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# Old Time Shipbuilding in Newfoundland

## Names of Some Well Known Vessels. Where Built, and Builders Names.

BY JAMES MURPHY. (Continued)

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. It may be of interest to know the names of the shipwrights at St. John's sixty years ago. Those where among the men of that calling who repaired the sailing vessels. Some of their President of the Shipwrights' Association was Edward Knights, Samuel Walsh and Thomas Doyle were Vice Presidents. The other members conspicuous in the Society were Adam Martin, Thomas Bates, John Dooly John Lambert, John Knight, George Knight, George Knight, Joseph Raines, John Tucker, Jeremiah Hickey, James

Dooly and George Pippy. A vessel that was said to have been, in those old days, one of the smartest out of the port of St. John's, was the Glenivet, Capt. Chas. Power, who was President of the Fishermen's Society, in the sixties. He purchased the Gleniret from the firm of Clift Wood & Co., for £1200, but for having met with a mishap on a voyage to the old country she would have made one of the quickest passages on record There were some passengers on board of the Gleniret, some of them were well known to the people of St. John's. one was a sister of Brennan, the boneof John Woods, Hoylestown, all of was. Your inserting this will oblige, them being well built and of a size, at that time, considered large enough for the general trade of the Colony. It is refreshing to know that ship-

wise would go to other countries, may

Let me say that there is another feat which the celebrated builder Michael Kearney performed, which offspring are now in ourm idst. The had omitted, but which I now will make known. The following letter sent to the Press explains the good work and energy of Kearney. Here is a copy of the letter:

> Barque 'Abby Craig', St. John's, Nfld

Sir,-I beg you will insert those few lines in your paper. On my voyage from Liverpool to St. John, N.B., we unfortunately struck a berg of ice on the night of the 7th. of May, it being dark and a thick fog and a heavy sea We found the false stem was carried off and the ship making much water, which kept both pumps continually go-(St. John's) and arrived on the night of the 31st. of May. Finding there was no means of repairing our vesse here, Michael Kearney offered to stop the leak and put the ship in a fit state to proceed on her voyage by constructing a tank under the bows four feet under the stem and thereby to repair the stem, but we soon found that setter; and another was a conspicuous jit was the keel that was damaged, but

because of his religious tem- even this Mr. Kearney conquered with perment and was called "Paddy the his perseverance, working 15 feet un-Saint." My friend, Mr. William Dug- der water, the ship drawing 11 feet sept7,th,sat,tues gan, of the Museum, made a voyage and the tank where the workmen on the Gleniret and he speaks well of her sailing qualities. The Gleniret was in command of Capt. Michael Power, a son of the owner. Up to the year 1956, sower larger recognitions and the tank where the workhold stood being four feet below the keel, and I am happy to say my vessel is now able and ready to proceed on her voyage. I can therefore recomthe year, 1856 seven large vessels mend Mr. Kearney to any man who had been constructed at the dockyard may be in the circumstances as I

W. SHANK.

building is once more to be carried Kearney built a dredge in the sixon, extensively we hope, as it will ties which cost £700, according to inoculate our people with a love or Stephen March who was then a memthe art. Like Glaucus, the fisherman ber for Trinity Dstrct. Mr. March of Bacotia, when he observed the said the dredge wasn't worth seven fishes he had caught lying on the hundred cents. Kearney showed that grass becoming invigorated and leap- she had cost nearly three hundred into the sea he tasted the grass and pounds less, and he said that in other suddenly felt a desire to live in the countries dredge boats cost from three sea, so it will be withour hardy fish- to five thousand pounds, and that St. ermen, a desire to become builders John's should have a dredge suitable of ships will seize them and natural- to the post, which should cost a good ly so when President Coaker begins ly sum, and not a paltry four or five operations in his shipbuilding dock-hundred pound dredge as they then yard at Catalina and I hope that Copia had. Mr. March often kept the House with her horn of plenty may hover of Assembly in roars of laughter when near. If we want to progress our Is- a hot debate was one. A well known land Home, new industries must be member on one occasion asked what

gum tree" said Mr. March. Now ers of the Kent administration designated legalized robbers, state paupers and locusts by Bishop Mullock and they were turned out of office by Governor Bannerman in 1861.

