



The Harbor from the Center Methodist Church Steeple -- About 1900. Steamer Cape Cod coming in to Railroad Wharf. Note freight cars on end of dock. Hilliard's Wharf, left.

### 150 Years Ago

Old Cape Cod town records often provide a smile. Here is an extract from the Provincetown records, dated January 12, 1789: "Voted. John Conant keeper of the meeting house, and to swepe it every four weeks and shet and open the winder shetters all the year round for which serves he is to Receave two dolers; one doler to be given out of the treasury to whomsoever shall bring out the parson or parsons that Rites on the plasteren in the meeting house. Charles Atkins tiden man for which he is to have one doler. Voted to buy a pitch pipe for ye Singers."

Here is a lesson in economy, taken from the Town records in the year 1764. A committee had been appointed to view the meeting house to see what "is best to be done for its repairs" and reported as follows . . . "That they counted it best that the foreside and Easterly end should be new clapboarded, and that the Westerly end and back side be mended with the old clapboards."

### People Few And Poor

On August 21 in 1747 Samuel Smith, agent for Provincetown petitioned the General Court, showing the fewness and poverty of the people there, and their inability to support a minister, and therefore praying that this Court (as in former years) would grant an allowance out of the publick treasury for a minister there. The Court granted 25 pounds annually, provided the inhabitants procured a minister to preach to them seven months in a year, from the first of October to the first of May annually, The Rev. Mr. Avery of Truro was made accountable for disposition of the money.

—From Donald G. Trayser's Cape Cod Almanac

### March 1852

Cape Cod yesterdays, being news notes of happenings one hundred years ago this month, together with a sprinkling of current wit and wisdom of the day.

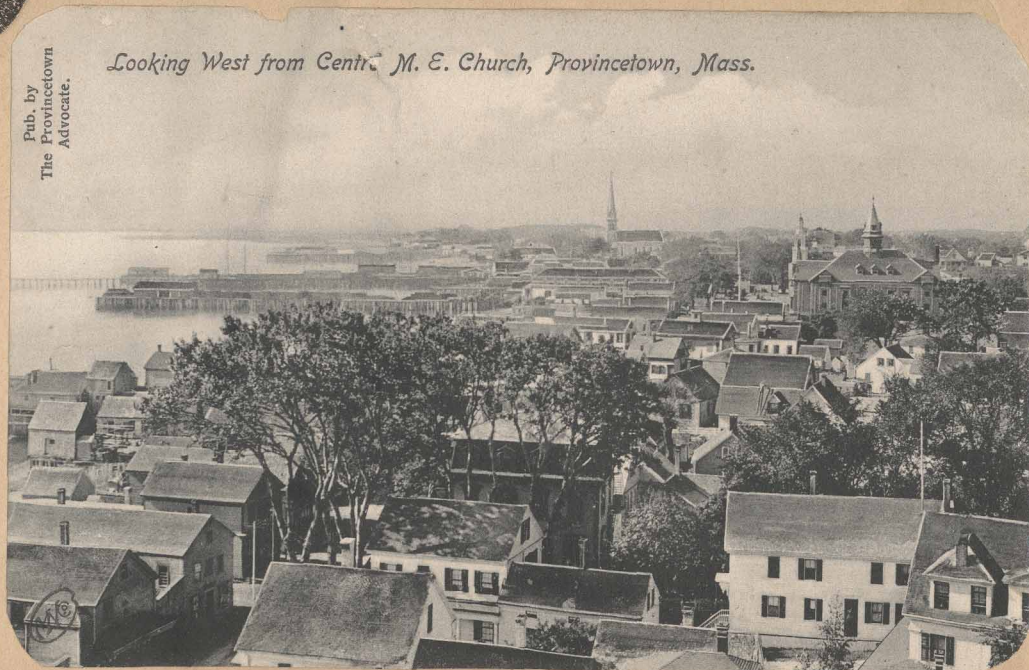
Provincetown—Music is the order of the day. Organs have just been placed in the Congregational and Second Methodist Meeting houses, and the Universalist and First Methodist Societies have each an organ now building, and to be placed in their houses in a few weeks. The cost to all societies here for organs can fall but little short of \$4,000.

### Church Weathervane Replaced Mar. 1952

The church weathervane has been replaced by workmen on Friday and Saturday. The former weathervane lost its moorings during the blizzard on February 18 and fishermen and many citizens of various faiths regretted its loss. Several indicated a desire to aid financially in replacing it. Those desiring to donate to this cause may send their contribution to Herbert F. Mayo, Trustee, East Harbor Cottages, Beach Point, North Truro.

Contributions marked "Weather-vane" may be left at the church or parsonage, 4 Center Street, Provincetown, if more convenient. These will be forwarded to Mr. Mayo.

The church is indebted to the many friends and neighbors who have expressed such interest and cooperation.



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Looking West from Cent. M. E. Church, Provincetown, Mass.

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Facing up-street, from the Steeple. Centenary Church, left; Universalist Church, and Town Hall, right. Library behind trees, in center. The J.D.Hilliard store, second building on left.