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At four o'clock yesterday afternoon the good ship Stephano, Capt. A. Keen, arrived back from her annual sealing hunt, after an absence of seventeen days, having secured 37,000 seals, comprising 32,000 young harps, 2,000 young hoods and 1,000 old harps and hoods.

On Saturday when it became known that the Stephano had left the ice and was home for home, Capt. Abraham, having previously wirelessly informed the owners of the steamer that the possibility of further success with the seals was anything but bright as the ice was all broken up and received a reply to use his own judgment, there was much enthusiasm and excitement amongst the town folks, whilst sweepstake holders were in their element.

At 2 p.m. yesterday Pouch Cove reported the ship to have passed that place and in less than an hour the hills on either side of the harbour were dotted with folks, young and old, while the waterfront premises and other accessible viewpoints were thronged with people, who were eager to catch a glimpse of the levittan of our sealing fleet as she approached the Narrows and to welcome Captain Keen and his hardy sealing crew back safely to port from the frozen pans. After she turned the northern head and entered the Narrows citizens showed their true spirit of welcome by thunderous cheers and the firing of guns. The steamer then moved up the harbour and anchored off the quarantine grounds where she was boarded by Dr. Campbell, who gave the ship a clean bill of health, after which she berthed at Bowring's South-Side premises. Here hundreds of citizens visited the ship, which looked fine and trim after the rough experience, and congratulated Capt. Keen on his success. A Telegram report-

er boarded the ship and got the following story of the voyage:

The Stephano left St. John's on March 13th in company with the Nascope, Florizel and the three Ventures. All the steel ships kept neck and neck going down the shore but were long the Stephano showed her superiority over the others and guardedly forged ahead. After passing Cape Bonaville Capt. Keen steered a N.W. by course. Soon the others were lost sight of. The Stephano steamed away in the direction mentioned until 8 o'clock that night when she burst down. The next morning, Friday, March 14th, the Stephano continued her course to the N.E. and ran away sixty-five miles from the Funks where the first patch of whitecats was struck. Capt. Keen soon had his men on the ice and the slaughter quickly began. The crew worked well and in 3 couple of hours succeeded in killing 3,000 seals. The patch was only a small one but before it was cleared up the Sagana and Florizel steamed into it and they got about 500 each. The patch, however, was quickly cut and the Stephano, having her seals stowed down, steamed away to the N.W. After she had gone about fifty miles in that direction another small patch was struck, but the Stephano was not there alone as the Erik and Diana had their men out engaged in the kill. All three ships got about 2,500 each out of that patch. The greater part of the next day, Saturday, March 15th, was devoted to picking up the seals that were killed and panned the day previous. On Sunday, March 16th, Capt. Keen altered his course, and, after steaming towards the N.E. for a couple of hours struck the northern patch, which lay fifteen miles to the westward of the main patch. All the rest of the fleet were there working in the seals excepting the Sagana, Ranger and Kite.

The two latter ships were not heard from for the spring, although the day after sailing Capt. Keen spoke to Capt. Klee, of the Ranger, which was going north at the time.

On Monday, St. Patrick's Day, the Stephano's crew killed and panned about 8,000. The following day the seals were taken on board and stowed below. The patch contained 80,000 seals. Weather conditions up to this were all that could be desired. Tuesday, March 18th, commenced with a strong gale from the N.W. The Stephano then burst down for the night while the gale increased to a hurricane. Early the next morning which was Wednesday, March 19th, Capt. Keen shaped his course and went N.E. The Florizel, Nascope and Bellaventure passed going E. N. E. and soon went out of sight. There was thick fog all the morning but it lifted at noon and at 1 p.m. Capt. Keen turned his ship round and went south until 5 p.m. then steered east for fifteen miles. About 8 p.m. she burst down for the night and the next morning, March 20th, the seals were scattered around us, said Capt. Keen, so we went on south for a bit and ran through the whitecats to hunt the hoods. On March 21st killed and took on board 4,200 hoods. The ship then steamed to the N.W. and having some about ten miles struck the main body of seals. Suddenly there was a thunder and lightning storm with torrential rain showers while the fog was so thick that one could not see the bow of the ship from the bridge. Capt. Keen did not put his men out on the next morning, Friday, the conditions were moderate and the crew killed 15,000 and on Saturday, March 23rd, 12,000 were taken. The next couple of days were devoted to taking the seals on board. At this juncture the Stephano was hit by a severe storm and the crew of the Sagana steamed into the patch and on Tuesday the Nascope, Florizel and Eagle came along. The crews of the latter five ships took part in the slaughter while the Stephano's men were picking up their pans. That night there was a heavy snow on the ice broke up and the seals took to the water. There was a strong gale of wind from the W. N. W., one of the worst said Capt. Keen in his experience. The Stephano lost 50 pans or 4,000 seals as a result of the ice loosening and seals slipping. Capt. Keen has no idea of how many seals were in the patch but is confident it was the main body of seals. On Saturday last Capt. Keen struck a patch of harps in company with his two sons in the Florizel and Newfoundland out of which the Stephano got 320. The ship's position then was 152 miles E. N. E. of St. John's when at the advice of the owners Capt. Keen bore up for home. On Saturday morning last Capt. Keen spoke to Capt. Klee of the Bellaventure. The latter reported that neither of the Ventures had taken any seals since March 17th, and as they have no guns or ammunition aboard, it is not likely they will increase their catch. Capt. Keen reports the catches of the steamers now out as follows:

Nascope 30,000
Florizel 21,000
Eagle 15,000
Adventure 7,000
Bonaventure 8,000
Bellaventure 10,000
Newfoundland 10,000
Sagana 12,000
Bloodhound 6,000
Diana 3,000
Erik 3,000
Ranger and Kite unreported.

