

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

1858 CONTRIBUTORS

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ST.PETER'S - MALBAY

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1858 CONTRIBUTORS - ST.PETER'SFOREWORD

On September 18th.,1984, SPEC published the GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY article No.91, "ST.PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - MAL BAY More Than a Century And a Half by the Sea", based on a parish history compiled and published by the Rev.Hugh I.Apps.

As noted in this article, Malbay had lost its first church building and invaluable records by fire in 1853. From then until the arrival of the Rev.Joseph De Moulpied in 1859 the parish was served by supply clergy. It was evidently to secure greater permanency of pastoral care for the extensive parish that the following commitment was made and recorded on January 16th.,1858. It is reproduced here for its historic value in recalling the names of leading members of the congregation of that time.

THE  
DOCUMENT

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCH OF MAL BAY IN THE COUNTY OF GASPE, DO HEREBY BIND AND OBLIGE OURSELVES BY THESE PRESENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SUPPORT OF A RESIDENT CLERGYMAN FOR THIS MISSION THE ANNUAL SUMS SET OPPOSITE TO OUR RESPECTIVE NAMES, PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY IF NECESSARY.

POINT ST.PETER  
16 Jan'y,1858

| NAME                   | RESIDENCE      | SUM |    |   |
|------------------------|----------------|-----|----|---|
|                        |                | £   | S  | p |
| COLLAS, John and Elias | Point St.Peter | 3   | -  | - |
| COLLAS, James          | " " "          | -   | 10 | - |
| TOUZEL, Thomas J.      | Barachois      | 1   | -  | - |
| COLLAS, Samuel         | Point St.Peter | -   | 5  | - |
| HUNT, John             | Malbay         | -   | 5  | - |
| LE MASURIER, John      | "              | -   | 5  | - |
| COLLAS, Edward         | "              | -   | 15 | - |
| FAUVEL, John           | Point St.Peter | 2   | 10 | - |
| VARDON, George         | Belle Anse     | -   | 10 | - |

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|---------------------------|----------------|-----|----|---|
|                           |                | £   | S  | p |
| HACQUOIL, Francis         | Point St.Peter | -   | 10 | - |
| DE VOUGES, Pierre         | " " "          | -   | 5  | - |
| PACKWOOD, Edward          | " " "          | -   | 5  | - |
| PACKWOOD, Jacob           | " " "          | -   | 10 | - |
| PACKWOOD, George          | " " "          | -   | 5  | - |
| RUSSEL, Peter             | Belle Anse     | -   | 10 | - |
| LE LACHEUR, John          | Barachois      | -   | 10 | - |
| HAYDEN, John              | Belle Anse     | 1   | 10 | - |
| HUNT, William             | Malbay         | 1   | 10 | - |
| VARDON, Widow Charles     | "              | -   | 15 | - |
| LE MARQUAND, Francis      | "              | 1   | -  | - |
| GIRARD, Pierre            | "              | 1   | -  | - |
| LE GRESLEY, John          | Belle Anse     | -   | 15 | - |
| LE Gresley, Philip        | " "            | -   | 10 | - |
| MISSON, David             | " "            | -   | 5  | - |
| LUCAS. George             | " "            | -   | 15 | - |
| LUCAS, Thomas             | Malbay         | -   | 10 | - |
| DUDY, Thomas              | "              | -   | 5  | - |
| LUCAS, Wm (son of Thomas) | "              | -   | 5  | - |
| LE PAGE, Thomas           | Belle Anse     | -   | 10 | - |
| SYVRETTE, Jacques         | " "            | -   | 15 | - |
| HOTTON, John Jr.          | Malbay         | -   | 15 | - |
| HOTTON, John Sr.          | "              | 1   | -  | - |
| HOTTON, Charles           | "              | -   | 5  | - |
| HUNT, Jacob               | "              | -   | 5  | - |
| GIRARD, Thomas            | Belle Anse     | -   | 10 | - |
| CORDORET, John            | " "            | -   | 10 | - |

