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## Atlantic Cable.

Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of the Successful Laying, July 27th, 1866.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

year, through the columns of the Evening Telegram. I gave an account of the Atlantic Cable, being the first meeting held in America by the projectors, such as Cyrus Field, Peter B. Widener, Moses Taylor, Marshall Roberts, Moses Taylor, Marshall White and Mr. Gibbons, of the several attempts and heart-breaking failures, which would have the spirit of almost any man of men, not endowed with the will and indomitable courage and perseverance of Cyrus W. Field, also an account of the famous of the Roman Catholic Bishop John's, the illustrious and the Rev. Dr. Mulock, published in the Courier newspaper in 1850, and the great enterprise (consummated), and which outlined the course to be followed by connecting Newfoundland and the mainland of America, would be the memorable and important event in the history of the world.

**SOME INSIDE HISTORY.**  
While the general history of the enterprise the world has known up to that date, is very interesting, the details, from a local point of view, are also very interesting, giving some of them to the columns of the Evening Telegram, we will refer to James H. Moore, of Heart's Content, who was on the spot at the time, and was a keen and observant of all that passed in the laying of the cable in his town on July 27, 1866. Mr. Moore informs us that: In June, 1855, a steamer from England by the name of the "Lundy," arrived in Heart's Content to prepare a temporary office for the installation of the Atlantic cable, which was expected to be laid in 1856, but which was, unfortunately, broken in mid-ocean. He recollects obtaining a dwelling about 24 by 11 and 14 feet high under construction by Mr. Legge, Sr., of Heart's Content, and in close proximity to the Cable Office. He employed

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or 120 tons for the prosecution of those fisheries. Shipbuilding, however, was gradually dying out, steamers having been introduced into the seal-fishery. There were three places of business under the proprietorship of Messrs. Ridley & Sons (Mr. Grace), Joseph Hopkins and Elias Warren, respectively. These were supplying houses. The former was a branch business of Ridley & Sons, Harbor Grace. The latter two were ship-owners—Joseph Hopkins the Gloucester and Elias Warren the Amisco, both being ice-hunters.

### THE LANDING.

The 27th day of July, 1866, was certainly a red-letter day for the town of Heart's Content. In the early morning there was a dense fog lying on the waters of Trinity Bay, so that the fishing folk, pursuing their calling to catch the cod at daybreak, could scarcely grope their way by their haunts, a short distance from the shore. At six a.m., the fog lifted a little, and the fishermen up at a place called Freshwater, about four miles W.S.W. from Heart's Content, saw a ship lying to, apparently not knowing her whereabouts. They assumed she was one of the convoy of the Great Eastern, and accordingly directed her which way to make the port of Heart's Content; and the ship which proved to be the Albany, succeeded in taking up her berth about the center of the harbor, in a position between the present Cable Office and Otter Point. The fishermen to the eastward of the harbor did not see the ship that made in at Freshwater, but when the fog lifted they sighted something large about N.N.W. from them, which some said must be Duck Island, but afterwards turned out to be the Great Eastern. As the morning grew the fog dispersed and exposed the remainder of the ships. Eventually the day turned out to be a lovely, bright summer day. The Great Eastern, after laying what ocean cable was required, buoyed the end and proceeded to her berth in the harbor about 11 a.m. The Medway picked up the ocean cable just outside the harbor, spliced on the shore-end, and proceeded towards the landing place, opposite the present Cable Office. H. M.S. Terrible also took up her berth to the south of the Great Eastern. The Medway proceeded toward the shore as near as possible, and dropped anchor, and the shore-end was transferred to the boats and brought to the landing. The sailors were so excited that they jumped in the water to their waists and pulled it into the beach, amid enthusiastic cheering and shouting.

A little episode happened just at this time, showing the pluck and daring of the ladies. One of them, Mrs. John Bemister (wife of the late Sheriff Bemister of Harbor Grace) was so enthusiastic over the putting up the cable that (to have it to say she helped pull it), she managed to get down through the crowd among the tars and caught hold of the first Atlantic Cable and helped get it to the trench, which had been prepared.

