthbertson, Sackville, N. B.; miscellaneous business and legal records were received from T. H. Coffin, Q.C., of Halifax; and records of the Pictou Mining Co. for the years 1867 to 1874 were procured from Boston. A volume of warrants to the Provincial Treasurer for the period 1760 to 1764 was also transferred from Province House to the Archives Building; and a number of miscellaneous documents pertaining to Windsor were donated by Mr. F. G. O'Brien of St. Lambert, P. Q.

In addition to these records, which are to be preserved in the Archives Building, I have been able to borrow and reproduce on microfilm important collections from Pictou Academy and from Robin, Jones and Whitman, Limited. Those having to do with Pictou Academy, from the foundation of that institution to the year 1958, were copied through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Kennedy of Pictou; those pertaining to Robin, Jones and Whitman, Limited, cover the years 1790 to 1858 and were borrowed from Col. P. L. Whitman of Halifax.

The microfilm collection continues to expand. During the year about 77 reels, approximately 7700 feet of films, both negative and positive, have been acquired. These mainly comprise newspapers, some of which were photographed here and others of which are positive films presented by the Halifax Herald, Limited, of current issues of both the *Chronicle-Herald* and the *Mail-Star*. But they also include reproductions of the Journals of the House of Assembly for 1767 to 1775; of H. W. Hewitt's History of Lunenburg County; of Kenneth Pryke's theses on the repeal movement in Nova Scotia, and Nova Scotia and Confederation; records of the Sons of Temperance at Smith's Cove, 1860-66; and records of St. Barnabas' Church of England, Blandford; Christ Church, Church of England, Dartmouth; St. Paul's Church of England, Londonderry; and St. John's Church of England, Truro. Among the newspapers photographed here were the *Cape Breton Post* of October 1, 1958 to February 28, 1959; the *Colonial Standard*, of Pictou, for November 1, 1864 to May 28, 1872, and from May 31, 1887 to October 18, 1892; a number of issues of the *Presbyterian Witness* for 1863 and 1864; the *Nova Scotian* for 1892, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911; and miscellaneous issues of Shelburne and

Yarmouth County ones. A copy of the Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper papers, from the Public Archives of Canada, was also obtained.

There has also been a considerable expansion of our newspaper collection. Current issues of the *Halifax Chronicle-Herald* and *Mail-Star*, the *Cape Breton Post*, the *Dartmouth Free Press*, the *Antigonish Casket*, the *Berwick Register*, the *Hants Journal*, the *Maritime Co-operator* and the *Spryfield News* have been acquired. From Mr. R. D. Duchemin of Sydney a noteworthy acquisition of 69 volumes of the *Sydney Post* and *Sydney Post-Record* was received.

To the map collection approximately 100 additions have been made. One interesting acquisition was a series of topographic maps of the Province.

Over 400 pictures were acquired during the year. Thirty-seven of these, which were transferred from Government House, are pictures of Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and Administrators of Nova Scotia; one hundred and eighty-four are reproductions from plates made by Notman; and some were presented by the late Mrs. Elizabeth R. Coward, of Bridgetown.

The library received 458 books and 260 pamphlets in 1959. Worthy of mention is the fact that I succeeded not only in procuring over 200 volumes from the library of the late Harry Piers, who was for a number of years Deputy Keeper of Records, as well as Curator of the Provincial Museum, but also in acquiring through the courtesy of Dr. F. L. Akin, of Windsor, and Mr. Arthur Akin of Falmouth, a number of books from the library of the late Dr. T. B. Akins, who was the first Provincial Archivist.

Noteworthy muniments were also received from Mrs. A. W. Bennett of Alma, N. B.; Mr. E. N. Rhodes of Ottawa; and Premier R. L. Stanfield. Mrs. Bennett presented a gold snuff-box which had been given to James Boyle Uniacke by the friends of Constitutional Government in Halifax in 1844. Mr. Rhodes donated stamps, coins, medals and other mementoes of his father, the late Hon. E. N. Rhodes. Premier Stanfield presented a book, entitled *Queensland, Daughter of the Sun: a record of a century of responsible government*. Another timely accession was a film and sound track of the celebration of the golden anniversary of flight in Canada.

A very interesting collection of Nova Scotia postage stamps was also procured this year; and ten pieces of eight, from a collection of coins unearthed at Lower Sackville, were acquired.

The year has been a busy and successful one not only in collecting public records, historic documents and other archival materials, but also in sorting, cataloguing and making available the information contained in them. One of the major projects has been the reorganization of the map collection and the revision of the map catalogue. At the same time a great deal has been done in the sorting and cataloguing of the Sir Frederick Borden papers, Lieutenant-Governor's correspondence, marriage licenses, Post Office records, papers of the Provincial Secretary and papers dealing with railways. Microfilms have also been classified, labelled and catalogued. In addition, many books have been repaired or bound; and about 400 pictures have been mounted.

Several new pieces of equipment were acquired during the year—a map case, four display stands, a filing cabinet and two small oak tables. These were put into immediate use.

There are other indications that 1959 has been the busiest year yet at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. Visitors increased in numbers; historical research has grown; and inquiries have become more numerous. Visitors have come from every County in Nova Scotia, from every Province, from many sections of the United States and from other parts of the world. School groups and members of clubs or societies came in considerable numbers. It is gratifying to report that research has been carried on by a considerable number of persons, and particularly pleasing to say that fourteen or more graduate students have been using the resources of this institution in the preparation of theses. In all, 3,103 were guided and aided in the use of 5,683 books, 5,266 manuscripts, 4,159 newspapers, 902 microfilms, 536 maps and 1,258 photographs; and 3,235 visited the historical museum and art gallery.

A number of special exhibits were assembled and displayed during the year. Miss Annie L. Prat's sketches of flowers and fungi provided materials for a colourful and attractive exhibition; so too did Maria Morris's sketches of the wild flowers of Nova Scotia and the 102 sketches which C. W. Jefferys prepared as illustrations for a projected volume of Haliburton's "Sam Slick" series. Other exhibits had to do with royalty, with summer and

winter sports, or with coins or postage stamps. They satisfied a variety of tastes and drew favourable comments.

It must be pointed out that further expansion of the manuscript and newspaper collections, of the library, and of other archival holdings will very soon require additional space. For that reason it is urged that steps be taken to provide accommodation in the basement of the Archives Building.

As Associate Professor of History, I am conducting a seminar for advanced students in Dalhousie University on historical research in the history of Canada, with special reference to Nova Scotia and specific use of materials in the Archives Building. At present I am also directing eight graduate students in their research for the preparation of theses for the degree of Master of Arts.

As the Nova Scotia representative on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and as a member of the Nova Scotia Historic Sites Advisory Council, I have attended meetings, carried on correspondence and assisted in other ways in the promotion of the work of those bodies. I had the privilege of representing the Historic Sites and Monuments Board at the unveiling of a memorial plaque to Arthur Silver Morton in the Lecture Theatre of Murray Memorial Library at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, on June 3rd.

During the year I gave addresses at a number of meetings in Halifax, Auburn, Tatamagouche and Truro, others over the Halifax television and radio stations, and, at the invitation of the Director of the Old Gaol Museum Committee and the Society for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks in York County, Maine, I delivered an address on "Louisbourg—Sea Link or Coastal Menace?" at York, Maine, on July 21st.

Miss Blakeley read a paper dealing with the coming of the New Englanders to the South Shore at the March meeting of the Nova Scotia Historical Society.

Bulletin number 13, "Letters and Papers of Hon. Enos Collins", which I edited and published in 1959, also contains a biographical account of Mr. Collins, which I wrote.

Other articles, which I prepared, appeared in other publications in 1959. One—"The Halifax Post Office"—was reprinted from the *Dalhousie Review* in *B. N. A. Topics* (The Official Journal of the British North America Philatelic Society). Another—"The Southern Whale Fishery, 1775-1804"—was published in volume 32 of the *Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society*. A third—a very brief account relating to the beginnings of certain settlements along the South Shore—was published in the *Canadian Historical Review*, June, 1959.

Appendix A is a list of donors for the year 1959.

Appendix B is the Journal of the Reverend John Seccombe. It throws light on the early history of Chester; it was written, however, not in 1759, as previously was erroneously thought, but rather in 1761, as my investigation makes clear.

Appendix C is an interesting letter which was written by John P. Lawson, (mining engineer), at New Glasgow, on February 27, 1869. It provides comments on Confederation and the possibility of repeal or annexation to the United States.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the financial year ending March 31st, 1960, will be found below.

