

NEWFOUND-
LAND.

PLEASANT COVE, HUMBER SOUND, July 12th.—There is a good anchorage off Mr. Petipas' premises, surveyed this year by Commodore Mer, of H.M.S. *Primaugurt*.

Mr. Petipas had done well with herrings last fall, but on account of the low market, had 1500 hogsheads waiting shipment. The population of the Sound is gradually increasing, though a large fire this year has burnt numbers out of house and home, including the Rev. Mr. Rule.

A complaint was made to me, stated to have been made to Captain Parish in 1868, viz.:—A Mr. Jeunix had stopped the wages of a man in his employ, who had stolen £5 13s. from a man named Shaw, and would pay Shaw the amount if any magistrate would authorise him.

As I received a letter from the Rev. Mr. Rule giving me the particulars, and the theft being perfectly clear, I authorized Mr. Jeunix to pay Shaw the sum. We had a very melancholy case of poverty at this place. Three women, Bridget, Mariah, and Mary Keogh, widows of three brothers who were drowned last winter at Bonne Bay, were left perfectly destitute.

The officers and men got up a subscription for them, amounting to £8 11s. 8d. together with some flour, pork, &c. They have been endeavouring to return to Carbonear, their original residence, but having no money no schooner would grant them a passage.

The money was divided as follows, according to the number of children:—

Bridget	£3 19 0
Mariah	3 6 0
Mary	1 6 8

The poorer fishermen of the Bay of Islands complain very much of the Americans not being allowed to come and fish in the bay, as they supply flour and other goods at a much cheaper rate than the Newfoundland merchants, viz.:—Flour at 32s. a barrel instead of 60s., which is what the poor fellows have to pay now.

I was informed that the brothers "Blake," who at present fish the Humber River with great success, intend to bar the same next season; this, as well as being illegal, will of course injure their own prospects materially.

COW BAY, July 13th.—There are eleven families in Small Harbour, who have done very well this year. No French have interfered with them at all.

PORT SAUNDERS, July 14th.—One French establishment of Keppel Island done well. Found here a small schooner belonging to Bonne Bay, which had filled in a week, off Bonne Esperance, 200 quintals, 5 men.

HAWKE'S HARBOUR, July 15th.—Visited a salmon river and found a weir across; no owner being on the spot, destroyed it thoroughly.

I partially destroyed this weir last year, and cautioned the owner not to erect it again. I was unable to find him this year. Some men from Codroy Island had done well up the river, trapping beaver, and salting salmon, which salmon they were taking down in bulk in a boat, to Codroy.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY, July 16th.—Jesse Humber came on board, and complained of the French not having allowed him to fish the Castor's river above Salt-water, and also that a man had fired at his store.

I wrote on this subject to Commodore Mer.

A firm named Stanbier & Co., from St. John's Island, have monopolized the fishing of this river. Humber has no salmon this season.

ANCHOR POINT, ST. BARBE'S BAY, July 10th.—Fishing had been very good. There had been several cases of low fever, one man, Grange, looked very bad.

FLOWER'S COVE, July 19th.—At the request of His Excellency Governor Hill, I visited this place with the intention of obtaining information and witnesses relative to a Frenchman named Garro, having shot a man called Furlong, with intent to kill; the latter not being in the vicinity, and there being no anchorage, I did not remain.

I subsequently heard that Furlong was at Loup Bay, about three miles from Forteau, at which place I remained eight days, during which time Furlong, who had been informed by the Rev. Mr. Dobie that the *Niobe* was at Forteau, never appeared on board to make his complaint, so I could take no steps against Garro, in fact it was difficult to find his whereabouts.

The fishing at Flower's Cove had been good, but there had been some low typhoid fever there; I saw one young girl recovering, but very weak, so I sent her some *extractum carnis*, and Port Wine.

FORTEAU, July 19th to 27th.—During which time the boats visited ports East and West.

The fishing had been better here than they had known it for twenty-four years, so