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|                     |                     | £   | S  | p |
| URQUHART, Lewis     | Barachois           | -   | 10 | - |
| BUCKLEY, Daniel     | "                   | -   | 15 | - |
| GEMMEL, John        | Malbay              | 1   | -  | - |
| LE GRESLEY, John    | Point St.Peter      | -   | 10 | - |
| GODFRAY, John Chs.  | Malbay              | -   | 10 | - |
| ALEXANDER, Wm JAMES | "                   | -   | 10 | - |
| MARION, Wm C.       | Belle Anse          | -   | 10 | - |
| VARDON, Charles     | Barachois           | -   | 10 | - |
| TOUZEL, John        | "                   | -   | 2  | 6 |
| BUCKLEY, Michael    | "                   | 1   | -  | - |
| BUCKLEY, Elias      | "                   | 1   | -  | - |
| BUCKLEY, George     | "                   | -   | 5  | - |
| McGILLIVERY, D.     | "                   | -   | 12 | 6 |
| INGROUVILLE, Henry  | "                   | -   | 10 | - |
| ROSS, William Sr.   | "                   | 1   | -  | - |
| TOUZEL, Charles     | "                   | -   | 5  | - |
| VARDON, John        | Malbay              | 2   | -  | - |
| HOCQUARD, Mrs.Susan | "                   | -   | 2  | 6 |
| ALEXANDER, Jacques  | "                   | 2   | -  | - |
| MARION, Betsey      | Belle Anse          | -   | 1  | 3 |
| MABE, Francis       | Corner of the Beach | -   | 10 | - |
| MABE, Peter         | " "                 | -   | 15 | - |
| RENOUF, Philippe    | " "                 | -   | 10 | - |
| BROWN, Benjemin     | " "                 | -   | 10 | - |
| MABE, Samuel        | " "                 | -   | 5  | - |
| MABE, Josiah        | " "                 | -   | 5  | - |
| MABE, Philip        | " "                 | -   | 10 | - |

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|                    |                | L   | S  | p   |
| AMY, Pierre        | Barachois      | -   | 5  | -   |
| VARDON, Philip     | Malbay         | -   | 5  | -   |
| LE FEUVRE, Charles | Point St.Peter | -   | 5  | -   |
| VIBERT, Francis    | " "            | -   | 5  | -   |
| TOTAL              |                | £   | 45 | 3 9 |

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THE PHYSICAL SETTING OF THE PARISH AS REFLECTED BY THE GASPESIAN  
AUTHOR, THOMAS PYE, IN HIS "CANADIAN SCENERY-DISTRICT OF GASPE"  
PUBLISHED IN 1866.

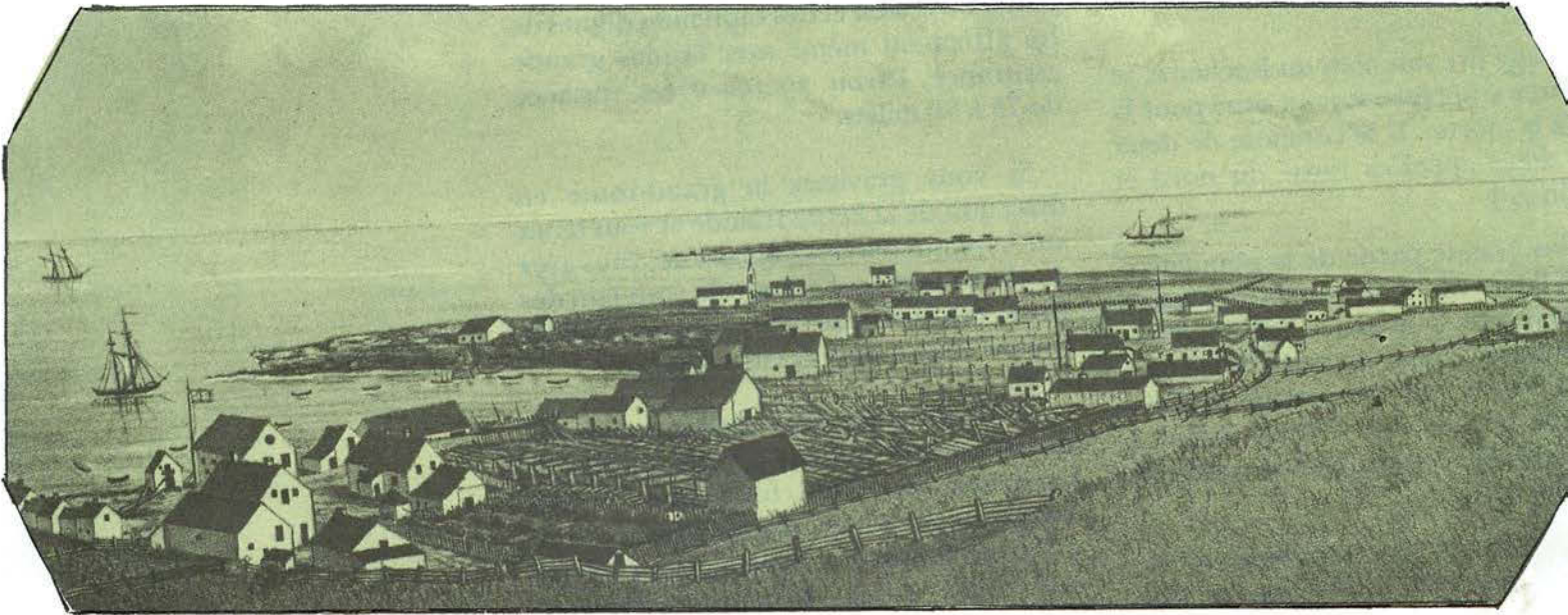
...From Douglastown the highway skirts the shore as far as Seal Cove from whence it continues through the forest to Belle Anse on Malbay, some eight miles from Douglastown. This "portage", to use the Canadian name for such a forest road, is settled near Malbay but the first four miles from Seal Cove give a traveller a good idea of virgin forest.