A beautiful vessel called the Scotia was built in 1861 at Shelbourne, N.S., for the firm of Punton & Munn. She was constructed y James Muir under the supervision of a native of Newfoundland, Mr. George Pittman, celeopened up, by which means labor may brated for building vessels at New given and the money which other- Perlican. The Scotia was 173 tons.

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dore of Harbour Grace, brought down the Scotia to Harbour Grace from Shelbourne. He also saw to the superintending of the ship's rigging. It took seven days for the Scotia to reach Harbour Grace. Capt. Terence

Hallern was a famous sealing captain of St. John's, known still to many of captain.

Co.' by Kearney, at his dockyard at the South side of St. John's. There was much rejoicing over the launching of the Gauntlet, and if I mistake not I have read of her having made a voyage to Australia.

Patrick Morrissey went down with people have to take part of the loads | October 12th., 1916. the vessel. Capt. Dooley cut away the ship's boat with a pen knife, she began' to leak after being placed in the water, he had to stop the leak with his cap and cravat. He stuck up two oars as a substitute for a sail, he steered the boat with one hand and bailed the water out of her with the other, then he ran her for Holyrood. After being 18 hours on the ocean he was washed ashore on the beach.

Among the merchants of the past none were more respected and thought of than Walter Grieve, Esq., known by the name of "Watty". A newspaper speaking of Mr. Grieve said: "We take the range of the whole trade and \$10,485,828, is disclosed by an apsee no one whom we can so ill afford to spare than Walter Grieve, head Herman Frasch, of this city. of the wealthy house of Baine, Johnston & Co. The honest man struggling with difficulties, whether merappeal to Walter Grieve, was sure of the helping hand, or the most indulging consideration.

Michael Power, of St. John's, known as the "Poet of Pokeham Path" .... (see second line of page 15) at one time through the columns of the press some verses on Mr. Grieve, a few of which are as follows:

Unto the good Bishop Fleming You all time stand his friend, Ave, and unto his successor last fall your aid did lend.

When you freely gave your steamer The ruins to carry o'er To convey them in safety Unto the Southern Shore.

Were I inspired by Burn's muse Down by the tuneful Dee. Your praises then, sir, I would sound

With more sublimity. (To be continued)

### **NEW YORKS EXPORTS** \$10,796,000 A DAY

(New York Times.)

New York is now by far the largest exporting port of the world, according to a statement made yesterday by the Foreign Trade Department of the National City Bank in making public its analysis of this port's outward foreign trade for

The bank's analysis of the Septemer movement shows that a new export record was made here in Sep-

"This does not necessarily mean," said the bank's statement, "that the total exports of the port in September exceeded those of August, for September had but 25 business days, while August had 27 business days. But, if the revised figures of the port's business coincide with the daily reports during September, the daily average per business day in September will be greater than in August or in any earlier month in the history of the port. The total of exports of August was \$271,243,000, or \$10,046,000 per business day; that of September, as shown by an agreegation of the daily reports, was \$269,981,000, or \$10,796,000 per business day."

The analysis made by the bank's foreign trade expert showed that practically one-half of this very large total for the month of exports was for the battlefield.

At The Summer Resort. "Auntie were you ever engaged?" "Yes, my dear, once. For two "For two weeks only? Did you

"No. His vacation ended and ever heard from him after that."