Respectfully, submitted,

C. BRUCE FERGUSON,
Provincial Archivist.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year ended March 31, 1960

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, April 1, 1959.....	\$ 444.42
Government of Nova Scotia.....	43,000.00
Savings Bank Interest.....	3.12
Sales of publications, and miscellaneous items.....	315.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Maintenance and expenses of building.....	\$ 1,719.24	
Furnishings and equipment.....	1,802.35	
Salaries.....	32,329.97	
Temporary salaries.....	2,002.60	
Office supplies and expenses.....	445.42	
Transfer and express.....	62.17	
Library and manuscript room.....	976.06	
Bindery material.....	152.18	
Purchases, archival material.....	2,840.55	
Microfilm equipment and supplies.....	656.01	
Printing publications.....	360.40	
Sundry expenses.....	171.80	
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	\$43,518.75	
Balance on hand, March 31, 1960.....	244.77	
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	\$43,763.52	\$43,763.52
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For and on behalf of

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES
OF NOVA SCOTIA

C. BRUCE FERGUSON, Provincial Archivist

Winifred McFatridge, Secretary.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the records of Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year ended March 31, 1960, and certify that the within statement is true and correct, and that the balance shown as on hand and in the bank has been verified.

HAZEN H. VENO, Chartered Accountant.

Halifax, N. S.

April 6, 1960.

APPENDIX A

LIST OF DONORS

Allen, Mr. Ralph W., Caribou, Maine.
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.
Anderson, Mr. G. D., Halifax, N. S.
Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, Fredericton, N. B.
Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, Halifax, N. S.
Babson, Mrs. Gustavus, Jr., Batavia, Ill.
Banks, Mr. H. R., Halifax, N. S.
Barnaby, Miss Elizabeth, Halifax, N. S.
Barnstead, Mr. Arthur S., Halifax, N. S.
Bates, Mr. George T., Halifax, N. S.
Bell, Dr. Winthrop, Chester, N. S.
Bennett, Mrs. A. W., Alma, N. B.
Bird, Dr. Will R., Halifax, N. S.
Blakeley, Miss Shirley A., Halifax, N. S.
Board of School Commissioners, Halifax, N. S.
Bradley, Mr. William M., Tangier, N. S.
British Columbia Historical Association, Victoria, B. C.
Brown, Mr. G. M., Lancaster, N. B.
Brown, Mrs. Wm. Michael, Armdale, N. S.
Brown, Mr. W. N., Dartmouth, N. S.
Burchell, Miss Edith E. and Miss H. Louise, Windsor, N. S.
Bureau of Statistics of Quebec, Quebec.
Cameron, Mrs. D. M., Halifax, N. S.
Cameron, Prof. H. L., Halifax, N. S.
Canada Foundation, Ottawa.
Canadian Church Historical Society, Toronto, Ont.
Canadian Historical Association, Public Archives, Ottawa.
Canadian Jewish Congress, Montreal, P. Q.
Canadian National Railways, Montreal, P. Q.
Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, P. Q.
Carson, Capt. A. L., Halifax, N. S.
Chirgwin, Mr. W. L., Sydney Mines, N. S.
Chittick, Miss Hattie, Hantsport, N. S.
City Clerk, Halifax, N. S.
Civil Defence of Halifax, Halifax, N. S.
Clayton, Mrs. Hazel, Smith's Cove, N. S.
Coffin, Mr. T. H., Halifax, N. S.
Cornelius, Mrs. Edith, Maitland, Hants Co., N. S.

Creelman, Mrs. David F., Upper Stewiacke, N. S.
Creighton, Miss Isabel, Dartmouth, N. S.
Crowell, Dr. Harvey, Halifax, N. S.
Cuthbertson, Mrs. A. C., Sackville, N. B.
Dalhousie University Library, Halifax, N. S.
Dauphinee, Mrs. C. E., Lunenburg, N. S.
Dennis, Mr. W. A., Kentville, N. S.
Densmore, Dr. L. D., Bathurst, N. B.
Densmore, Miss Mattie, Halifax, N. S.
Department of Education, Halifax, N. S.
Department of Lands and Forests, Halifax, N. S.
Department of Mines, Halifax, N. S.
Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.
Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, Ltd., Sydney, N. S.
Duchemin, Mr. Roy D., Sydney, N. S.
Dwyer, Capt. J. P., Halifax, N. S.
Edwards, Miss Muriel, Halifax, N. S.
Elliott, Dr. M. R., Wolfville, N. S.
Elliott, Miss Shirley, Halifax, N. S.
Ells, Mrs. J. E., Halifax, N. S.
Etter, Mrs. A. E., Wolfville, N. S.
Fairley, Mr. Albert L., Jr., Sydney, N. S.
Fergusson, Dr. C. Bruce, Halifax, N. S.
Fergusson, Hon. N. Layton, Halifax, N. S.
Fluck, Dr. W. L., Halifax, N. S.
Gilding, Capt. Charles W., Halifax, N. S.
Godard, Miss Alice, Bridgewater, N. S.
Gordon, Mr. Murray, Truro, N. S.
Government of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.
Graham, Mrs. Judson V., Halifax, N. S.
Grant, Mrs. Eric McN., Halifax, N. S.
Greenough, Mrs. H. S., Wolfville, N. S.
Greenwood, Mr. Robert, Spryfield, N. S.
Goudey, Mrs. J. E., Lake Annis, Yarmouth Co., N. S.
Halifax Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.
Halifax Herald, Limited, Halifax, N. S.
Halifax Insurance Company, Halifax, N. S.
Hall, Dr. Elizabeth, Bridgewater, N. S.
Hall, Mayor George F., Annapolis Royal, N. S.
Hamond, Mrs. Mary, Portchester, Hants., England.
Harris, Capt. Roland F., Indian Point, Lunenburg Co., N. S.
Hart, Miss Ellen, Victoria, B. C.

Harvey, Dr. D. C., Halifax, N. S.
Hawboldt, Mr. L. S., Truro, N. S.
Hugo-Brunt, Prof. Michael, Toronto, Ont.
Imperial Oil Limited, Halifax, N. S.
Institute of Historical Research, London, England.
Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.
John Carter Brown Library, Providence, R. I.
Johnson, Dr. C. H., Kamloops, B. C.
Kingdon, Mr. F. C., Wolfville, N. S.
Kingham, Prof. A. M., Halifax, N. S.
Kontak, Prof. W., Antigonish, N. S.
Lawson, Mrs. Hedley, South Rawdon, Hants Co., N. S.
Lemmon, Mr. C. C., Halifax, N. S.
Letson, Miss E. M., Halifax, N. S.
Lochhead, Mr. D. G., Halifax, N. S.
Logan, Mr. Robert A., Lake Charlotte, N. S.
Longley, Mr. Charles F., Halifax, N. S.
Lyons, Mr. M. A., London, Ont.
Macdonald, Mr. Colin S., Truro, N. S.
McHale, Mr. John J., Halifax, N. S.
McInnes, Miss Caroline, Halifax, N. S.
Mackay, Mr. Donald C., Halifax, N. S.
MacKay, Mr. George W., New Glasgow, N. S.
MacLaren, Mr. George E. G., Halifax, N. S.
MacLehose, Robert and Company, Limited, Glasgow, Scotland.
Manson, Hon. E. A., Halifax, N. S.
Mariners' Museum, Newport News, Va.
Maritime Museum of Canada, Halifax, N. S.
Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., Ltd., Halifax, N. S.
Marshall, Mrs. R. E., Halifax, N. S.
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.
Matheson, Mr. Albert A., Halifax, N. S.
Mayor of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
Messenger, Miss Ruth Ellis, New York.
Mills, Miss Annie, Halifax, N. S.
Morison, Miss M., Halifax, N. S.
Municipal Council of East Hants, Shubenacadie, N. S.
Municipality of Barrington, Barrington, N. S.
Municipality of the County of Halifax, Halifax, N. S.
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Lunenburg, N. S.
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, Yarmouth, N. S.
Murray, Dr. Douglas K., Halifax, N. S.

