## Newfoundland of Eighty Years Ago.

It would appear that our friends in observed, that of all our Colonies, England had not a very exalted idea Newfoundland, the earliest discoveras to the future possibilities of New- ed, is the least known, inasmuch that ing between Great Britain and New foundland, 80 years ago. They look- it seems "blotted out of our recollec- Fork will cross; and steam vessels ed upon it as a terra icognita, and tion, or is known only by its dogs;" in dark weather, owing to their veloconly remarkable for its fogs, ice- or, we may add, in association with bergs, deer, beaver, foxes, cod, sal- codfish, stock-fish, and train oil, is mon, herring, mackerel, caplin, and regarded as a mere fishing station, them, and went down at midnight, dogs. The Oxford Herald, from Such was its original condition; but, with thirty-three souls on board; in which the subjoined remarks are tak- amidst great neglect by the Mother the same month and year, the "Great en, is suprised that "every house is Country, the Colony appears to have Western" steam ship just escaped surrounded by old rigging, masts, grown up into independent wealth this sea of ice; but the missing "Presspars, sails, ships' bells, rudders, and and consequence; and agriculture ident," is, by persons familiar with the wheels. They should have added, has made such strides there as to in- navigation of the Atlantic, support punts, pokers, oars, gaffs, etc. In duce the inhabitants to send to Eng. to have been lost here." their ignorance of Newfoundland af- land for a suvveyor to examine the fairs, the writers in those papers geology of the country, so as to best land are deer, beavers, dogs, and foxwere not aware that all these implidirect their future efforts at colonments were absolutely necessary in ization. The political position of the mackerel. The best codfishing the presecution of our great industry, country, both home and foreign, is grounds are on the Grand Banks, 600 the seal fishery. I have a poor opin- also constantly interesting the pub- miles long, and the fishery is conducion of University Professors or grad- lic. By treaty with France, we are ted from stages or platforms built uates when writing about Newfound- forbidden to settle on the Western along the shore. On the Northern land. It is questionable if any of coast; which condition much lessens their emeritus or regius professors the value of the Colony as a place of that breakfast relish, the delicate would know how to lace up a tow of settlement and the degree of encour- caplin, by bucketsfull. What is in seals, much less to kill and sculp agement to be held out to emigrants England called the Newfoundland dog them. How over 400 vessels could from England. All these circum- is comparatively rare in the island; prosecute the sealfishery without stances render Newfoundland a place the common dog has a thin tapering spars, bells, rudders, compasses, of constantly recurring interest; and snout, a long thin tail, and short and wheels, etc., would indeed puzzle a "possessing an area nearly as large smooth hair; he is less handsome, but Newfoundland sealer! If the writer as England, a population already re- more sagacious, and fishes as well as had graduated in a cook-room, a sail- spectable in amount, and constantly his master." maker's shop, or in the forecastle of increasing, the island deserves to be one of our sailing vessels of those his- better known, and much more attend- the east side of the island. The entoric days, he would not display such ed to by the mother country." consummate ignorance as to the ab- "Newfoundland is nearer to Europe that two ships can hardly pass abreast solute necessity of these instruments than any of the islands, or any part with safety; it is sheltered with high being housed on the premises, until of the Continent of America, the dis- rocks, and strongly fortified. The

veyage. Let us see how Newfound- bor of Valencia, in Ireland, being several irregular lanes, the houses land was locked upon by visitors and only 1656 miles. The shores are are mostly of wood, but some few are the press of the outside world 80 rocky and high, and indented with of stone or brick and the public build-The Oxford Herald (1844) says: We wrecks occur annually between La es, and half a millions' worth of properceive that additional provision is Poile and Cape Ray, the highway, as perty, were destroyed by fire. The about to be made for the spiritual it were, between Great Britain and population scarcely exceeds 10,000 in sincerely hope that such ing which, no lighthouse has been erone may be success- ected, with bells or guns to give Hr. Grace, the next town in import-"the Rev. Ed- warning in case of fog; every house ance, has a population of 5,000. The ef Queen's is surrounded with old rigging, spars, other settlements consist chiefly of a Spencer, in the wheels; and the houses contain tele- produced in 1836, £808,066. The inost and scopes, compasses, and portions of habitants import salt provision from shin's furniture. The lands adjacent Ireland and Germany, biscuit from and for ecclesiastical purposes, to but at the heads of the bays and "The government of the island was by placed at his disposal, and ear- --- the months of rivers, there are long administered by Surrogate

