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Some colorful days in Pugwash area

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Probably the most colorful days of Pugwash, which was once visited by Captain Kidd and other pirates, and which has been visited many times by treasure seekers, were the days of shipbuilding. The harbour front was lined with wharves, stores, warehouses, and ship yards. The air rang with the sounds of axe blows and the whine of saws busy fashioning the ships which won fame the world over.

Squared timber, called tun timber was brought to Pugwash for this purpose, as it was to River Philip where the logs were driven down river to the yards located where the Port Philip bridge is.

In winter, the settlers travelled over the ice to visit their friends.

Ship building brought prosperity to the village, which, with the fishing industry made Pugwash a boom-town. Stores were built on wharves which reached out into the harbour, to receive the goods unloaded from the ships.

All merchandise was shipped in and the bills of lading showed items such as flour, spices, silk, sugar, molasses, rum, nails, wo yard-goods, and hardware. The smells of t and rope mingled with the scent of spices the air drifted back from the cargo vess which called at Pugwash. Later years saw harbour so packed with lumber vessels t

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MacBurnie, Wallace, Beattie
Yorke, Halifax; Mrs. Gary
Ward and three boys, Shed-
iac, N. B., who are vacation-
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Marie Embree, Toronto;

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