Not a single accident of a serious nature occurred on board during the voyage, whilst there was almost an entire absence of sickness. One man had his collar bone broken by falling on the ice and another was ill of pneumonia. That was all the ailments amongst the crew. Both men have been sent to hospital.

The S. Newfoundland is leaking and will likely be home shortly. The Stephano's seals are very heavy and the harps are some of the prime ever brought to the country. The ship will turn out about 750 tons of fat.

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They Hate Salt.

Most people are in the habit of looking upon articles of our accustomed diet, and especially upon salt, as necessities, says V. Stefansson, the Arctic explorer. We have not found them so. The longer you go without grain foods and vegetables the less you long for them. Salt I have found to behave like a narcotic poison; in other words, it is hard to break off its use, as it is hard to stop the use of tobacco, but after you have been a month or so without salt you cease to long for it, and after six months I have found the taste of meat boiled in salt water distinctly disagreeable. In the case of such a necessary element of food as fat, on the other hand, I have found that the longer you are without it the more you long for it, until the craving becomes much more intense than is the hunger of a man who fasts.

Among the uncivilized Eskimos of far northern Canada the dislike of salt is so strong that a saltiness imperceptible to me would prevent them from eating at all. This circumstance was often useful to me, for whenever our Eskimo visitors threatened to eat us out of house and home we could put in a little pinch of salt, and thus husband our resources without seeming inhospitable. A man who tasted anything salty at our table would quickly bethink him that he had plenty of more palatable fare in his own house.

Diamond Cut Diamond.

It falls now and then to a law officer to attend in order to keep members right on points of law, and a story is told about a remarkable conflict of wit across the table between Mr. Gladstone and an Attorney-General of the day who had been called in.

The Attorney-General was Sir Richard Bethell, who was never a very manageable man and was proving a thorn in the side of Mr. Gladstone, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, with some big schemes on hand.

Mr. Gladstone was determined to take a certain course, and Sir Richard Bethell was equally determined against it.

He told the Cabinet that it would be contrary to the law and, by way of supporting himself produced a bulky and forbidding book of law, from which he read at great length. Mr. Gladstone asked to be allowed to see the volume, and turning over the leaves, began to read another passage which qualified away the one the Attorney-General had read and set matters right from Mr. Gladstone's point of view.

Coming away from the meeting, a member of the Cabinet asked Mr. Gladstone how he came to know that such a passage as the one he had read was in the book.

"It was not," said Mr. Gladstone, "and neither was the passage which Bethell read."

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**Missionary Sunday at
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The missionary anniversary services were held in Cochrane Street Church yesterday. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh, after the singing of that well-known hymn "O Worship the King," the President of the Conference, the Rev. C. Lench, offered prayer. The preacher was the Rev. W. Grimes, B.A., of Bay Roberts, who delivered an earnest and practical sermon from the words found in Genesis, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him." What is religion and why man is a religious being, was ably dealt with. At the evening service the Rev. Dr. Fenwick read a portion of the scriptures and made the opening prayer. The pastor of the Church next introduced the Chairman, Edwin Murray, Esq., of the Presbyterian Church, who made a model chairman. The report was given by the Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh, M.A., which showed that Newfoundland Methodism had raised for missions last year, the sum of seventeen thousand dollars, of this amount the Cochrane Street congregation had contributed one thousand dollars, and the ladies of the "Women's Missionary Society" nearly eight hundred dollars additional. The ladies were heartily congratulated on their good work, by the Pastor; it is earnestly hoped that this year, the Cochrane congregation will contribute at least two thousand dollars. The Rev. Wm. Grimes was the speaker of the evening, his remarks were based on the words "Ye therefore shall be perfect even as your Heavenly Father is perfect." The Rev. gentleman in a learned and scholarly address, referred to the chief factors in the moral and spiritual elevation of the human race. There must be a true conception of man, a true conception of sin and a true conception of God; then comes in Redemption and the power of the Christian religion. The singing was hearty and inspiring. The two anthems rendered by a well trained choir under the leadership of Mr. Mews, added much to the brightness of this service.

Prospero Arrives.

The s.s. Prospero, Capt. Connors, arrived back from western ports at midnight Saturday. After leaving here fine weather was experienced and good progress was made, although a considerable lot of slob ice was met along the coast and which prevented the steamer from making some of the ports of call. The Prospero reached Channel, the terminus, on the 19th inst., and left the following day for come east. Going into Hermitage Bay the ship got her rudder damaged, which was temporarily repaired. She brought a full freight and about twenty passengers. The Prospero reports the codfishery around Rose Blanche being impeded by adverse weather.

IMPOSING CEREMONY—The members of the Star of the Sea Society paraded to 5 o'clock mass in the Cathedral, yesterday morning, and received Holy Communion in a body. The sight was an imposing one. Yesterday afternoon the Society held its regular monthly meeting when several new members joined.

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