National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa.
New Brunswick Historical Society, Saint John, N. B.
New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, N. B.
New York Historical Society, New York.
New York State Library, Albany, N. Y.
Nova Scotian Institute of Science, Halifax, N. S.
O'Connor, Miss Kathleen, Pugwash, N. S.
Ontario Historical Society, Toronto.
Palfrey, Mrs. C. R., Halifax, N. S.
Palmer, Miss G. L., Ottawa.
Pelletier, Mr. H., Toronto.
Peppard, Mr. Ashby, Economy, N. S.
Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.
Pullen, Rear-Admiral H. F., R.C.N., Halifax, N. S.
Pye, Mrs. James R., Halifax, N. S.
Queen's Printer, Halifax, N. S.
Reid, Mrs. R. K., Middle Musquodoboit, N. S.
Rhodes, Mr. E. N., Ottawa.
Ritchie, Mr. Henry C., Scotia, New York.
Rockingham, Major-General J. M., C.B., D.S.O., LL.D., Quebec.
Ross, Mr. Kenneth A., Halifax, N. S.
Roy, Dr. Antoine, Quebec.
Russell, Lieutenant-Commander E.C., R.C.N.R., Ottawa.
Rutledge, Mr. J. E., Q.C., Halifax, N. S.
Sanborn, Mrs. Edson W., West Somerville, Mass.
Saskatchewan Archives Board, Saskatoon, Sask.
Saskatchewan Government Insurance Office, Regina, Sask.
Saunders, Mr. E. A., Halifax, N. S.
Saunders, Dr. Robert, St. Paul, Minn.
Scriven, Mr. J. A., Toronto, Ont.
Shipman, Mrs. L. H., Liverpool, N. S.
Stanfield, Hon. Robert L., Halifax, N. S.
State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
Steele, Mr. C. O., Kentville, N. S.
Steeves, Dr. Lea C., Halifax, N. S.
St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Missouri.
Strachan, Mr. Wm., Halifax, N. S.
Swift, Mr. Lancelot, Springhill, N. S.
The Telegram, Toronto, Ont.
Trueman, Dr. A. W., Ottawa.
United Church of Canada, Toronto, Ont.
University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

Vardy, Mr. O. L., St. John's, Newfoundland.
Vaughan, Mayor Charles A., Halifax, N. S.
Wetmore, Mr. E. G. L., Halifax, N. S.
Whitman, Mrs. Cora, Halifax, N. S.
Woodbury, Mrs. Karl, Halifax, N. S.
Woodside, Mr. W. W., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Zion Guild, Zion United Church, Liverpool, N. S.
Zwicker, Mrs. Marguerite, Halifax, N. S.

APPENDIX B

THE DIARY OF REV. JOHN SECCOMBE

[This Journal was written not in 1759 but in 1761. Previously, however, the earlier date was accepted, and excerpts from the Journal purporting to be for the year 1759 were published in M. B. DesBrisay's *History of the County of Lunenburg* and in other publications. Actually the dates in the Journal have been changed in five places from 1761 to 1759; but not changed in two other cases, where the year is shown as 1761. Alterations have been made on pages 1, 2, 10, 16 and 26; but not on page 8, where "Monday 24 Aug^t 1761" may be seen, or on page 29, where "28 of Dec^r 1761" may be read. The first entry in the Journal, under the heading "July 1759" is "30 Thursday"; but in 1759, the last Thursday in July was the 26th; in 1760 it was the 31st; and in 1761 it was the 30th.

In a pamphlet entitled "History and Genealogy of the Houghton Family", which was published at Halifax in 1896, it is stated that Capt. Timothy Houghton, his wife and family, left Boston, Mass., on July 30th, 1759, and arrived at Chester on August 4th, and that the Rev. Mr. Seccombe was with them. It is clear from Mr. Seccombe's Journal that the Houghton family and he did sail from Boston together, but the correct year was 1761, not 1759. Three children accompanied the Houghtons to Nova Scotia; their third child was born at Bolton on March 13th, 1760. This fact alone makes the year 1759 impossible for the events recorded in Seccombe's Journal. So too does Mr. Seccombe's entry for October 26, describing how the King's accession was celebrated in Halifax – for the coronation occurred on September 22, 1761.

There were settlers at Chester before the Rev. Mr. Seccombe's arrival there, as is evident from his Journal. Settlement was commenced in the year 1760, when thirty families migrated from New England, according to Charles Morris, Surveyor General of Nova Scotia at that time. C. B. Fergusson.]

JOURNAL

July 17[61]

- 30 Thursday – Set Sail from Boston between 11 & 12
Clock A M.....

The vessel's crew were these,

viz

Cap. Rob^t McGown Master, & Son Robert,
Robert McGomery, Mate.....
Gregory Bass, of Hingham.....
Walter Bourk from Ireland; passenger.
Thomas Patridge, hir'd in the Vessel.
Cap. James Nichols of Boston. Passenger.
Stephen Greenleaf of Bolton “
Jonas Cutler – Sutlers for Halifax.
Ebenezer Cutler.....
Cap. Timothy Houghton & Wife & 3 Children.
Aaron Mason, Wife & 5 Children.....
Joseph Whitmore, Wife & two Children.....
Robert Melvin of Concord.....
John Houghton of Bolton.....
Sarah Brinley of New Rutland.....
Began to vomit at 5 Clock P. M.....

- 31 of July. Cloudy morning. good Breeze. Sick &
Vomited at 11^{ho}. A. M. caught some Mackerel &
dress'd some for dinner, but I could eat none. Drank
one dish of Tea for Breakfast. M^r. Houghton's Calf
jumped over board, but was Saved.

August 17[61]

- 1 Satterday. Wind S. E. rain P. M.
drank 2 dishes of Tea for Breakfast.
Broil'd a rasher of Pork for dinner, and Cucumbers for
Sauce – very good.
High wind at 8^{ho}. at night, & some rain, & swelling
Sea in the Bay of Fundy, which wreck'd the Vessel in
the night. &c.

- 2 Lord's day. Foggy all day.
Three dishes of Tea for Breakfast. Din'd on broild
pork & Cucumber.
Some reading on Board &c.
- 3 Monday. Fair calm. First Saw land viz. Cape Negro.
saw two Whales, and Fishing vessels - Chocolate for
Breakfast.
Cathartic P. M.
- 4 Tuesday. a Fine morning. we Saw divers Islands -
Cathartic. -
at 10 clock A.M. arrived at Chester and weighd Anchor
in a most beautifull Harbour; a hot day - many Guns
fir'd at our arrival; went on Shore and refresh'd our
Selves at M^r. Bridge's. Took a view of the Saw mill -
very hot.
at night an Indian Dance.
M.^{rs} Bridge came on board y^e Vessel before I went on
Shore - overjoy'd to see me.
- 5 Wednesday. Fair hot day. Dined on Pork & Squash.
Cucumber. Cheese, &c.
P. M. went to Prescotts Island for Gooseberries. Fry'd
Tom cod & Cunner's for Supper wth Cucumbers. &c
- 6 Thursday. Dinner of Calavant Beans & Pork Stew'd -
Goose berry Tart &c.
P. M. went to view the Country Lots &c a most pleas-
ant time, and Prospect.
a Fine Spring, up Middle River -
Salmon jumped out of water. &c -
John Houghton kill'd three Gulls at once.
- 7 Fryday. a little rain in ye morning.
Two Indian Squaws brought in a Birch Conoe 5 Salmon
& 80 Salmon Trout.
one of the Salmon weigh'd 22 pound.
one dozen of the Trouts weigh'd 14 pounds.
Dined on Boil'd pudding. Boil'd Salmon,
and fry'd Salmon Trout - Hot day.
Supp'd on Green peas &c.....

- 8 Satterday. Fair hot day. Breakfast of Tea, Cake, Apple-pye, & Gooseberry Tart.
Din'd on fry'd Salmon, & Salmon Trout & Goose berry Tart.
- 9 Lords day. Fair pleasant day. same Breakfast as yesterday.....
Preach'd A. M. 2 Sam. 7 10. P.M. Luk 7. 34.
Din'd on fresh Cod fish. Dutch people from Mushee-Mush. about 12 miles - bro't to Sell, Turneps & Beans; & Butter at $\frac{8}{6}\frac{1}{2}$. p^r. pound. - Fir'd Guns at going off. - Supp'd on Fresh fish apple-pye, Goose berry Tart, Cake & Cheese.....
- 10 Monday. Fair day. Breakfast as Usual. Din'd on Pork and Pigeons; green peas, Cariots, String Beans, Turneps & English Beans. -
- 11 Tuesday. cloudy morning. Breakfast as Usual. a Dinner of Cods Sounds and Tongues Fry'd & Cucumbers. a super excellent Dish. some rain P. M.
- 12 of August. Wednesday.
Fair hot morning. good Showers to day. Breakfast as Usual. Dinner Pork, Squash & String Beans. Cheese. Supper. broild Salmon Trout dry'd, & Cucumber, Goose berry Tart and Cheese. Much at home to day - *Purgatio*. writing Letters &c Fresh & Sous'd Eles Sent me.
- 13 Thursday. a very hot morning, like N. England. wind n.w. Dind on fry'd & Soused Eells. Cheese &c Coffee P. M. view'd M^r Fellows's Island. *Purgatio*.
- 14 Fair - this morning went in company with Cap. Houghton, Aaron Major, Robert Melvin and John Houghton to view the Eastern Bay &c Saw Prescotts Lands - The point or Beach where John & Willis camped last year, & began to cut Wood - one app tree there - view'd Phinehas Willards Farm Lot. caught some Pond Pearch at the Bever dam, and at the Pond adjoining thereunto.....

abundance of Lillies in s^d Pond. we caught a few Trouts – saw many in the Brook.....saw another Pond which had a Communication with the sea. Din'd on soused Eells & Salmon. found divers good Springs of water, made Lemon punch. I travelled a great way in the woods, &c. got home abt. 5^{ho}. – M^r Waters gave me a fresh Cod.

