



Jim Grue with a roll-top desk ALL PHOTOS BY STEVE HARDER

A store of gifts and memories

The Dominion Chair Company in Bass River is older than Canada, having been in business since 1860.

“I think what makes this business unique is the 150 years of history that goes with it and that there’s something for everyone here in some way,” says Jim Grue, general manager and co-owner with David Fulton.

“It’s almost like a small department store with unique furniture and unique gifts, local books and also groceries, wine, spirits and hardware . . . basically the whole thing in one place.”

The business began as a traditional company store, serving the workers of the Dominion Chair Company factory, who made the famous Bass River furniture, and the surrounding community. The factory was destroyed by fire in 1989, but the store has continued on.

Comments in the guest book from visitors from different parts of Canada and the United States include . . . “Memories of childhood” . . . “Old-style charm” . . . “Smells good” . . . “A unique shopping experience” . . . and “So much fun to look for treasures” . . .



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