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WILLIAM FREW.

Jerseymen in Newfoundland.

By H. F. SHORTIS.

The more that we study the history of our country the more do we recognize what a lot there is still to be learnt.

We have been taking it for granted for many years that John Cabot was the first discoverer of our Island, but I am thoroughly convinced that such was not the case.

I have been gathering together some facts about Jerseymen that I feel very sure will be interesting as well as instructive at this season, and if it will only lead others into this new field for thought and research, I will be more than recompensed for my work during the past year.

There is a well founded tradition in the Channel Islands that Jerseymen had visited Newfoundland before John Cabot's discovery in 1497. I firmly believe this tradition, and all my historical researches prove to me that the Jerseymen had far more to do in the earliest settlement of our country than any writer has ever given them credit for.

Numerous claims have been made that the Basques were fishing for both whales and codfish, for probably fifty years prior to Cabot's arrival. Many facts to prove this have been brought forward, but one will suffice.

Our Island was called Baccalos in all the maps for over one hundred years after Cabot's discovery. Sebastian Cabot says, this name was given to the place because of the Red Indian name for Codfish, which were found in such quantities. Now this is not the Red Indian name for codfish, but the very fact of the Indians calling the fish by the Spanish name Baccalos proves that the Spaniards or Basque fishermen had been constant visitors and the Indians believed that the crew of the 'Matthew' were Basques in search of codfish.

There are many other facts that I could mention but in the last number of the 'Newfoundland Quarterly', published in October, the late lamented Archbishop Howley, in those estimable articles of his on the nomenclature of our Island home has this to say about the Basque fishermen: "They played a very important part in our early history. Relics of their 'presence are to be found in the 'names of a great many places along 'our coasts. It is admitted now by 'almost all students of our early Colonial history that the Basques had 'in the XV. century and long before 'the voyages of Columbus and Cabot 'visited the coast of Newfoundland. 'It is certain that as early as 1447 'they had a regular fishery on the 'Grand Banks of Newfoundland.'"

I had been preparing this article long before I saw His Grace's endorsement of this subject, but I have great pleasure in bringing it forward no 'as there is no greater authority on this subject. I would ask my readers to give special attention to the following, as I believe the British Ambassador's assertion has reference to the Jerseymen, as they must have been the only British subjects here previous to Cabot.

Spain made a very determined effort in 1761 to establish the rights of Biscayan fishermen to Newfoundland waters, and this was fully endorsed by the French, but Wm. Pitt wouldn't hear of it, and refused to make any concessions that would interfere with the true and capital interests of Great Britain. The British Ambassador

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dor writes at this time, that the Biscayans had often made this claim, but it was as often denied by England, and he brings forward further proof that the uninterrupted possession from the days of John Cabot proved that England was the rightful owner.

The inference is very pronounced that English subjects certainly had some other reason for their claims besides the right that John Cabot established in taking possession of this country in the name of King Henry VII.

There are other facts about the Basques or Spaniards having been in Newfoundland, but my object is to write about the Jerseymen, who were of the same adventurous spirit, and a wonderful class of Rovers. If they did not reach the Newfoundland Banks and shores as early as the Basques, I am certain they were not long behind and were here before the Englishmen.

I know very well I cannot make a statement of this kind without giving some good reasons to substantiate them. The Jerseymen had settlements in every part of our Island from the Straits of Belle Isle to Placentia, and being the earliest pioneers they undoubtedly gave the names to many of the harbors. It is a very common thing to name the new harbor after the familiar spot in the old home, and this enables us very often to draw a close connection. In Jersey the French language is very common. With the daily intercourse between both France and Jersey it is not surprising that these names are very often French, but we also find some of them English as well.

I believe that the majority of the names with French derivations around our coast were given by the Jerseymen. Many of these names are to be found in the earliest maps. It is well to mention here that France never made any claim to being a pioneer discoverer of Newfoundland, therefore we must give the Jerseymen the credit of christening many of these localities. I could give many instances of this in all parts of our country, but there is one part of Newfoundland, the section between Cape Bonavista and Cape Race, where there is no record that the French ever did settle, and it is on this part of the coast, that we have the best information of the early history of our country, and I will endeavor to prove my contention that it was the Jerseymen who gave the French names that we find in so many important localities. I will also mention some English names that are so closely connected with Jersey, and date so far back in the earliest manuscripts of Newfoundland, that it should bring a new light to many on this subject.