- 15 Fair morning – Wind. N. W. Breakfast of Coffee. Din'd on fresh Cod fry'd & pond Pearch and Cucumbers. Cheese & Stew'd Goose berries. about home all day.....a Hot day.....

- 16 Lords day. Fair weather – Preach'd all day. Text A.M. Psal 119. 45. P.M. Acts 17. 31..... M^r. Annchurch M^{rs} Clap & some others came to meeting. P.M. from y^e Point. Din'd on soused Salmon & Cucumbers. Supp'd on boild Pork and Pigeons & Sheld Beans. &c.....Joseph Turner sent me a Fresh Codfish.

- 17 Fair warm day. Din'd on Fresh Cod fish fry'd, & Cucumbers – P. M. went with Cap. Houghton and Others to Gold River, & view'd M^r. Abr: Whitney's Lot, Aaron Mason's &c. Saw several Indian Wigg-wams. Drank fresh Lemon Punch by the Sea-Shore, or rather by the River side.

- 18 Fair hot day. M^r. Rogers began to digg a Well for M^r. Bridge. – Din'd on Pork Pigeons & Squash. Caught a good Mess of Tom Cod & Cunners a little from the Shore – The Well was dugg 10 feet and a half deep to day. – Coffee for Supper.

- 19 Wednesday. Began to rain about daybreak. Din'd on Tom Cod & Cunners fry'd & Cucumbers, & Pork with Stringd & Shell'd Beans. Rain all day. Wind, N. E.

- 20 of Aug^t – Fair Pleasant day after the rain. wind N. W. – Dined on Broild Cod fish & Cucumbers, & Stew'd Pork and peas.

Fishing at the Pond by the Mill. caught some pond
pearch. a Salmon Trout, & a Sea-Pearch.

Joseph Turner cut his Legg.

Stew'd Pork and Peas for Supper &c -

- 21 Fryday. Took a view of Jos: Whitemore's Farm Lot.
Din'd on the Fish I caught yesterday, & Stew'd Peas
& pork, &c. -

M^r. Waters sent me 2 large fresh Mackerell.

P. M. took a view of Maj^r. Shepherd's and Joseph
Turners Lot.

Apple-Pye & Cheese for Supper. -

- 22 Cloudy morning; began to rain about noon
M^r. Rogers got water in M^r. Bridges Well about ten of
the Clock, A. M. Din'd on bloat Mackerell & Cucum-
bers & app. Pye. Supp'd on Green peas &c

- 23 Lords day. Cloudy rainy day. Preach'd A. M. from
Matt. 5. 20: P.M. Heb - 4.1.

Din'd on fry'd Mackerel Cucumbers & App. Pye &
Cheese. Supp'd on boild Pork Pigeons &c &c

Mackerel were brot in, & a Lump fish.

M^r. Bridge came from Halifax to Chester in 5 Hours to
day - i.e. as far as Tancook, wh is not more than Six
miles from Chester.

- in Cap: Gowell's Schooner of Kittery

Monday 24 of Aug^t. 1761

- 24 Cloudy rainy. Town meeting day.....
Chose Cap. Houghton Moderator & adjourned to to
morrow 1 h^o.. -

Din'd on fry'd Mackerell & Cucumber -

Boild Pork and Bacon Squash and Potatoes.

went & drank a Glass of wine with Cap. Prescott.

Eat for Supper, a Lump fish, &c.

- 25 Tuesday. Mackerell caught this morning and brot in
at 8 h^o. A.M.

went with Cap. Prescott & cap. Houghton &c to view
some Lotts. caught 3 Mackerel. got home at 3 h^o

P.M: Dined on fry'd Mackerel & Cucumbers. –
The Meeting adjourned again to 6 h^o P M to morrow.
Supp'd on Bacon & Coffee – and good Wine.

- 26 Wednesday. Fair day. went to the Mill with Cap. Prescott & Houghton.
view'd the Pond, and the Land that way. M^{rs}. Clap sent plenty of Cucumbers to us this morning. M^r Knaut came on Shore about 2 h^o P. M. brot Cucumbers, Bread, & Beans, for M^{rs}. Bridge from M^{rs} Clap &c &c &c
Met by adjournm^t. at Maj^r. Shepherds. &c &c
Din'd on Fry'd Mackerell & Cucumbers. supp'd late, on Bacon & Pigeons – good Wine &c –
Lodg'd wth M^r Knaut at M^r Bridges.
- 27 Began to rain at half after 8 h^o A.M.
went to the Saw-mill. A.M. caught a pond Pearch in the Brook. Din'd on Stew'd Pigeons. &c –
Met by adjournm^t: at Major Shepherds at 5 Clock, the meeting broke up at 10 h^o. at night. Lodged with M^r Knaut.
- 28 Fryday. Fair weather. M^r Knaut & Cap: Prescott Breakfasted at M^r Bridges on Coffee and Tea, &c –
Din'd on fry'd Mackerell & Cucumbers. –
Some Lotts drawn to day. &c.
- 29 Satterday. Fair weather. Settling the affairs of the Town, as drawing, & laying out Lotts. din'd on Bacon Pork & Cabbage. Wine &c –
The Proprietors at M^r Bridges till between ten & Eleven at night.
2 Indian Squaws brought seil skin & Ells to sell.....
- 30 Lords day. Hot day. preachd A.M. from John 6.35. P M. Jude, verse 21. Mushee mush people brot Pigeons Cucumbers &c to Sell A.M.
- 31 Monday. Fair & windy & hot. M^{rs}. Bridge had a fit of the Cholic. A.M. Mr. Porch sent me a Halibuts fin. Din'd on Pork, Pigeons & String Beans. view'd

some Lotts up Midd[l]e river with M^r Bridge & others.
Saw Choak-berries whortle berries & Cramberries, &c.
a Pleasant place.....

September 17[61]

- 1 Fair day. west wind. Maj.^r Patrick Sutherland came to M^r Bridge's. Din'd on Halibuts fin broil'd. after dinner went with M^{rs}. Bridge to great Tancook wth Maj^r Sutherland in the Governors Schooner - Dined there on Pigeon pye. very good Punch & Wine. arriv'd at M^{rs}. Clap's about Sun Set - Drank Tea and Coffee &c from thence to M^r. Knouts at Lunenburgh at 9^h at night in a whale boat. - people chiefly in Bed. eat bread & Cheese, drank Wine. Lodged there.....
- 2 Wednesday. Breakfasted at M^r Knouts on Tea & Coffee. went to Adolph Wiederholt's, & went into the Church, & took a view of the Town
Din'd with M^r Bridge and wife at M^r Wiederholts on Soup made of a Fowl with little dumplings in it. Roast Leg of Mutton, Roasted Pigeons, boild pork, Potatoes, carlots, Green peas & Cucumbers wth Salled oil. - good Wine & Beer. &c went ab^t. 2 miles to the north west part of y^e Town, thro part of y^e Common which contains above two thousand Acres of Land. Saw M^r Jason's House and Garden consisting of divers City Lots each 40 feet one way and 60 the other. he gave 28 Dollars for one Lot. Supp'd at M^r Knout's on Fry'd Cod - Beacon & Eggs, Cucumbers &c Lodged there - Cyder & Wine enough. -

Thursday Sept^r.

- 3 Breakfasted at M^r Knauts on Tea & Coffee.
went away wth Maj.^r Shepherd Cap: Houghton &c at ab^t. 11 h^o. in the Whale Boat, and Arrived at M^{rs} Clap's at Goreham's point at 12 - din'd on a Pudding with Raisons & Plumbs in it - Boild Pork & Pigeons - Cariots Spanish Potatoes, Beans, Squash, Cucumbers, new Cheese, Boild Corn - Good Claret, & Beer.

Currant jelly. &c.....Arrived at M^r Annchurche's* Island at three of the Clock. from thence we arrived at Chester at 6^h^o. Saw M^r Sabastian Zeberbala's Garden A.M. abundance of Currants &c.....

4 Fryday. Fair day. about home all day.
dined on Pork, Pigeons, Cabbage, Squash and Cucumbers, &c.

5 Satterday - early in the morning it thundred rained, & the wind was very high, South East. fair'd up about 10 h^o. A M. Jn^o. Mason's fishing Boat came in this morning with Cod & Halibuts.
dined on fry'd Cod-fish.

Four Boarders moved away to day from M^r Bridges.

6 Lords day Fair warm. preach'd A M from 2 Pet. 3.7-P.M. 1 Kings, 8 38. -
din'd on Fry'd Halibut. M^{rs}. Anchurch at meeting.

7 Monday. Fair, hot day, wind S. W. Dined on Pigeons, Pork, Cariots, Turneps, Potatoes. &c
Laid out my City Lots to day. No. 57 & 47.
went with Cap. Houghton & Wife and Others to the Mill, and to see Cap: Houghton's House place. &c
M^r. Melven and M^r. Bridge caught a Salmon in middle river with their hands. eat the Rows fry'd for supper - & Corn roasted out of M^r Bridges Garden, and a Water-milion
(My Lot lies on East side of Kings Street, & Willis his Lot also.)

