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ST. JOHN'S, MARCH 1, 1888.

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A BRILLIANT CELEBRATION.

It is stated that the Spanish Government propose to celebrate, with becoming pomp, the fourth centenary of the discovery of America by Columbus, when its period shall presently arrive. A sum of about twenty thousand pounds will be annually set apart until the year 1892 for the creation of an official fund for the celebration, and it is further said that public subscriptions will also be invited. The proposal, we are informed, has been received with enthusiasm in the United States, and the Government at Madrid have already had many offers of assistance and support from American cities and towns. The discovery of America is, doubtless, one of the grandest historic memories which humanity possesses. Indeed, all things considered, there is nothing comparable with it in the annals of human adventure. It is a chapter of magnificent romance, an ideal event in the planet's records, yet so fraught with homely facts as to be humanised as a tale down to the level of the sympathies of the very humblest orders amongst men. Four centuries ago there stood at a distance of about two miles from the little seaport of Palos de Moguer, in Andalusia, a convent ancient even in those dim times, dedicated to Santa Maria de Rabida, the inmates of which were Franciscan friars. There arrived one day at the gates of this convent a stranger, on foot, holding a boy by the hand. Poverty was apparent in his garb; yet, though his aspect was that of a man depressed by fortune and worn by intellectual struggle, his port and countenance were full of the dignity of a spirit superior to fate. His hair was gray, his complexion fair and freckled, his eyes radiant with fire which flashed to the kindling of his thoughts in speech, his nose aquiline, his lips fixed when in repose in a posture of firm will. His whole countenance was haughty, but without arrogance, as of one born to command, but controlled by a spirit chastened and subdued by a sense of his own human fallibility. The stranger was Columbus. Though his secret convictions were supreme, he was still in the eyes of nearly all men with whom he had conversed a visionary. All Portugal and Spain had laughed at his dream of a new world. What should there be in this imagination of a land hidden far beyond the gleam of the western sea line except the scheme of a needy adventurer, who was artful enough to sweeten his commendations, by the enticing visions of the romance? Had he not already by scores of learned men been convicted of absurdity? How could there be an antipodes, it was asked; how could people walk with their feet opposite to ours? Was there a race of men like flies, that they were able to crawl along the lower ceiling of the world with their heels upwards and their heads hanging down? Was it conceivable that there existed a part of the globe were all things were topsy-turvy, where trees hung like their image in a lake, where the levin brand of the electric storm flew upward, and rain and hail swept towards the sky instead of towards the land, as smoke? Also to assert the possibility of a new country was to avow a belief in the existence of a people who knew not Adam as a progenitor; since, reasoned the learned, it was manifest beyond all possibility of doubt that the progeny of the "grand old gardener and his wife" had never crossed the oceans. Happy was that day for humanity when Columbus, with his child, footsore and hungry, paused at the gates of the Andalusian convent to ask for bread and water for his son. Sickened by the neglect he had met with in the Spanish and Portuguese capitals, he had resolved to seek for patronage in the Court of France; but fortunately the Prior of the convent was a person of enlightened mind and of large information. He was impressed by the views of Columbus, and patriotically held that it would be a serious blunder to suffer Spain to lose the glory of so vast an enterprise as that which fired the brain of the falcon-eyed Italian, to whose high thoughts and glowing words he sat listening with growing enthusiasm. (Continued to-morrow.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

[CONTINUED.] TUESDAY, February 28th.

THE House met at half-past eleven o'clock, and at noon proceeded in a body to Government House to present to His Excellency the Governor the address adopted by them in reply to the Speech with which His Excellency opened the present Legislative session.

Having returned to the Council Chamber, the hon. the President announced that the House had been courteously received, and their address graciously replied to by His Excellency.

The hon. the PRESIDENT then read the reply, and the House then adjourned until to-morrow. Address and Reply are as follows:—

ADDRESS:

To His Excellency HENRY ARTHUR BLAKE, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its dependencies:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Legislative Council of Newfoundland in session assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for the gracious speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session, while we reciprocate your feeling of gratification on meeting the Legislature for the first time since your assumption of the Government.

We are pleased to observe that, though brief the period that has elapsed since Your Excellency's arrival in Newfoundland, you have been enabled to visit most parts of the Peninsula of Avalon, meeting everywhere a hearty and loyal reception.

The reduced outfit for the seal fishery last season, together with the short catch and low price of produce, is a subject of regret.

It is satisfactory to find that the deficiency in the cod-fishery on the coasts of the Island and the Labrador was largely compensated by the favorable returns from foreign markets. We notice with pleasure that the Bank fishery has become an important element in our trade, and that there is a fair prospect of its further extension in the coming season; while, although the herring-fishery was a partial failure, yet fair success attended those of the salmon and lobster, the latter assuming an important position in the trade of the country.

The marked success which attended agricultural pursuits last season contributed, to a considerable extent, towards the support of our people. This result may, in many cases, be attributed to the inducements offered by recent legislation.

We trust that the advance in the price of copper may so beneficially affect mining operations as to warrant their early extension.

The action of your Excellency's Government in offering an increase on the bounty for the encouragement of shipbuilding, appears to us, under the circumstances, to have been well advised.

We learn with satisfaction that the Act of last session in relation to the sale and export of bait fishes having received Her Majesty's assent, came into operation on the 2nd January, this year, and that the necessary measures for its efficient enforcement will be adopted.

It is gratifying to find that by the new contract for coastal steam service, the boats now in construction are superior in size, speed and accommodation to those hitherto employed; we hope, therefore, better adapted to meet the increasing requirements of the service.

The addition made last year to our telegraph system by its extension to Fogo, must be regarded as a public benefit.

The near completion of the railway to Placentia is a matter of much public importance, and the intimation that the road will probably be in operation during this year cannot fail to afford satisfaction.

We thank Your Excellency for the information respecting the appointment of a Joint Committee by Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States to deal with questions in dispute in relation to the fisheries. We hope to be informed of the results of the inquiries as soon as Your Excellency is in a position to communicate them.

We are pleased to find that the necessary preparations for the suitable representation of Newfoundland at the exhibition at Barcelona in April next, are in progress.

We learn with pleasure that the commissioners appointed to inquire into the constitution and working of Fishery Departments in other countries, have devoted so much care to the duties entrusted to them, and we have no doubt that their report will be of considerable importance in guiding the Legislature in their