At Belle Anse the "portage" joins the continuing highway at right angles. The highway then divides - the road to the left leading to Point St.Peter while the road to the right leads to the river (Malbay) and the ferry.

As one leaves the "portage" a view of scenic splendour, worthy of an artist's brush, opens before one's eyes. Right ahead the mountains of Percé rise in majesty about the village of Percé. On the left are the impressive features of Mont Joli and Percé Rock with its visible arch and breach. Beyond, reposing on the boundless sea like a giant whale, lies the Island of Bonaventure...

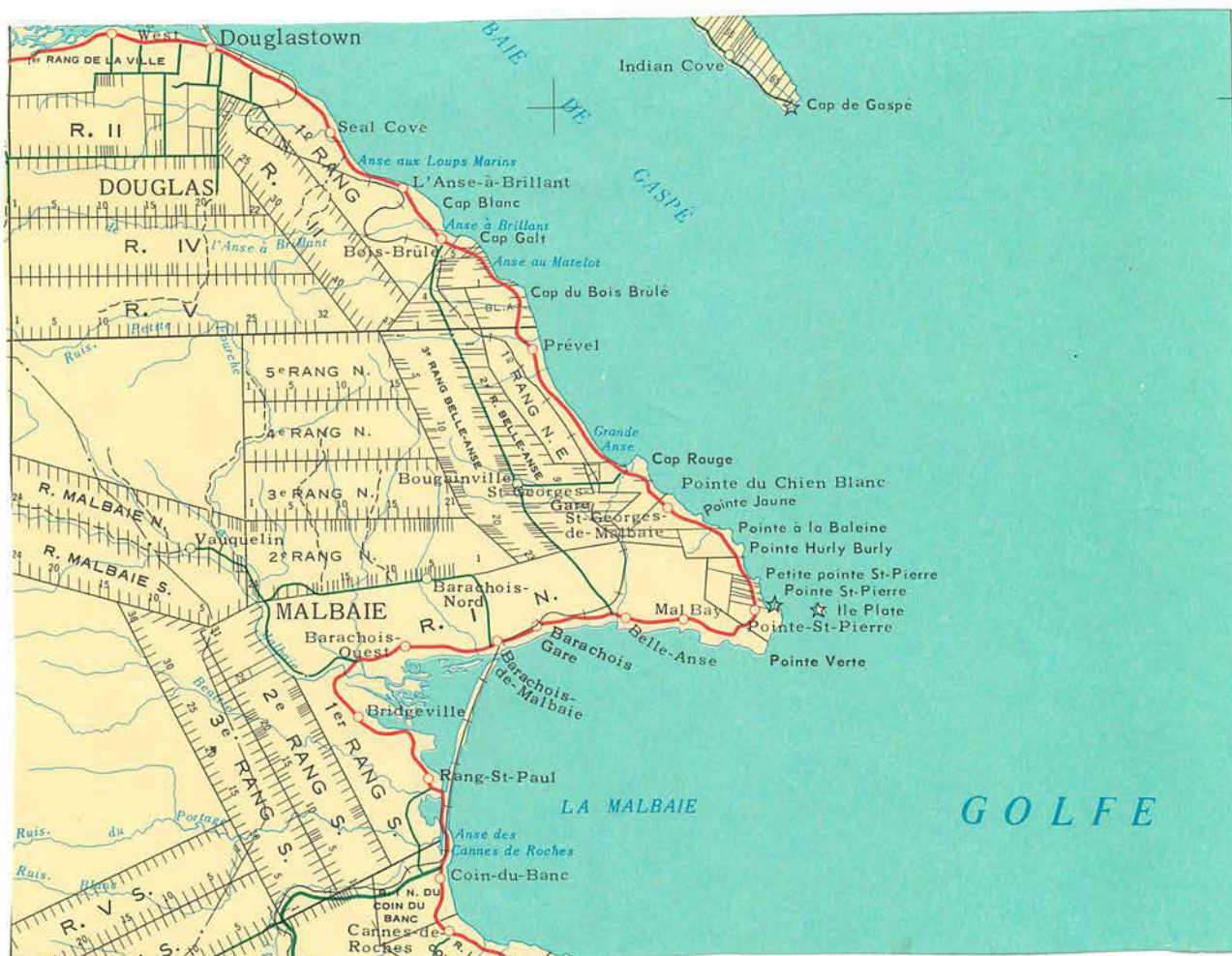
... Malbay is a splendid expanse of water bounded on the one side by Percé and on the other by Point St. Peter. Arriving at the mouth of the Malbay River one has need again of a ferryman... The banks of the river are settled far upstream. Because of the great sand-bar at the river's mouth the harbour is accessible only to small craft. The lagoon is very extensive and is a beautiful sheet of water at high tide. The river is noted for salmon and trout and for an abundance of small game in Spring and Fall.