8 Tuesday. Fair hot day. Din'd on Pork and Cabbage, Boil'd Corn, Wine &c -
view'd some City Lots near M^r Bridges.
M^{rs} Houghton supp'd with us, on Coffee, Custard, Diet-Bread & Apple pye.

9 Wednesday. Fair warm weather: cool morning.
Breakfasted on Tea. Broild Bacon, Apple pye &

* Anschutz's Island - probably named after Paul Anschutz, who in the *Nova Scotia Chronicle* of July 11-18, 1769, advertised the sale by auction of two islands in Mahone Bay.

- Cheese... Dined on Pork & Cariot &c. and Pigeon Pyes, & apple pye.
caught a dozen & half pond & Sea-pearch at y^e mill pond, at the Shore, by wading in.
Supp'd on Pigeon-Pye. M^{rs}. Clap sent up
Roasting Corn & Cucumbers. &c
Hogs yoke to cord a Bed with: a new Invention.
- 10 Thursday. Fair warm. Coffee for Breakfast.
Fry'd, Sea & pond Peach for dinner, & boild Corn & apple pye & Cheese.
Supp'd on pickled Salmon Cheese & Cumber & apple Pye.....
- 11 Fryday. Fair. went to view my Lot with M^r Bridge &c. dined in the Woods at M^r Rogers's new House on Broild Bacon, Pickled Salmon, Cucumbers, Butter made at Chester. Wine Beer & Cyder. viewed also Tim: Keyes Lot. Supped on Broild Bacon & Cucumbers, Apple pye & Cheese.
M^r Bridges Well finished to day.....
- 12 Satterday. Rain'd A.M. clear'd up 11 h°. A.M. Din'd on Broil'd Mackerel, Cucumbers, Apple-Pye & Cheese.
- 13 Lords day. Fair. preach'd all day from Jn°. 9. 25. had for dinner broild Mackerel & Cucumbers, & Bacon & Eggs.
Tho^s. Little Johns at meeting P.M. from Halifax, with George Collicut & others.
- 14 Monday. Fair, cool morning. had for dinner Boild Pork, Cabbage Cariots & Turneps.....
caught 16 pond pearch & 2 Sea pearch at the Mill pond by wading - fry'd them for Supper.
- 15 Tuesday. Fair. dined on Broild Mackerell and Cucumber. - Thunder P. M. a Shower, & Rainbow. Pickled Salmon for Supper. &c.
- 16 Wednesday. Cloudy, cold. Wind East. Paul Labadore an Indian brought 5 Patridges to M^r Bridges, who

lately killed four Moose, and two Bears. bro't also Dry'd Moose & Tallow. din'd on Salt Fish, Cariots, Eggs & Spanish Potatoes.

Indian Squaws brot mink Skins. & a large Bear Skin, sold for a quart of Wine.

Some rain.

- 17 Thursday. Cloudy foggy & warm. Steady rain P.M. dined on Stewed Patridges. cleard up at Night. Blooded M^{rs}. Bridge - Cake, Wine & Cheese for Supper. Only Tho^s. Rogers lodg'd here to night. (a rare thing.) being the first time. -

- 18 Fryday. Rain early in the morning. cleard off ab^t. 10 clock. wind South West, & warm weather----
Fix'd up a Conoo to day, for the Mill Pond.
Boild Pork, Patridge & Squash for dinner.
M^{rs}. Brid[g]le taken Sick at Night.

- 19 Satterday. Fair day. M^{rs}. Bridge took a puke.
I Had a Conoe carried into the Mill-pond. *Fished a little while*; caught 18 pond pearch 5 Sea Pearch, and 5 Trout. -Maj^r. Goreham came to Town
M^{rs}. Clap and M^{rs}. Craton din'd at M^r. Bridges, on Boild Pork, Beacon, & Fowls roasted; & boild Corn w^h was bro't wth them, & plenty of Wines, Apples, Milk, Biskett, &c &c
went back to the point at 4^{ho}. P.M.

- 20 Lord's day. Fair weather. Preach'd all day from Hosea. 13.9. dind on boild Pork & Cabbage and Pickled Salmon. Supped on fryd Pearch & Trouts, which I caught yesterday.

- 21 Monday. Nine hands cleard a Lot for me. din'd on Pork & Cabbage & Potatoes, & Pickled Salmon - sup-p'd on Broild Bacon boild Eggs & Apple-pudding. -

- 22 Tuesday - Fair hot - went a fishing A.M. a very calm time: y^e fish bit very poorly. caught but 2 dozen & 2 pond pearch & 3 Trouts, & fry'd them for dinner.
Lobster for Supper-----

Nothern
Twilight
gho

- 23 Wednesday. Foggy morning. Fishing at Mill Pond. caught 2 Trout. 1 Pout. 3 Doz. Pond Peach – Din'd at the Mill-House – Roasted fish &c Indians brot 2 Salmon: & 30 Dozen great Trouts.
- 24 Thursday. Rained very hard early in y^e morning clear'd at 9^{ho}. A.M. – Dind on Boild Salmon & Fry'd Trouts & Peach. – went with M^r. Bridge and view'd Hammonds, Turners & Maj^r. Sutherland's Lots. &c..... Buck – Wheat hasty pudding & Milk for Supper, & Trouts
- 25 Fryday. Fair day. Din'd on Salt Fish & Cariots &c. About home all day writing &c.....
- 26 Satterday. Cloudy. went to y^e Mill pond. began to rain as I got there; caught 6 pond peach & 4 Trouts, and came away very soon. Din'd on fry'd Cod & Had-ick.
- 27 Lords day. Fair warm pleasant day. Preached all day from Tit. 2. 11. For y^e Graces of God &c – Fresh Bever for dinner, fry'd. *M^{rs}. Bridge not well.* Supped with M^r. Melven & Cap. Houghton on baked Bever. It was extraordinary good.....
- 28 Monday. Fair pleasant hot day. Dined on Stewed Pigeons & Patridges. Ab^t home to day. Cap: Houghton began to clear his City Lot. P.M. Bisket & Milk for Supper.....
- 29 Tuesday. Cloudy warm A.M.....caught at Mill-pond one Trout 1 Pout, one Shiner – 12 Pond Peach. Din'd on Pork and Shell'd Beans & Cariots – Supp'd on Pickled Salmon &c.
- 30 Cloudy. went with Cap. Houghton &c. Towards Gould River. found a Small Fish pond – got lost &c. – found a Moose's Head, Bones &c. Got Corralline. went on *Houghton's Island* where M^r. Gildhart, Cap Houghton & M^r. Keys lodged &c – Din'd on Stew'd peas & Pork, & Apple Pye, Baked Pompion, &c a Cool night.....

October 17[61]

Thursday

- 1 Wind N. W. cool. Some hands Work'd on my Lot to day. Din'd on Broil'd Mackerell and Cucumbers. - And Apple Pye.

Supped on Fresh Pork Stakes fry'd & Crambery Pye.

M^r Porch Sent me Six Fresh Mackerel.

- 2 Fryday. Cool cloudy wind East M^{rs} Houghton brought in to M^r Bridges a Pail full of milk from her two Cows. Fresh Pork baked wth Pickled Cucumbers Cramberry Pye. & an Extraordinary good baked Indian Pudding. For Supper Pickld Salmon & Boild milk and Biskett.

- 3 Satterday. Rainy day, till 3^{ho}. then cleard off warm & pleasant - din'd on a Leg of roast Pork & Cucumbers, & Cramberry Pye. A Watermillion after Din^r, M^{rs} Bridge not well. &c.

- 4 Lords day. Fair morning a Rain bow in the North. a good pleasant day - Text A. M. Matt. 16.26. P. M. Luke. 10.42. Din'd on Salt fish & Cariots. Supp'd on fry'd Tom-Cod & Cunners. M^{rs} Bridge not well A.M. & not at Church -

- 5 Monday. Fair hot calm day. wind South. Observed the Loom in M^r. Waters his Garden (where he was digging a Well) to be 2 foot & ten inches deep. Din'd on Pork & Cabbage. Ab^t. Home all day.

- 6 Tuesday. Cloudy weath^r. & a little rain. I went with M^{rs}. Bridge to M^{rs}. Gorehams point. we Sailed it in 2 hours & qu^r. M^{rs}. Bridge Sea Sick - Din'd with M^{rs}. Clap & M^{rs} Craton on Boild Bacon & Pork & Cariots, Parsneps. Turneps Squash Cheese & Cake. Good Wines & Spruce Beer - Rev^d. M^r Rob^t. Vincent & Esq^r. Craton came to us just in y^e Evning - we had Coffee Currant jelly - Boild Bacon &c Cake & Cheese. Wine.

Lodged there Boild & rost Corn & App. roasted & milk.