In due time the first Atlantic Cable was installed in the temporary office prepared to receive it, and the working of the electrical instruments showed that the Old and New Worlds were linked together by a wire that practically annihilated space and time, and flashed the words nearly so swiftly as thought could fly. The first Atlantic Cable had been really and truly laid and finished.

**ROYAL SALUTE — MR. FIELD "CHAIRED."**  
When the news reached Her Majesty's ships which were lying in the harbor (the Terrible, Royalist and Galatea), they fired a Royal Salute, and, in the meantime, the sailors hoisted Mr. Cyrus Field onto a chair and carried him through a portion of the town, amid enthusiastic cheering from the concourse of people that followed, after which Mr. Field and the officers of the expedition and other repaired to a Thanksgiving Service at the Anglican Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. George Gardner (the founder of the Society of United Fishermen), the text being, "And there was no more sea;" and all present joined in the prayers and liturgy of the Church of England. This really finishes the account of the laying of the first Atlantic Cable, and the most interesting incidents connected therewith, so far as the writer's memory can furnish and information can be gleaned at the present, but as the Great Eastern's work for that season was not accomplished (the intention being to try and recover the cable that was broken in 1865 in mid-ocean.) I shall now pass on, under a different heading, viz:—

**THE RECOVERING AND SUCCESSFUL LAYING OF THE CABLE BROKEN IN 1865.**  
While the Great Eastern was coaling, the Albany and H.M.S. Terrible proceeded to the locality in which the cable of 1865 had broken, and took up their positions awaiting the arrival of the Great Eastern and Medway; which ships left Heart's Content on August 9th for the purpose, if possible, of recovering the lost cable of 1865, and splicing a new portion of cable to it and lay it to Heart's Content.

1866, CABLE RECOVERED AND LAID.  
This was successfully accomplished after very great difficulties, on September 7th, 1866. In the meantime Mr. Collett, the Superintendent, who came

## States He Was Most Amazed Man on Earth

This Is What Simon Pike Of Trinity Bay Says When He Recovered Health.

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on the Great Eastern, succeeded in purchasing the property of Mr. Elias Warren for the Atlantic Cable Company, and entered into a contract with Messrs. J. & T. Southcott of St. John's for building a new office, which was finished early in 1867, it being divided into two spacious apartments, the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company being in the North part, into which the land lines were installed. Mr. Waddell being Superintendent, and the Atlantic Telegraph Company taking the South part, into which the cables were installed, with Mr. Ezra Weston as Superintendent, Mr. Collett, the first Superintendent, having left for England in the fall of 1866. Of course the General Superintendent, Hon. A. M. Mackay, father of W. A. Mackay, took a most prominent part in the great enterprise.

I will now close this narrative by giving the names of the first Cable staff—Mr. Ezra Weston, Superintendent; Frank Perry, clerk; Charles Trippa, clerk; William Woodcock, clerk; James Bartlett, clerk; George Untouch, clerk; Isaac H. Angel, clerk; William Dickinson, electrician; John Sullivan, accountant; George E. Charlton, outdoor overseer. They arrived in the Great Eastern. Of all those who were connected with the telegraph business in 1866, I know only the following alive to-day, viz:—William Savin, St. John's; William Tobin, repairer, Harbor Grace; and, I think, Isaac H. Angel is still to the good in Sydney.

**SOME INCIDENTS.**  
I could tell many interesting stories of those days, but space, or rather the want of it, forbids. It was laughable to witness the thousands of bedraggled excursions returning from their visit to Heart's Content to view the great Leviathan, Great Eastern. Every available old plug horse was brought into requisition to convey the sight-seers to the scene—some went in steamers, others in schooners and boats, others walked to and from in the broiling hot summer days, and returned carrying their boots in their hands, their feet blistered and bleeding, reminding one of a Mohammedan pilgrim to Mecca or Medina or the retreat of the Grand Army from Moscow. In many cases it was a pitiful sight, but what cared they. They had accomplished their mission—they had seen the Great Eastern, one of the wonders of the world, in the days of the first Atlantic Cable.

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