Having crossed on the ferry one follows the highway along the sand-bar that separates the lagoon from the sea for a distance of four miles to Corner of the Beach, a little village that is home to a number of well-known families...



POINT ST. PETER

1860's



MAP TO SHOW THE RELATIVE  
LOCATION OF: DOUGLASTOWN

SEAL COVE

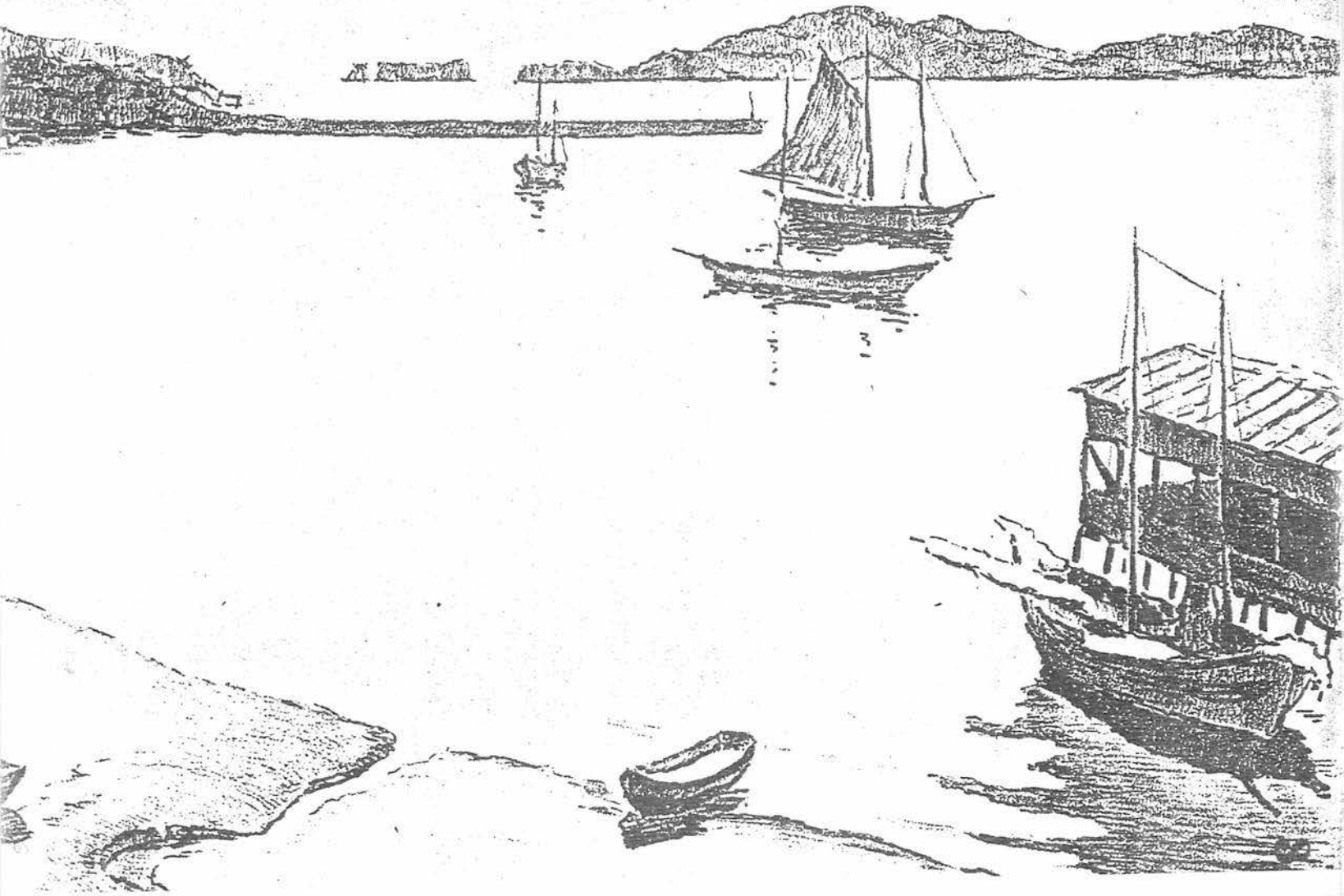
BRILLIANT COVE

BELLE ANSE

POINT ST.PETER

BARACHOIS

CORNER OF THE  
BEACH



BARACHOIS - MALBAY