- 7 Wednesday. Cloudy dull weath^r. little rain. Breakfasted on Tea &c -
Din'd on Boild Bacon Pork. Cabbage, Cariots, Parsneps, Turneps, Potatoes. Plumb Pudding - Wine & Beer. Cheese made there. Boild & rost corn -
Took a view of the Place. Drank Coffee P.M.
Supp'd on Boild fresh Cod & Potatoes, Boild Corn Cheese, Cake, Wine & Beer. Cap^t. Lunt din'd wth us. Esq^r. Craton gave me a Rasour & M^{rs} Clap a pair of black Silk Stockings, cost Six Dollars.
- 8 Thursday. Cloudy. wind S.W. The Parson and Esq^r. Craton & his wife Set Sail for Halifax, at 7 h^o. A. M. I return'd with M^{rs}. Bridge to Chester A.M. in 2 hours & q^r. a good wind. M^{rs} Bridge very Sick all y^e way home. I was quite well all the way. got home 10^ho. A.M. Din'd on soused Salmon. M^r Bridge Stumbled and fell down & hurt his right knee very much - & she very ill in the Evening. &c. a cloudy warm day.
- 9 Fryday. Cloudy cool. M^{rs}. Bridge pretty ill. we had for Dinner roast Pork fresh (w^h M^{rs} Clap gave us yesterday) & Potatoes & Cucumbers. M^r. Johnson caught a large Skate at y^e Wharf a curious made Creature. M^{rs}. Bridge ill, & Fits. -
- 10 Satterday a cool n. w. wind. Din'd on Boild Pork & Cabbage & Cariot, & Cramberry Pye.
M^{rs}. Bridge Sick yet. oblig'd to be at home &c -
- 11 Lords day. Fair cool morning - a great Frost last night. - Text A M. Prov. 16.16 How much better is it to get wisdom than Gold? P.M. Jer. 31. 18, 19, 20. - M^r Bridge & wife not at Ch^h. Din'd on Fresh Pork roasted, &c. People came from Goreham's Point: but too late for y^e Sermon P.M. &c -
visited Cap: Houghton in the Evening. &c -
- 12 Monday. not near so cold as yesterday. a Determination concluded concerning P.
Din'd on Pork Cabbage & Cariots & Crambery puding. Supped on fry'd Cod Fish. & Cucumbers & Pickles.

roast Apples, &c.

Ab^t. home to day.

- 13 Tuesday. cloudy. went wth Cap. Houghton and M^r Bradshaw to view y^e Land lying N. W. of y^e City. traveled ab^t. 7 miles – saw much good land. good Pine Timber – &c &c spent chief of y^e day. Blooded M^r. Johnson at night after a Fray &c.

- 14 Wednesday. Rainy day. wind N. E.
Dined with Cap Joseph Smith on board his Vessel on Stewed Mutton and Doe-Boys. very good.....

Elizabeth Whitmore came to Chester to day from Halifax.

- 15 Thursday. cold. & very windy after the rain.
Din'd on Fry'd Pork and Cabbage. Caught just at night Ab^t. 2 Doz: of Tom Cod Cunners & Fry-fish.
Cap: Smith & others at M^r Bridges in the Evening. they Sang well. &c.

- 16 Fryday. cool wind – Din'd on the fish I caught yesterday. went to see Goseberry Island, dugg some Clams. & went over to Nath^l Turner's point. &c. supped on Hasty-pudding made of Buck-wheat & flower – very good –

- 17 Satterday. Fair warm day & calm. Cap. Houghton and Some Others went in the Whale Boat to view some Lots up middle & Gold River.
see Ab: Whitney's, M^{rs}. Whites. &c.... Saw two Wiggwams, & Indians, & Apple trees – &c. &c. Pork and Cabbage for Supper. – – –

- 18 Lords day. Rose early, and Set Sail for Halifax at 8^{ho}. in Floyds Sloop. but the wind proving contrary, we came back ab^t half after 3 P.M. din'd on board on Boild Pork & Cabbage – A very pleasant morning –

but began to rain ab^t. 4 . P M.

Saw a Shark after mackerel &c & a Turd-eater – supped on rosted Coots, Indians at M^r Bridges. &c

Cap. Smith & company sang Psalms in the Evning. &c.
Thunder'd & Lightned & rained. a warm time.

19 Monday. Cloudy wind n. e. Din'd on Boiled Pork-
& Patridge, Cariots & Turneps, & Whortle berry-
Pudding. viewd Some City Lots. P. M -

20 Got up at 1 h^o. to go to Halifax - Set Sail ab^t 3 h^o at
Night.

wind chiefly at north east. we caught 9 Mackerell &
6 Cod fish at Prospect Island. Killd a Pinguin - Struck
another with the Boat hook. &c. Two Indians came
to y^e side of y^e vessel, wth Ducks & Pinguins on
board. we dined on Chowder. The Sea *very calm* all
ye passage. vomited at 10 clock. A. M. & again at 5
P. M.

The Indians begg'd Tobacco of us. &c.

21 Wednesday. we arrived at Halifax Harbour about
four clock in the morning. a very *calm warm* pleasant
morning. Dind wth M^r Prescott on Pork Cabbage,
roast Mutton & Potatoes. Wines &c. suppd at M^r
Jos. Fairbanks Broild mutton, Bacon: Potatoes wine;
Punch, Cyder, Apples &c. &c.

22 Thursday. went to the Camps - view'd y^e Grave Stones
in y^e Burying yard. - Step. Greenleaf came to see me.
Din'd on Pork, Cabbage Cariots - Roast Beef, Apples.
saw Gardner Greenleaf at night. suppd on Bread &
milk.

23 Fryday. very warm pleasant day. Visited Govern^r
Belcher A. M. wth M^r Craton. Dind at M^r Prescots on
Broild & roast Beef &c &c Rec^d. a Letter from home by
M^r Cutler. at night Visited M^r. Salter wth M^r Prescott
Then to Dea: Fergussons; then Supped at M^r. Edmund
Crawley's; Roast Patridges, Neats Tongue, Cellery,
Fine Tarts, Anchoves, wines, Apples, Chestnuts &c

24 Satterday. a heavy warm rain & South wind.
Dined at the Governours with M^r Craton on Salt Fish.
Roast Goose Broild Beef Stakes -

- Apple Pye, English Cyder. *Frontenac* & other Wines – Tea and Coffee P. M. calld at Dea: Fergussons. &c.....
- 25 Lords day. cloudy very warm. Preach'd all day. A.M. Matt 5.20. P M. Prov. 16.16. Dind at M^r. Fairbank's Boild Beef corned, & sauces, roast Pork & Sauces. a fine Sallad. Apple Tarts, Cheese, wines, Cyder &c. Aaron Porter din'd wth. us. drank Tea. there After meeting. Supped at M^r. Prescots with Company – Roast Fowls &c &c.
- 26 Monday. Cloudy all day. The Kings Accession celebrated – Invited to the Entertainment &c but went not. Only at night walk'd into Town – Houses Illuminated &c.
- 27 Tuesday. Fair. Took a view of Kings yard with M^r. Sam: Blacken, then din'd wth him, on boild mutton & Caper Sauce & carlots. Meat Pye wth Birds, Beef mutton &c Apple pye &c. After dinner went to the Camp. M^r Greenleaf was saild for N. E. before I got there. cool evning.
- 28 Wednesday. A Frost this morning, being the first. Din'd on Boild *Whitings* & fry'd Mutton &c. went to the Camp to carry a Letter P. M. Visited M^r Dwight. & attended a private meeting at Dea: Fergusson's. & recd. 4.15.0 Halifax Currency, for preaching last Sabbath. The Governour gave a Johannes. &c
- 29 Thursday. Fair weath^r. Din'd at M^{rs}. Fairbanks. Roast Pork – Bever Tails, mutton boild &c. Tarts Cheese &c. Visited M^r. Salter at night. Suppd at M^r Fairbanks also. Roast Pork Apple Tarts &c.....
- 30 Fryday. Fair pleasant day; very warm. Dined on Boild mutton & Cabbage. Rabbit frigased. & fryd Cod &c
P. M. Visited y^e Governour, who made very kind offers to me. &c.

31 Satterday. cloudy A. M. warm pleas^t. P. M.
For dinner Salt fish, Roast Turkey Apple & Cramberry
Tarts. &c.

Nov^r. 1 Lords day. a Frost last night. a Fair pleasant day.
Preach'd A. M. from Exod. 20.7. P. M. 2 Sam: 7.10.
Din'd at M^r. Salters. Boild mutton Roast Beef &c
&c.....

