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TRINITY.

I devoted my article of last week to Trinity East, regretfully leaving much that would have been interesting, if reliable information and correct data could have been secured. Mr. Reginald Mills is, I understand, a devotee of Trinity.

In Trinity our people have always been deeply interested in the doings of the past, and the letters and stories that the old people so carefully prepared and handed down to us have been most helpful in the upping of this interest. So much of the things have been written up during the last few years, that there is not much of general interest left to be about. I have often thought of the virgin soil of the history of the settlement and development of other port towns, which soil has hardly been disturbed, but which if carefully dug up would produce a crop of the deepest interest to the people of the present day in and around those towns.

Take Twillingate for instance: with its hoary past as the northern capital; with its early settlement from the motherland; with its varied and extensive business operations; with its folk lore; with its carefully written old diaries now in possession of some of its people, and with so many intelligent old people still living—all this and other fine material in its possession, it is, in my opinion, a thousand pities that some one does not undertake the work of writing it up.

I have before me, as I write, a manuscript book of "Occurrences" kept by Mr. Samuel Augustus Gent when he was a clerk in the employ of Robert Stale. The first entry is dated January 1st, 1815, and the last entry is dated May 11th, 1817. My first impulse was to find out what had taken place here a hundred years ago, say Oct. 1st to Oct. 15th, 1820. The entry of October 1st—"Wind N.W. West, blowing fresh, and some small symptoms of water appeared by a few flakes of ice falling." October 2nd—"H. M. Egeria's men are erecting a two-battery on the summit of Rifer's hill, which is to receive the name of commander, accordingly will call for the future—Fort Nicholas."

On those days, and when I was at the rising ground beginning with my father's house stood (now belonging to Capt. Robert Fowlow) ending with the first high ridge rock, was known to everybody as Rifer's Hill. It was quite distinct in the form from the higher ridge behind which was known (as it is to-day) as Gun Hill. To-day, Rifer's Hill is known to be referred to by that name, and both ridges are wrongly known as Gun Hill. My father's

house, and that of Charles Field, and John Newhook were always spoken of as on Rifer's Hill. The guns referred to by Mr. Gent as having been mounted by the crew of the Egeria, probably were two of those that had been mounted on Gun Hill, but which had been thrown over and were lying amongst the rocks between the two hills. To-day there is no trace of any mason work of the foundation on which those guns were erected by the Egeria's men, and no one ever seems to have heard of "Fort Nicholas," though two guns are still there.

Under date of October 3rd, 1820, is the following—"The Egeria's men are erecting a fort at Fort Point"; and on October 13th—"Fort Egeria finished at South Side to-day." The guns of this fort are still in evidence, but the naming of this fort as "Fort Egeria," like that of "Fort Nicholas" does not appear to have been taken seriously by the general public, and was not perpetuated.

Guests at Garland Hotel: Hon. D. Ryan, St. John's; Mr. P. Clarkin, Sydney; Mr. N. J. MacInnis, Sydney; Mr. Tuff, St. John's; Mr. Findlater, St. John's; Mr. Currie, Bay of Islands; Mr. Currie, Britannia; Mr. Gilbert Christian, Harbor Grace.

Fifty years ago when the land upon which the Parish Hall now stands, was occupied by the old Cook House, and carefully fenced, the western fence on Garland Road, and the eastern fence on the road leading from the Government Wharf met, and came to a point opposite to where the new Rectory stands. A large stone on the premises was rolled into this point, and served for years as a convenient spot on which old Mr. Cook might be seen on a fine summer evening, smoking his pipe, leaning over the fence talking to the neighbors as they passed to and fro. When the Parish Hall was built the fences were removed but the big stone remained on the property, and many a strictly sober man, stumbled over it at night. During the recent past, the stone was removed by the road board—and thus another old landmark has gone. It was, of course, a private landmark of church property.

Rev. E. and Mrs. Hunt and child, of Twillingate, spent a pleasant vacation at their old home, and returned to Twillingate by the last Prospero.

Mrs. John White has closed her Hotel for the winter, and has gone to live with Doctor Cross at Brooklyn, Bonavista Bay. She and her good offices to the public are equally missed.

Mrs. Malcolm Jenkins and children, of Bonne Bay, have taken up their residence for the winter in Mrs. Lockyer's house. Mr. Jenkins will join them in January. Glad to have them with us.

The good work of improving the appearance of the properties in Trinity, which became so popular last summer, is still being carried on with excellent results. The Parish Hall, Mrs. Hisecock's house, the Post Office, the Royal Bank, Mr. Erickson's house and shop, the "Old Doctor's" House, and several other properties have been painted and otherwise improved. Still there's more to follow.

Mr. Alonso Coleridge, of the Royal Bank of Canada, St. John's, spent an enjoyable holiday in Trinity.

