

# Bass River Box Factory Demolished



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**Maurice Rees with files from Martha Brown**

It's been nearly 150 years, since the Dominion Factory commenced operations, and became famous for building a large variety of Bass River chairs and furniture. Even today the items constructed over the years are highly sought after for those who wish either a piece of history or quality wooden products.

Most recently a major piece of Bass River's history has fallen victim to demolition. The old "box factory" was demolished on the evening of July 19th following orders from the Municipality of the County of Colchester Unsightly Premises Act.

Over the years age, fire and dis-repair has taken its toll on what remains of the historic company. After numerous complaints the county took action demanding the historic building be demolished. Earlier this spring, owners Jim Grue and Dave Fulton, who continue to operate the Dominion Chair Factory Store, appealed to the county for an extension to the demolition date and were granted a 90 day reprieve.

Then on July 19th it happened within a couple of hours. On July 20th workers were busy salvaging the metal roofing and other remnants of the building. Under orders from the county the site must be cleared of debris and remediated.

*Photo Essay by Martha Brown*

## Bass River Notes

**By Joyce Starratt**

Hi, everyone. We've had some very hot muggy weather haven't we? I don't mind temperatures of 80-85, as long as the air is light, but when it hot and muggy at the same time, it's not very nice, is it?

Peter Galivay, Elmira, Ontario is enjoying his vacation at his cottage at Little Bass River. Freida McCormack, Dartmouth, is visiting Barb Hood at her cottage for a few days.

Rodney, Margaret, Linal and Liam Lewter, League City, Texas visited Margaret's parents, Tommy and Joyce Grue recently. It was nice to see Margaret. She was in our choir before she went away to work.

Ruth was telling us that the Fish and Spuds Canteen is doing well, far beyond expectations. The food is good, too.

I didn't extend our sympathy to the Lloyd Fulton family last month. Sorry about that.

Ridie and Mi Faulkner enjoyed a trip to Calgary to attend their daughter, Megan's, graduation from the University of Calgary. While there they went to Spruce Meadows to see the Show Jumping and the Columbian Ice Fields. They had a very enjoyable vacation.

Mi, Roddie, Clara, Roy and I went to the Tattoo. It was a great show, as usual. The boys, Andrew and Doug, had their yearly Brunch Sunday at the Carriage House. Lots of food and great visiting.

Hazel Taggart, Barb and I attended the Anniversary Service in Five Islands on Sunday evening. It was nice to hear Rev Roger Moore again and also to say hi to Moira. She formed the Lighthouse Choir. We had lots of fun practicing. I miss the choir and square dancing activities. Two outings that were lots of fun.

So long for now.



Aubrey and Goldie McBurnie of Economy celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary with a family BBQ. They were married on June 28th, 1955 and have 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Congratulations and best wishes from all your friends and family.

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