

## Joe Mitchell (of Joe Mitchell's Rock)

Some time in the seventies early, old Joe & his family had been at Grand Falls in Passadumbeug catching and salting seals. One day when they were absent Stichey's cows wandered across the bridge & tipping on a barrel of seals ate a large quantity of the salt. One of the cows died. Stichey, in a rage, demanded pay for the cow. Joe heard him say:

"Mis'r Stichey, you cow been <sup>eat it</sup> my seals?"

"Yes"

"Spe'n my seals some you cow, been ate it you cow I pay cow. Spee your cow come my seals, ate it my seals, you pay seals."

But the boot being on the other leg, Joe got no pay.

Joe haunted Passadumbeug waters at all seasons. He married a French woman & spoke a jargon that was neither French, Indian nor English but a queer mixture of all three. "He don't speak nuthin' that Joe Mitchell's said me of the others."