

TRINITY.

One of the most deeply interesting annual events, near enough to Trinity to be seen and enjoyed by visitors, is the "landing" of the caplin, particularly at Salvage Cove just outside Trinity Harbor. It was my privilege to go there a fortnight ago with some friends who had just come to Newfoundland, and if it had all been staged for our special benefit, it could not have been more wonderfully displayed either in fulness or in detail. And yet the fishermen told us that the presence of so many caplin, and their "landing" from one end of the long beach to the other, during that evening was not exceptional. Even to me, who had seen it many times before, it was wonderfully interesting; whilst to my visiting friends it was one of nature's great moving picture shows, that could not and that did not fail to impress them with its unique and most wonderful presentation. I could but wish that the hundreds of people who visit Newfoundland during the early summer months, were given the opportunity to enjoy it. It is really one of the sights that only Newfoundland presents in its finest form. With those fish by the millions, being borne in and deposited upon the beach, by the rolling surf (in groups of threes) to deposit the spawn, and then taken out again by the next receding wave—all this, plus the twenty-five boats lined along the shore, from each of which men were setting those fish by the hundreds of barrels for fertilizing purposes—I could not get rid of the thoughts—what a waste of good food; and what a wonderful cinema film it would make!

Last week I referred to old Capt. Richard Ash in connection with the Masonic Lodge of Trinity. Captain Ash's vessel was captured on the high seas during the war with France, about 1808, and he and his crew were taken prisoners to France. During the seven years they spent in the French prison all died, except Capt. Ash and the mate George Pittman (an ancestor of Rev. A. Pittman of Topsail). As Captain Ash could speak French, he was used by the prison authorities to teach the officials and prisoners English. Some time during the early part of 1815, Captain Ash and Pittman escaped from the prison, having been helped to do so by an official who was a Free Mason. By walking during the night, and hiding during the day, they reached Calais, where they found some Englishmen smuggling brandy to England, who agreed to give them a passage if they would assist in landing the brandy. They did not hesitate to pay for their passage by this means, and the next day they found themselves on English soil. They went to London, and from thence they came to Newfoundland, only to hear upon their arrival, of the defeat of the French at Waterloo. This, of course, meant the end of the war, which would have given them their freedom from prison, without the great trouble they had gone to in order to secure

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When Captain Ash got back to Trinity he found in his home a daughter seven years old, who was born just after he had left Trinity. That little girl in after life became the wife of William Kelson, and the mother of our present Mrs. Pittman.

Some marriages of a hundred years ago in Bonavista Bay:—

Clifton-Short. 1825. Married, John Clifton, of Red Cliff Island, to Grace Short, of Bonavista, B.B.

Skeffington-Beaumont. 1825. Married, John Skeffington and Martha Beaumont, both of Bonavista.

Bellows-Smith. 1825. Married, Robert Bellows and Ryma Smith, both of Greenspond, B.B.

Brown-Saunders. 1826. Married, Thomas Brown and Elizabeth Saunders, both of King's Cove, B.B.

Wheeler-Simonds. 1826. Married, Henry Wheeler to Mary Simonds, both of Keels, B.B.

Oldford-Hunter. 1827. Married, Thomas Oldford to Maria Hunter, both of Salvage, B.B.

Lane-Batt. 1827. Married George Lane to Elizabeth Batt, both of Open Hole (Hall?), B.B.

Lush-Green. 1827. Married Silvester Lush, of Somerset, England, to Susanna Green, of Greenspond. Married at Church in Gooseberry Island, B.B.

Two or three years ago, some one who was supposed to know, told us in Newfoundland that we were no longer "only a colony," but that, because of the good work that Newfoundlanders had done during the war, Newfoundland had been gazetted a Dominion. Naturally we were all pleased. Everybody who, (either at home or abroad), made a speech about Newfoundland, referred to it as "Britain's Oldest Colony and her newest Dominion." It was referred to as such by Government officials, and in our prayers for the State, the Governor, the Parliament, the word Colony gave place to the word Dominion. Then one of our local editors got suspicious about it all, got in touch with the Governor on the subject, only to find that the word Dominion, so far as Newfoundland is concerned, is a myth, and unauthorized. Yet

only this week in Trinity we had occasion to look over some letters from Newfoundland's High Commissioner in London. Those letters were written at the High Commissioner's Office, dated 4th May, 1921, headed in large capital letters DOMINION OF NEWFOUNDLAND, and signed by the High Commissioner. Now old Jimmy Pardy used to say "they know everything over in England." Well, if they do, why are we not a Dominion. And if we are not a Dominion, who started the story? Won't some who knows give us some definite information?

Mr. William Fraser, of St. John's registered last week at Garland Hotel, and spent an enjoyable holiday in Trinity. Mr. Fraser was born in Dingwall, Scotland, in 1838. When he was sixteen years of age he became one of the staff of the National Bank of Scotland in Dingwall, where he served two years and a half. In 1817 he enlisted for active service and put in eight months of training at Stirling, Scotland. He was then sent to France and was attached to the Fourth Seaforth Highlanders. He saw his first and last fighting at Cambrai, during which his regiment was surrounded and he was taken prisoner. Mr. Fraser spent two months as a prisoner at Malakoff; then he was taken to Fiesburg where he was held for five months. After this he spent a month at Zarbruchen, and was there when the Armistice was signed. When he was given his liberty he walked eighty miles to France, where he took passage to England, and thence to his home in Scotland. He came to St. John's last August and joined the staff of the Bank of Montreal, St. John's.

