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CAPTAIN MUNDEX.

(By H. F. Shortis.)

Within the past few years we have been called upon to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the birth of many noted men.

Why was it that so many famous Englishmen first saw the light of day one hundred years ago, might be a very difficult matter to explain, but from the years 1800 to 1815 were really very memorable years in the existence of the British Nation, when Nelson and Wellington were fighting for the existence of the country against Napoleon and his ambitions, and no doubt the boys of that period were taught to think imperially, and there was good reason for the saying, that it was England that saved Europe at that crisis.

But to come nearer home, Thursday last, the third of April, was the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Captain Azariah Munden, at Brigus, and we venture to say that not a harder or sterner character of the typical Newfoundland could be found anywhere. As our old friend Captain Henry Thomey would say, "Captain Munden was my ideal, and it was my hope always to come next to him."

It is a great pity that no proper record was kept of the sealing catches in the old brig, but we can take Captain Thomey's word for it, that Captain Munden held the record among a galaxy of famous commanders in Conception Bay from 1830 to 1870.

He was fifty years a sailing master as his tombstone will testify. He often had a word about the brig 'Highlander,' no doubt the remembrance of his early manhood, as this was the first ship in which he took charge, but he is better remembered with the 'Four Brothers,' 'Three Sisters,' 'Atlas,' 'Alert,' and 'Atlanta.'

His ideas were progressive, and if he had his way Harbor Grace would have had the first Newfoundland steamer ever going to the seal fishery, but as the old firm of Puntun & Munn had been so successful with sailing ships, and had so much money invested in them, it was several years before they invested in steam, but when they did it was a compliment to Captain Munden, that they called her the 'Commodore.' In the 'Commodore' his success was greater than ever, and in 1872 he brought in the greatest record voyage to that date, numbering 31,314 seals, the weight of 655 tons, which for tonnage of vessel has never been surpassed and never likely to be.

The following year when Captain Munden went to Aberdeen to supervise the construction of a new steamer for Puntun & Munn, that was to beat every other ship, John Munn told him to christen her the 'Admiral.' The compliment was again being forced on him, but he would not have it, he said, he thought it was pride on his part, and his name for the new steamer was the 'Vanguard.'

The height of his command was in the old steamer 'Commodore,' and then age and infirmities came on him, and as his old sailors often said, "It was a pity he ever gave up the sea." Many a racy story is told about him, and he carried out his part around Brigus, as did the fishing admirals in the days of old, who were called the Lords of the Harbor, although at times there were some rebellious subjects.

Perhaps no story related about him is more typical of his knowledge of the seals and that fishery, than the following:

It was the year 1871, he had forced the 'Commodore' up into White Bay, apart from all the fleet. When he found her jammed, and could get no further, he sent Watchers of Watch out to look for the seals. They returned that night with the information that there was not a seal to be found in White Bay, and no use wasting time there. He told them that was not what he thought, or he would not have wasted so much time in forcing the 'Commodore' where she was. In the morning he told the Masters of Watch to go out again and not to return until they brought him green boughs from the shore. They were back again before evening not with spruce boughs, but each man had his tow of seals, and a load for the strainer was assured. That was the kind of skipper the men liked to serve under, who knew his own mind, and studied his business.

Many of us are proud of our hardy old Vikings who built up the country, but in speaking of them we hear too often of their faults, never thinking that Nelson, whom we all adore, had his failings.

The seal fishery is brought down to a science now, when steamers like the 'Stephano' can bring in 36,000 seals in seventeen days, but the romance of the sealers will always be bound up with the old brig, that for fifty years held sway in this country.

None of Queen Elizabeth's Admirals dared more than did our sealing captains in the days of old, and we should instill into the hearts of our youth the remembrance of our illustrious dead, and not let them think that all the great men were born in our country.

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Pockets.

BY H. L. RANN.

Pockets are small, obscure receptacles in men's clothes which retain everything except money. This is illustrated by the fact that many a man has come home at night with \$15 tucked away in his vest pocket and gone down town in the morning without carfare, on account of having married a kleptomaniac disguised as a helpmeet.

When a man orders a suit of clothes made, he has pockets scattered all through it and deposits small change in each pocket, in the hope that his wife will miss one and leave the price of a shave in it. This is usually a vain hope, however, for when a woman sets about burglarizing a pair of pants she manages to leave nothing but the buttons. It is getting so that out of pure self-defense a great many husbands have a compartment sewed over the left hip, equipped with a time lock attachment and a burglar alarm.

Women do not wear pockets, as they are never allowed to carry any money. Once in a while a woman will get hold of a small piece of money from some relative, upon which she will do one of two things. She will either hide it on the top of the pantry shelf, behind the baking powder can, so that her husband can't get hold of it and squander it on the grocery bill, or she will place it in her handbag and then leave the bag on the ribbon counter. Most of the discord in the American home is caused by a stubborn wife who refuses to allow her husband to spend the residue of her father's estate in payment of bank rent.

Small boys' clothes are nine parts pockets and one part fit, and are made to hold everything from a fish hook to a can of angleworms. It is a bigger job to invoice the contents of a small boy's pants than it is to take stock in a 10-cent store. When a boy stands on his head in the parlor, plunder will rain out of him and sound like a melee in a pawn shop.

At the House.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Outside of the debate and excitement consequent upon the discussion of the amendment to the Game Board Act, the principal item of yesterday's proceedings was the Dental Bill promulgated in the Upper House and sent down for the concurrence of the Assembly.

Mr. Howley strenuously objected to the provisions of the Bill, which he held enabled any person to come in here and practice dentistry without examination. It was most unjust to our people to recognize this principle and he showed how stringent the laws of the provinces were and those of the States and England in protecting their own subjects in this matter. Mr. Downey, Mr. Kent and Mr. Bennett followed in opposition to the measure, and the Premier qualified his objection by saying that thousands around the country suffered from affections of the teeth but could get no help, and an indifferent dentist were better than none at all.

The Bill was then referred to the following Select Committee: The Premier, and Messrs. Howley, Kent, Bennett and Earle.

Mr. Kent's excellent speech on the Budget continued until 10 p.m., and we hope to be able to publish it in Tuesday's issue of the Telegram.

VISITING FRIENDS.—Miss Nellie Shortis, daughter of Mr. Henry Shortis, arrived here by the Bruce express to-day. Miss Shortis, who has been unwell for some time, spent the winter with friends in Cape Breton. She enjoyed her stay there very much, and has completely recovered from her illness.

The Adventure's Leak.

Yesterday afternoon when the S. S. Adventure landed her coal and gear which were used at the sealing voyage, it was discovered that her bilge pumps were choked. This caused the ship to leak at the icefields. To-day the water is being pumped out of the ship and she will sail to-night or to-morrow with coal for Botwood at which place there is a shortage of coal just now.

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