2 Monday. Rainy day. Din'd with Rev^d M^r. Brenton
Boild Cod fish. Roast Beef &c.

3 Tuesday. Stormy last night. dull weather. at Home.
For Dinner Boild mutton and Cabbage &c.

4 Wednesday. Fair day. cool wind, went to y^e Camp
P. M. to See M^r Cutler. Beef Stakes, & mutton for
dinner.

5 Thursday. cloudy & rain. visited y^e Governour
M^{rs} Clap A. M.
Din'd on Boil'd mutton & Sauces. Roast Ducks,
Cellery. Apple & Crambery Tarts &c. Supp'd on
Squabs, Duck, neats Tongue. Tarts &c.
The Devil & Pope carried about y^e Streets.

6 Fryday. cloudy day & very warm. Rain P M. for
dinner fryd Haslet, & roast Duck &c.&c.

7 Satterday. cloudy. For Dinner Salt Fish & Beef
Stakes &c.

8 Lords day. Cloudy. Some rain. Snow on y^e ground
in morning being the first this Fall. Preached all day
from Luke 10. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42.
Din'd at M^r Blackden's - Boild Beef & Pork &c &c
Roast Ducks &c. &c. - Suppd at M^r. Fairbanks, roast
pork, mutton, Apple pye, Baked Quinces and Pears
&c.....The first Small snow was last night.

9 Monday. Cloudy dull weath^r. Rev^d. M^r Brenton
came to see me.. For dinner Beef & Pork Stakes &c..
P. M. visited M^r. Salter. Dea: Fergusson &c.....

- 10 Tuesday. Cloudy - Dined at Dea: Fergusson's with Col^{el}. Twing, Cap. Blake, Cap. Dunlap, Maj^r. Gay & Dea. Harris. - Boild Pork & Beef & Fowl. Roast & Baked Beef. App. Pye & Mince Pye. &c. Wine Punch & bottled Beer.
Spent y^e Evning wth. M^r. Blackden & Wife at M^r. Prescotts. -
- 11 Wednesday. Cloudy windy Some rain. Broild Mutton for Dinner. &c at Home all day. warm weather.....
- 12 Thursday. cloudy Some rain. Din'd on boild Pork & mutton &c.... at home all day. warm weather.
- 13 Fryday. rain and a mixture of Snow. Had for dinner, Stew'd Mutton. supp'd at M^r Fairbanks's - Sausages &c.
- 14 Satterday. Pleasant fair warm day after y^e dull Weather. Din'd on Salt Fish, &c..
- 15 Lords day. Rainy & warm - Preach'd all day from Gen. 3.9.
Din'd at M^r Blackden's; boild'd Bacon & Cabbage and Roast Beef.
Supp'd at home & M^r. Blackden also wth me.
Roast Beef &c Baptised a Child of Nathan Parkers - Daniel. a p^r Gloves given me.
- 16 Monday. Warm very pleasant. Fry'd Cod-fish for Dinner.
- 17 Tuesday. windy cloudy cool. Din'd at Maj^r. Goreham's
Boild fish - Mutton, Roast Turkey. &c visited y^e Governour
- 18 Wednesday. warm weather Dined at John Fillis's, boild pork & Fowls &c. Roast Goose Apple & Cramberry Tarts &c.....
Visited M^{rs} Levi, Under Soul concern &c
Supped at Fillis's. Roast Goose wild. &c &c

- Set Sail for Chester at one of y^e Clock at night, and arrived at Chester at 11. ^{ho} AM.
- 19 Dined at M^r. Bridge's. Pork & Cabbage. Rainy day-
- 20 Fryday. Fair. south west wind. Salt Fish for Dinner.
- 21 Satterday. Fair, cool - Pork & Cabbage Turnep &c for dinner -
P. M. went wth M^r Bridge to y^e Mill, & to view a Lot. Supped on Moose Stakes, dry'd meat.
Indians brought in wild Fowl. Bever &c.
- 22 Lords day. a very warm pleasant day like May. Preach'd A M. from Exod. 20. 7. P M. from Ps. 26-9. Indians brot in a Moose (kill'd this morning) and a-bundance of Ducks, Coots &c. &c &c.
Dined on Broil'd Salmon, some moose Stakes &c Supped on fresh Moose Stakes. Very good.
- 23 Monday. Fair Pleasant day. Din'd on Moose-Head Stewed. - very good y^e best of meat.
- 24 Tuesday - pleasant day. Dind on Sea-Ducks roasted.
- 25 Wednesday. warm pleasant. Din'd on Stew'd Moose &c
Thomas Grant apprehended as a Deserter.
from Cap. Wall of y^e Granidiers Royal Scots. &c
- 26 Thursday. A South east Storm of Rain - warm. Din'd on Boild pork & moose Turneps, Cariots &c. & Broil'd Salmon dry'd.
- 27 Fryday. Fair west wind. Dind on boild pork and Moose & Sea Duck, & moose Stakes - went wth M^r Bridge to a new Point of Land, n^o. 69 -
- 28 Satterday. Went on Board Cap. Smith at 5 in the morning, Set Sail between 7 & 8 for Halifax. & arrived there ab^t 8 in the Evning.

- 29 Lord's day. preached all day. Text Ps. 26-9.
Din'd at M^r. Fairbanks's on Boild Beef &c
Roast Veal, Apple Tarts &c &c. Hot weather.
Baptised Lydia, Daug^r. of Robert Davis.
Supp'd at M^r. Fairbanks's. fryd Veal. &c &c.
a very rainy day. very hot last night, like May
- 30 Monday. Pleasant weather. Saw the Procession of
the Devil & St Andrew. Musick &c..
a Fine Show.

December

A.D. 17[61]

- 1 Tuesday. Snow P M. Din'd on Beef & Moose Stakes.
&c
- 2 Wednesday. Fair – the Snow ab^t. 12 inches deep this
morning. Dind on Boyld Pork Cabbage &c &c. Visited
the Governour. P.M. &c.
- 3 Thursday. cloudy, & Some rain. dined on mutton
fryd &c &c
- 4 Fryday. Fair warm pleasant day.
For dinner App. Dumplin, & Boyld Leg of Mutton.
at night visited M^r. Marshall wth M^r Giffin
- 5 Satterday. a Storm of snow. A.M. & rain, P.M.
Salt fish for Dinner.
- 6 Lords day. Fair warm, & windy. all y^e Snow gone.
preached all day from Luke 7. 34 – a friend of Publicans
& Sinners. – for dinner boild Fowls & pork, roast-Veal
Apple-pye &c
- 7 Monday. Fair pleas^t. warm weather. dined on Salt
fish & App. pye.
Rev^d. M^r Brenton came to See me, A.M. to advise ab^t
going to Horton Cornwallis &c.
Visited Dea: Fergusson & Cap: Wire p.m. Wrote to
New England

- 8 Tuesday. pleast weath^r. visited y^e Governour with M^r Breynton. – dind on Stew'd Mutton.
proposals of going to Horton &c
a Highlander Stab'd a Sailor to day, with his sword,
- 9 Wednesday. pleasant weather for y^e Season.
din'd on Pork Cabbage &c. App. pye & Cheese. &c
- 10 Thursday. a Storm of rain. wind S. E^t.
Roast Beef for dinner. &c. &c.
clear'd up P. M. pleas^t. evning.
Visited M^r. Josiah Marshall, & M^r. Simon Giffin in y^e
evning; & Supped with M^r.
Giffin – upon fresh mutton & Cariots, Cheese – and a
very good Hasty pudding made of New England meal.
a great Rarity in these parts.
- 11th of Dec^r. Fryday. Fair weather, cold air.
Din'd on Beef Stakes &c at M^r. Prescots. removed to
M^r Josiah Marshalls at night.....
- 12 Satterday. cloudy cold. Din'd on Salt fish at M^r
Marshalls.
M^r Bridge came to see me to day. &c
he saild from Chester to Halifax Yesterday in Six hours.
- 18 Fryday Dined at Alex^r. Grants.
- 20 Lords day. Visited James Morrison in the morning
being Under Sentence of Death for Desertion – Preach'd
all day from Tit. 2.11.
Baptiz'd a Child of Jn^o. Henley's. Hannah.
- 21 Monday. Visited the Prisoner again. &c
- 22 Tuesday. Visited the Prisoner again &c.
- 23 Wednesday. Visited the poor Prisoner, and attended
him to the place of Execution where he was Shot about
12 Clock. – at Night Attended a Private meeting at
M^r Ingols's.
Discoursed from Jn^o. 4. 41 42.

