



A boat launch on the river. Coastal trade and the oyster and fishing industries created a large demand for boats, and many boatyards sprang up on the Patchogue River. In 1892, Patchogue had twelve boatyards with over sixty employees, building boats up to 450 tons.



A large boat under construction in Furman's boat yard.



The cold winters around the turn of the century created a thick cover of ice on the Great South Bay. When spring came, and the ice broke up, a strong wind from the southwest could push the ice against the shore and form huge mounds and icebergs. This picture was taken in 1907.