



Thomas Faughnan's Sandbanks Description, 1879

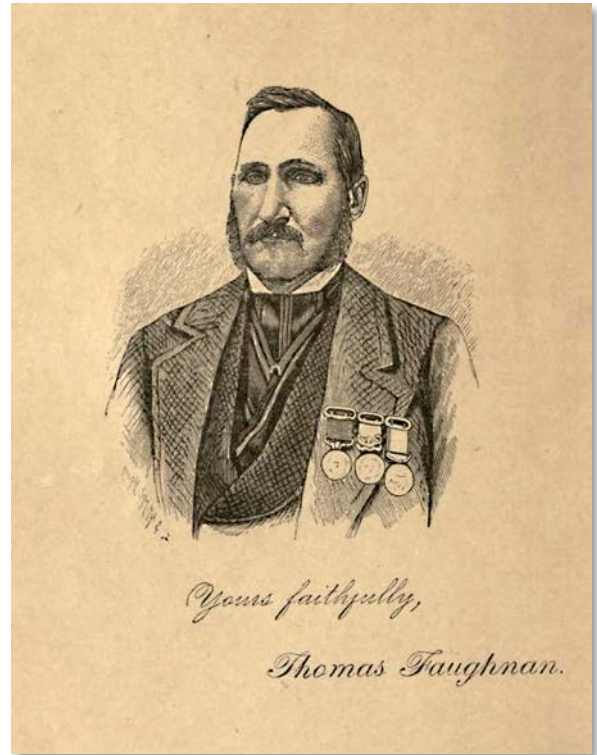
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"The Sand Banks themselves are deserving of mention in this category. Like the pyramids of Egypt, as you approach them the eye becomes bewildered as you gaze on their vast proportions. For miles along the shores of Lake Ontario, where the storms of medieval ages have been rearing these Sand Banks to an immense height, their appearance, however, are greatly enhanced as you approach them, in consequence of their whiteness glistening in the summer sun, somewhat resembling snow-capped mountains, when seen in the distance. A visit to them never fails to impress the tourist or excursionist with a feeling of pleasurable delight. Like the Toboggan slide in winter, these Banks afford similar amusement in summer, for the lovers of exhilarating exercise and wholesome amusement, especially the young people of both sexes, who climb to the summit, and roll down to their base. The sand is so clean and white that instead of soiling one's clothes, it cleans them beautifully."



Fun at sandbanks; courtesy PEC Archives; Image 13-6694



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