- 24 Thursday. (25) Christmas a Storm, &c
- 27 Lords day. Cold. Text. A M. Tit 2.11 –
p.m. 1 Kings, 8.38. Major Dixon of Horton
Visited me in the Evning.
- 28 of Dec^r. 1761 – Monday. S^t. John's day. Observed by
the Free Masons.
Rev^d. M^r Jn^o Breynton of Halifax preached a Sermon
from Eph. 5.2.
I dined wth y^e Second Lodge of Free Masons at Mr
Riders. a Handsome Entertainment.
- 29 Tuesday. a fair moderate pleasant day. Visited M^r.
Boyer and Levi.
- 30 Wednesday. more moderate & warm yet.
private meeting at M^r Marshalls. Discoursed to the
people from John 4.41.42.
- 31 Thursday. Fair warm weather. Dined & Supp'd at
M^r Mulleneux's with Dea.
Fergusson M^r Maud McClaine and Others – a pleasant
Entertainment.
Behold how good & how pleasant it is, for Brethren to
dwell together in Unity.
- N. B. It is about Six miles & half from Chester to Anshutes*
Island
To Gorehams point Nine miles, & from thence to Lun-
enburgh three Miles
To Great Tancook Six or Seven Miles which Island
contains 750 Acres, and belongs to Patrick Sutherland.
Four Islands lye fronting the City, belonging to Cap.
Jonathan Prescott.

Ponds at Chester.

- 1 The Mill pond a Mile from the City. –

* Anschutz's Island – probably named after Paul Anschutz, who in the *Nova Scotia Chronicle* of July 11-18, 1769, advertised the sale by auction of two islands in Mahone Bay.

2 Bever Pond 4 Miles to the Eastward about three quarters of a Mile across it

3 A large Pond to the Eastward.: the Sea runs into it, at high water.

4 A Lake (the bigness Uncertain) about four miles North from the City.

5 A Large Lake about Six miles from the Mouth of Gold-River, lying between Chester & Pisgah, or rather, Pisquid, or Pismequid

The Township from East to West is about eleven miles by water: & round it, at *high water*, is 33 Miles and a half: containing 30 Islands.

A List of the names of the first Class of Settlers with their Families

- 1 Timothy Houghton – Bolton, Wife & 3 Children.
- x 2 Major Jn^o. Shepherd. from Stoughton.
- 3 Benj. Bridge. Wife & 3 Children.
- 4 Sam^l: Waters. Wife & one Child.
- 5 Ralph Nesham. Wife & one Child.
- 6 Bruin romkes comengo. wife & 2 Children.
- 7 Benj. Lary. a Batchelor. Piscataqua.
- 8 Isaiah Thomas. Wife & 5 Children. Kingstown.
- 9 Nathan Woodbury. Wife & 3 Children
- 10 Sam^{el}. Jenison. Wife, one child. Littleton.
- 11 David Millar – Middle berry. Single man.
- 12 Jeremiah Rogers. Wife & 7 Children. Hannover.
- 13 Thomas Rogers. Single. Hannover.
- 14 Simon Floyd. Single man. Halifax.
- 15 Thomas Floyd. Single man. Halifax.
- 16 John Records. Wife & 4 Children. Pembrook.
- x 17 Isaac Weston Wife & 4 Children – Plymtown.
- 18 Joseph Whitemore Wife & 2 Children. Shrewsbury.
- x 19 Aaron Mason. Wife & 5 Children. Malborough.
- x 20 John Houghton. Bolton – Single.

- x 21 Nath.^{el} Turner. Wife & 2 Children. Lancaster.
- 22 Joseph Turner. Single Lancaster
- x 23 Thomas Grant. Wife & 3 Children. Lancaster.
- 24 Patrick Sutherland. Esq^r.
- 25 Robert Melven. 4 Children. Concord.
- 26 John Mason. Lexington. Single man.
- 27 Eleazer Hamlen. Wife & 3 Children. Pembroke
- 28 Israel Lovet Single. Piscataqua.
- 29 Tho^s. Armstrong. Wife & 4 Children - Casco-Bay.
- 30 Nicholas Corney. Single man. Casco bay.
- 31 Jonathan Prescott. son of Cap: Jon^a. Prescott Halifax.
- 32 Philip Knaut. Wife & 3 Children. Lunenburg.
- 33 Adolph Wiederholt. Lunenburg his son Francis 8 years old.
- 34 John Lonus. Lunenburg.
- 35 George Collicutt. Wife & 1 Child. Halifax.
- 36 Cap. Jn^o. Atwood. Wife & one or 2 children.
- 37 John Crook. Wife & 2 Children. Lunenburg.
- 38 Abraham Bradshaw. Wife & 5 Children. Lexington.
- x 39 Edmister Hammond. Single - Rochester.
- x 40 Nathaniel Leonard. Maj^r. Shepherds Grandson. Stoughton

These are Obliged to have Houses built at Chester this Fall, with Inhabitants, in them.

Halifax Currency

1761	Oct ^r . 25 th . Rec ^d . of Dea: Fergusson	£4-15-0
	Nov ^r . 1 ^t	2- 6- 8- $\frac{1}{2}$
	D ^o . 8 th .	1-18-11
	15 th	1-18- 5
	29 th	1-15- 0
Dec ^r .	6	1-17- 0
Tot....		15 13 4

The Above is what I rec^d
for Preaching in Halifax
which in old tenor amounts to £141- 0 -4

N. B. a Dollar is five Shillings
four Dollars is 20 Shillings &c

M[emo]randums.

Wood is cord, at Hallifax. old ten^r.
Fir or sp[ruce] dollars p^r hundred at Halifax
Hogshead Sta[ves] 9 Doll. p^r m^d at Halifax.
Barril Staves, Twelve pounds three Shillings -
Shingles 5.8.0 p^r thousand at Halifax.

Floyd's fish fetches 500 Dollars this Summer.
Rum, call'd by the Indians, Bucket é witch.

	old Ten'		
	£	S.	D.
Bounty on			
Dry Codfish p ^r Quintal	0	13	6
any Pickled Fish p ^r Barril	0	9	0
Hay p ^r Hundred	0	18	0
Potatoes p ^r Bushell.....6 ^d ...i e	0	4	6
Turneps - 3 ^d i.e.	0	2	3
Wheat, Rye, Barley, peas, p ^r bush ^l	0	13	6
Pickled fish p ^r . Barril	0	9	0
Hemp & flax for a pound.....	0	0	10
Stone wall a rod	1	2	6

N. B. This bounty is varied & altered at the pleasure of the Governour & Council, for the encouragment of Settlers. &c - -

A.M. Stands for forenoon.

P.M. Stands for afternoon.

APPENDIX C

New Glasgow

27th Feby 69

Dear Sir

I hope you have not forgot Wm Ross's coal area that it is too small and that all the coal it contains would not warrant the Ex-pence of opening it & building two miles of railway & wharf I do not recollect whether I wrote him to that effect or not - I wish you would see when the adjoining water lease Expires and lay you[r] plans to secure it.

Of course away round there a three feet vein of coal has not a high sounding name but the coal is good and by pitting a larger area it would sell for something when the times revive, when we get annexation -

I have got my Port Hood scheme all worked up it looks well on paper

I am now prospecting for Jas B Moore prior to making a glowing report for him if the case (which I doubt not) will warrant it There is an 8 ft vein in it of good coal of course A Chemists report is well Enough but its market value is the point to go by

There is very little doing here Almost all are now anxiously waiting Hants Election Comedy coming off some for Howe some against the more sensible dont care a fig, We want 1st to know if we are to have a new treaty with the States & when we are likely to have it let that question be settled & it cannot be settled by one Province alone it was not before settled by one Province alone If we can get a treaty then a fig for repeal, If we cannot get a treaty Repeal will not save us. we must strike boldly for annexation but we are bound up & cannot move untill we know either that we can or that we Cannot get a treaty, Then How are we to find out whether we will ever get a treaty or not? ans. Only by our Ottawa members Our govt. can do nothing our péople are in the same position, Our Ottawa members can demand to see all the Correspondence between the Washington & Canadian govt - They can move in the matter and would be

justified in giving their support to the Ottawa Govt - to enable them to send a delegation to Washington to renew the treaty: & *Howe is the man*. That Delegation could find out whether we could not, or could, get a renewal of the treaty. The result of that Delegation would govern us; either to go for Annexation, or to be satisfied with some sort of a treaty. But to move at present is Courting defeat: An annexation move now would be defeated untill we *Knew* we Could *not* get a renewal of a treaty. But if we cannot get a treaty it is a sure sign the Americans want us annexed, then we must do something; & if the Americans want us let them send down Comm^{rs} Authorised, to stump the Country, & be prepared to treat; first get a press started, and if we are worth having; it is worth their while to work to get us; more particularly as all our leaders are now Canadians. If we had men from the States who could shew our people the Amt. of taxes paid on the \$1000, or so, & the rate at which we would be taxed if annexed; & be Enabled to shew something like the Conditions, & terms, on which we would enter the Union; it would be no more than what they ought to do to secure us, But all these things will come after.

1st We want an answer to "Can we get a treaty with the United States favourable to our interests? What is it? & when can we get it? to have that question answered satisfactorily is the first duty; after that we can act: not before. Let all the Ottawa members pledge themselves to give their support to the party that will give us a treaty with the U.S. & if we get a good treaty, we then can discuss the terms on which we will enter the union at its Expiration

I hope you are all well with best respects & wishes in which Mrs. L. joins me to all your fireside

Yours sincerely,
John P Lawson