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EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS AGO a lake captain, by name ~~Capt.~~ Charles T. DoVille, opened the first and only permanent boat livery on Sand Point. Summer times Capt. DoVille sailed the Great Lakes transporting iron ore, grain and lumber. Winter times he built boats at Sodus Point.

When he retired from sailing, he built himself 16 sturdy row boats and opened a boat livery. In a short time he built enough additional boats to make his total 45. These he rented to fishermen and visiting vacationers.

There was a time when he employed over a dozen guides to go out with the fishermen and show them where the fishing grounds were. These were the days before any cottages had been built on Sand Point and before the midway was lined with business places as it is today.

When Capt. Charles died his sons operated the family boat livery in succession, until it came down to the third son, Hurd DoVille, who operated it for many years.

Now, however, for the first time since 1870 the place has passed out of the DoVille family. In April of this year Willis Raymer of Sodus purchased the boats and the building which housed the fishing gear, live bait, etc.

Now that he has sold the family boat livery, Hurd feels lost, so he goes down every day and stays a while with the new owner. With the recent extremely hot weather the bass and the big jack perch have begun to run (for the first time in seven years) and Hurd is spending much of his time bringing in 16-inch black bass and two-pound perch. He's the envy of Raymer's boat renters, who are constantly inquiring of Hurd where to go to catch such fish.

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