In a letter dated July 1st, Mr. E. Grant wrote from Blanc Sablon: "Our splitting machine is doing good work. The largest number we have yet put through was fifty-six in one minute, though the average is about thirty. So far as I can judge, it will do the work of five splitters." This machine was a few months ago, and we are glad though not surprised to hear of its success. "Drive her Skipper Jim."

Canon Lockyer spent Sunday in Catala. Mr. McCarthy, of Bonavista, was in town last week. Glad to see him. Mr. Godden, representing Messrs. Dunn & Co., was in town this week. Mr. Earl Best of the office staff of Harvey & Co., St. John's, is registered at Garland Hotel, and is visiting relatives in Trinity. We wish him an enjoyable holiday.

Salmon though plentiful in the Strait, have been scarce in the local market, owing to the wholesale purchase by Mr. Clouston at English Harbor. We are glad to know that his venture so far has been a success.

Years ago when the caplin were rolling in Salvage Cove, and the

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Mr. Somerton's fine dwelling house looks up-to-date in its fresh coat of paint in pretty colors.

The Senef, Captain Geo. Barbour, came in on Thursday (7th) on the way to Labrador. We wish him a pleasant summer.

Mr. and Miss Devine, of King's Cove, were in town last week. Come again and stay longer.

Miss Katie Fowfow, teacher in the Springdale School, St. John's, and her sister Miss Etta May of the General Post Office staff, St. John's, came by Saturday's express to visit parents and friends at Trinity. Glad to have them home again.

The careful "Reader of the Evening Telegram," who pointed out the mistake in Canon Lockyer's birthday, as given in the issue of July 2nd, has his best thanks for the kind interest taken in his past and present. It was not the Canon's intention to add a week to his years—even the ladies would not do that—but as he has to mail his items for Saturday, on the previous Tuesday, and often to write them on the previous Saturday, he is apt to get mixed in his senses, and to use the past instead of the future. Hence, in this case he wrote "last Sunday" instead of next Sunday. His birthday was on July 3rd, as "Reader" pointed out, and I thank her (?) and I shall be more careful in future years, now that I know the ladies are keeping tab on me.

As I hope to leave Newfoundland within the next few weeks, this will be my last contribution from Trinity till I return, and I don't know just when that will be. I thank the Editor for having given me so much space every week, and I thank my readers, who by the dozen, have, during the year of my contributions, thanked me for filling it. In efforts to bring forth out of the treasures of the history and doings of Trinity, things new and old, I have refreshed my own memory as well as that of others; and whilst I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, I sincerely hope that I have done something in the best interests of Trinity. There are others who see Trinity from their own viewpoint, and probably they are in possession of interesting information such as I did not have. Some one amongst them will, I trust, keep the public informed of such daily doings of Trinity, past and present, as will be of interest to Trinitarians abroad, and others who do not object to be interested in what their neighbors are doing.

Correction. In my items re Union Lodge, A.F. & A.M., as given last week, I intended to write: "Judging from the positions of the names of Richard Ash and Joseph Tavernor in those lists, the former (the great grandfather of our present Richard Ash) was the first Master, and the latter was the first Secretary." I omitted the words as given in black type.

Trinity, July 15. —W.J.L.

Of Interest to Horsemen

It will be of interest to those who raise horses in this country to know that the great son of Howard Mann 2:17 was second in each heat of the greatest race of the year, the second heat in 2:07 3/4, a world record, half mile track. The terrific battles last year between Moko Oxworthy, (son of Howard Mann) and Harry J. S. read with amazing interest from the Atlantic Sea Board to the Pacific Coast, but the fastest heat then was but 2:08 3/4. It is also of interest to know that the winning horse was a first cousin to Moko Oxworthy, and brother to "Monstrous" now owned by Philip Jackson of Brigus. Not in the history of this old island have we ever possessed a horse that approached the distinction that pertains to Howard Mann 2:17 as a sire of splendid Colts.—HORSEMAN.

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The Leader of the Silesian Rebels.

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Giving effect to this plebiscite rests with the League of Nations, and some sort of a compromise was to be effected by which Poland would receive the Polish districts. But the Poles have not waited, but in many districts, even where there is a large German population, they have risen in revolt against international authority and attempted annexation by force of arms. Many lives have been lost, great confusion has been created, and a situation has arisen which threatens whatever peace Europe possesses.

The leader of the Polish rebels in Silesia is a man in early middle life named Adalbert Kortant, a man of education and of some military experience, no doubt possessing considerable ability, but hot-headed, rash, and impetuous. He seems to disregard the dangers to Europe his course may create, nor does he seem capable of foreseeing the damage he may inflict upon his own country by alienating the Allies, whose victory won Po-

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