Conception Bay is the most populous district of Newfoundland, and the names of its harbors show it to have been a Cosmopolitan centre from the earliest date of discovery. Here are a few of the pure French names: Bay-de-Verde, Harbor Grace, Bay Roberts, Port-de-Grave, Harbor Main.

Bay-de-Verde gets its name from the Green Hill Side, which is a prominent view in summer time as vessels approach the headland coming in from the ocean.

Harbor Grace is mentioned in so many old documents as Havre de Grace that there is no doubt whatever that its long indraft harbor was named from its resemblance to the well known Harbor at the Estuary of the River Seine.

Port-de-Grave is the port of the Gravel Beach.

Harbor Main is the harbor with the shape of a hand.

(To be Continued.) Rheims.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old St. John's."

Rheims, which was inadvertently stepped upon by the German army during its September retreat is an aged and decrepit city of 100,000 people which has been doing business in the same spot for over 2,000 years and which looks it in some places.

It is situated north of Paris, two hours by railroad and apparently several years by German army and is the Lowell of France, about 25,000 of its people working in the cloth industries.

Rheims has fine boulevards and modern buildings, but the tourist does not flock to see these. It is more famous for its ancient French houses leaning towards each other on streets which are mere slits in the sky at the top; and it also has a cathedral which is one of the most magnificent pieces of sandstone pottery in existence. Thousands of workmen laboured for years to carve fauna and flora as well as saints and sinners all over the church, inside and out and its soaring proportions are so graceful and elegant

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Horse Radish.



Man tries his best to come across with some delightful, piquant sauce, which will add zest to things we eat, to all the divers kinds of meat. The plutocrats spend many dimes for sauces brought from foreign climes, the formulas of which I'm told, are guarded carefully as gold. Ten thousand chefs still strive and strain, and torture what they have of brain, some fine new condiment to spring, that would bring plaudits from a king.

Dame Nature gives that noble fruit, the excellent horse radish root, which, grated when it's strong and fresh, while all its vim is in its flesh, and with some vinegar then stirred, makes all your sauces seem absurd. I buy a bottle for a dime, and have a condiment sublime. I draw the cork, there rushes out, a fine aroma, strong and stout, that fairly lifts me from my feet, and makes me strangle and repeat. Horse radish on a slice of beef! It makes a man forget his grief, and stirs his sluggish appetite until he longs to eat all night. There's nothing else that's half as good; though all inventors living should for centuries their skill employ, to make a sauce that's a joy, exhausting every art and shift, they'd never beat Dame Nature's gift.

A japanned tray can be freshened with two coats of white paint and a finish of enamel.

When cooking figs, add half a lemon and a small stick of cinnamon.

Household Notes

Washing a fountain pen every few months will prolong its life many years.

Grated horseradish, mixed with lemon juice, is better than mixed with vinegar.

The secret of boiling rice is to put it into plenty of boiling water at the start.

Cultivate the throwing-away habit. Your garret will benefit, also your nerves.

Always shrink and set the color fabric of children's dresses before making them up.

Spreading a little flour on the top of a cake will sometimes prevent icing from running.

Linen should always be soaked a long time before washing. Stains will come out much better.

When using melted cheese on sandwiches, remember to melt it in a hot oven and serve at once.

A saving of 1½ to 2 cents may be had by purchasing canned goods by the case or two dozen.

Acid burns should be drenched with water and washed with a solution of baking soda and water.

For white spots on the nails, a solution of turpentine and myrrin in equal parts is an excellent remedy.

The most obstinate coffee stains can be removed by a solution of lukewarm water and the yolk of an egg.

A spoonful of oxgall to a gallon of water will set almost any colored fabric, if soaked in it before washing.

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