The old sail boat ferry on the South West Arm has been discontinued, and has been replaced by a motor boat.

Mr. Mosher, the Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada during the last year, has been transferred to Canada, and has been succeeded here by Mr. Eric Rankin, of St. John's. Mr. Mosher gave many evidences of efficiency as a Bank Manager, and will always be kindly remembered in social circles. Mr. Rankin needs no higher recommendation to the good

people of Trinity than, that he is a son of the late Sandy Rankin, of St. John's, and as such we welcome him to our home, church, and social life.

Mrs. Baird nee Emma Ash, and children spent a pleasant holiday at the "Anchorage," and together with her husband, who came a few days ago, returned to St. John's last week. Glad to see them.

Mrs. Fred Morris and baby daughter Barbara Jean, are well, and glad to see their many friends.

Mr. P. Clarkin, and Mr. Molinis, of Sydney, N.S., spent a week with us, in the financial interests of The Maritime Motion Picture Co. of Canada. Mr. Clarkin's old friends were glad to see him again, and Mr. Molinis made several friends during his visit.

Mr. Hoskins, Station Agent at Trinity Junction underwent an operation in the General Hospital at St. John's, and has returned to duty. Mr. Cunnings, of Bay of Islands, attended to Mr. Hoskins' duties during his absence.

Mr. John W. Currie, of Britannia, was a passenger from Quirpon to Trinity by the Prospero of Wednesday last. Mr. Currie represents Mr. John T. Currie, of Britannia, and has been at Quirpon all the summer in the interests of the firm. Mr. Currie reports a poor trap fishery, but a good hook-and-line fishery. The catch of the season has been an average one, and is represented by 5,000 quintals secured by their own dealers. One vessel the "Emily Selig," has left with 2,500 quintals, to call at Gibraltar for orders. Another vessel will go down later to take the balance of the fish remaining, and that which will be caught in the meantime. Mr. Currie could have bought at least 1,200 qts. of fish, but the outlook did not warrant his doing so.

Capt. Bellman and crew of the schooner Portia, belonging to S. Short & Son, Hant's Harbor, were passengers by the Prospero. The Portia, a first class schooner of fifty tons, was bound up the Straits for planters, but she mistayed beating out of Raleigh, struck the rocks, and became a total wreck. The schooner was sold by the Commissioner, it is reported, for \$180.

Magistrate Somerton paid an official visit to King's Cove and Catalina this week.

Mrs. Earle, nee Miss Gertrude White, and children, passengers by Prospero from Fogo to St. John's, motored from King's Cove to Trinity on Tuesday night; spent the night with friends here, and joined the Prospero again here on Wednesday morning. We were glad to see them.

The first meeting after summer vacation—of the Girls' Friendly Society, was held in the Parish Hall on Monday evening.

The members of St. Paul's Guild resumed their weekly meetings on Wednesday evening, in their Guild Room at the Parish Hall.

Less than a dozen partridge have been shot by our local sportsmen to date.

Mr. John Tavernor died suddenly on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Christian, who died at Brooklyn, Bonavista Bay, was buried at Trinity on Thursday.

Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Gent were passengers by express on Thursday for St. John's.

Mr. Edwin Grant, Mr. Samuel Samuel Grant and Miss Grant returned from Blanc Sablon on Friday.

Mr. Snelgrove's schooner is now loading fish in the South West Arm. —W.J.L.

Trinity, Oct. 7, 1920.

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While it is true that there is a stupid superstition about a ladder, some saying that a person who walks under will not be married for at least a year, yet there are good and wise reasons for going round instead of under a ladder.

A small boy once walked under a ladder wearing a new cap of which he was very proud, but, as he passed beneath, a painter up above dropped a spot of paint on the cap and for ever ruined its beauty. It was a lesson not to pass under a ladder on which men are working.

Some time ago a workman let a hammer fall on the head of a person passing underneath, causing serious injuries; and not long ago a man was killed in the same way. Unlike most superstitions, therefore, the idea that it is unlucky to pass under a ladder has a real basis in common sense.

Of course, if the workmen are not on the ladder it does not matter so much, but it is wise to get the habit of going round a ladder, rather than

Dr. Tanner's Long Fast.

The hunger strike of the Lord Mayor of Cork recalls many feats of voluntary abstinence from food, the most famous of which perhaps was that of Dr. Henry Samuel Tanner, who, in 1889, ate nothing for forty days. Doctor Tanner lived to be eighty-eight, dying December 30, 1918, thirty-eight years after his remarkable performance. The fast began June 28, 1889, and lasted until

August 7. Doctor Tanner broke it, in Koster & Bial's Hall, New York, with a dinner that included a porterhouse steak, half a watermelon, two pies and three quarts of milk, or, perhaps, of coffee. That meal in itself was startling, for physicians all over the world telegraphed to Doctor Tanner that he must be most careful when he started again to eat.

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