# ACRICULTURAL POLICY IS A FARCE

Mr. John Gear, of this place, re- off their horses and drays when they the older inhabitants. He purchased ceived a message from the authorities come to cross them. If a puncheon the Magnolia, a beautiful yacht owned of Ottawa, to-day, informing him that of molasses comes for any one, some by Sir H. W. Blacker. Captain Hal- his son James of the 25th. Battalion of it must be drawn off into another lern was the owner of vessels in his (Canadian) has been missing since cask, as the bridges cannot possibly day, as well as a successful sealing 15th. Sept. James had only rejoined bear the weight. Your correspondent his regiment a few days previously, has written both the Inspector and The Gauntlet, said to be one of the having been in hospital in France Government, but of course, being on prettiest vessels that ever came to the suffering from injuries received on the wrong side, my complaint found narrows, was built for Baine Johnston June 12th. Our sympathy go out to its resting place in the waste paper Esq., of the firm of Baine, Johnston & the parents, whose only hope new is basket.

It is said that there is a man, from some such accident occurred. Blackhead, drawing a fixed salary as We are sorry that our butcher, Mr Inspector of Roads and Bridges, for Wareham, has had to give up his busithis end of the District. If that is ness owing to the scarcity of cattle The Electra, Capt. Dooly, was lost so I wonder does he ever pass through around here, and this in spite of a on a voyage from Presque, Placen- place, and has he ever noticed the seven years agricultural policy. condition of the bridges here? One, A few years ago the Agricultural Head, Ferryland and Fermeuse,

leaving Presque she sprung a leak cross those bridges going to and was sent back. and sank a few minutes afterwards, from the Railway Station. To show two of her crew, Michael Doyle and how convenient such bridges are, Salmon Cove, Bay de Verde,

student of chemistry who came here

from Germany in 1868, attracted the

attention of John D. Rockefeller, be-

had passed through the hands of four

t pay. The sulphur lay 800 feet below

the surface. Mr. Frasch devised

method of conveying super-heated

water into the mine melting the sul-

phur and then pumping it out through

a pipe. The apprisers estimated the

value of the stock of the company

owning the mine at \$12,003 a share

Mr. Frasch owned 505 shares.

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companies that were unable to make in the mission house being broken.

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until some one has fallen through, or entry of shipping at night, from

made mention of some, heroic inci- falling down, by a piece of timber erable, dejected looking animal the leading lights of St. John's. dents and of some deeds of daring and propped up under the span. The oth- (which in honour of the Premier was hardships undergone by the fishermen | er has no support and to pass over it named Morris.) Poor Morris, howevand sailors of the days gone by. One with any weight, one has to be quite er, failed either to improve the qualof the most thrilling was that of the an athlete to keep one's feet, there ity or to increase the quantity of the crew of the Electra. Shortly after is such a swing in it. We have to cattle here and after a couple of years

START A RIOT

sentiment, practically every window

Several people at the service were

disturbance, and the Lord Bishop and

his colleagues were kept prisoners in.

wounds were dressed at a hospital.

slightly cut.

### Published by Authority

UNDER the provisions of "The War Measures Act, 1914," His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the following Regulations shall come into effect on the 12th day of October instant:

1.—The Port and Harbour of that their boy has been made a pris- Of course we expect nothing done St. John's is closed entirely to the nightfall on the 12th October, until further orders.

2.—Lights will remain extinguished, until further notice, at Cape St. Francis, Cape Spear, Bull In yesterday's Mail and Advocate the main bridge, is being kept from Society sent a bull here, a poor, mis- also the light at Fort Amherst and

> 3.—No lights are to be shown in exposed places in the Town of St. John's or its vicinity. Motor cars are forbidden to show head lights on roads visible out at sea.

> > JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Dept. of the Colonial Secretary, 10th October, 1916. oet11,14,17,3i



OUR QUESTION IS.

ist, Mr. Frasch undertook to develop orthodox Jews, and a rain of stones What will you do if you have a a sulphur mine in Louisiana which and other missiles testified to this fire and haven't any insurance? Can you stand this loss?

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the building until rescued by the au- in one of our companies. Why not

thorities. A soldier of the Jewish do it to-day?

reinfrocements company was hurt in PERCIE JOHNSON a struggle with the police, and his PERCIE JOHNSON Insurance Agent.

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