in the thick birch-wood and luxurious rasp- the Navy), but the country has now of clercy to the benefit of a representative sysour colenies. The area of Nor- "rually succeed each other; heavy tem." outd'ord is 57,000 square miles. The marches and tangled woods are extensive, and only on "the barrens" or island are believed to be now extinct: acts of ceeds 80 009. The number eller walk with ease on expedition, were in existence, and a Society was but 23. Two stations are The island has not a navigable river, formed for their civilization. A tribe Ver possible are Clergy but the lakes, ponds, and other fresh- of Micmacs, however, dwell in the rare red. or their ser- water, cover one-third of the surface, southern interior." Such was the deblessed. The Sir R. Bonnycastle, in 1842, explored scription given of our country in 1844 the Cathedral, which on the eastern and southern sides of Parish Church of St. the island, vast forests of splendid nated at £7,000, and timber and cultivatable regions; and say to-day if he were to visit Grand the inhabitants as had means on the western side, prairies, forests, Falls, the Humber, our railway, ocean Buted liberally; but which it immense lakes, and a great coal basin, liners, numerous fisheries, our cathreceible to complete with- upon which there springs up luxuriant edrals and public buildings, etc. It

they were required to prosecute the tance between St. John's and the har- town consists of one main street, and deep bays, and a great number of ings are handsome; in 1815, 140 housto the sea are bleak, rugged, and Germany, flour and Indian corn meal co-orera on an plots covered with fir and spruce, Courts (Captains and Lieutenants of

grass. There are settlers here, in

"The climate of Newfoundland is ery humid and severe, from its ex-

annuclly elevated ridges can the tray- but about sixteen years since a few

I wonder what the traveller would

would rather surprise him that the Thunderer (London Times) and other A recent traveller (1844) has well spite of treaties, who live on the pro-British periodicals are supplied from the paper manufactured in Newfoundland. He was perfectly correct about the mackerel being abundant along our shores, for I know for a fact, from my own ancestors, that they teneI heard the old folks say that they were "cursed from our shores." The fishermen placed no value on them in those days. With regard to our timber resources, I have read in Guthrie's Colossal Geographical History, published about 1797, in his reference to Newfoundland, wherein it is stated "not alone would Newfoundland terprise. supply its own wants in timber, but the day would come when this country would supply Great Britain to a better parentage, fewer dead babies, great extent." Well that day has ar- healthier living babies, stronger rived—not alone timber, but paper as children, happier mothers, happier well. The reference to our caplin is homes and a nobler race, was successnothing new, because as far back as ful, in that it brought home to the 1809 our merchants (it was a cus- whole City, that "the baby of to-day tomary affair), shipped codfish, cod is the citizen of to-morrow." Vice-Adliver oil, blubber, berries, calf skins, miral Sir Frederick Field made it pickled salmon, dried salmon, hogs- clear in his opening speech the neter skins, fox skins, cat skins, beaver heritage of ours" (the Empire) to a skins, wolf skins, and barrels and box- strong and virile race. es of dried caplin; all in the one cargo. I can name 50 vessels on which such cargoes were shipped—all to

ecial nursing treatments .. .. 69 ew admissions at Centre .. .. o. of children on Clinic books 372

Our work this month has been out f the rut of Routine, and therefore figures are not an indication of ie work done. The Infant Mortality is still extremely high this month, and, when during the first week, it was noted that there seemed no slack-

Prize Winners

Box Front Competition

First Prize--Radio Set Complete, won by Francis P. Moore, Military Road, 48349

Second Prize--\$50.00 Cash, won by Robert Sutherby, 15 Bond Street, 39044

Third Prize--\$25.00 Cash. won by Gerald Farrell, Mt. Cashel, 32234

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	J. A. Grant-Southside West 334
1	E. Barron—24 Duckworth Street
1	T. Keefe—6 Brazil Square 306
1	Tan Fisher—Corner Brook
	Ed. Brophy—Battery Road
1	Victor Taylor—South Side
Total de	Vincent Reddy—9 York Street 263
1	Harold Harvey—Bell Island 240
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eo Hanlon-4 Katherine St	F. Kavanagh-50 Cochrane St.
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