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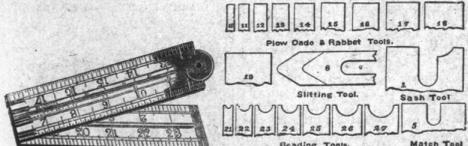
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Newfoundland Court at the Fisheries.

Propos of the proposal to take a Court for Newfoundland at the coming exhibition in the Crystal Palace to be held in connection with the Festival of Empire, the following cuttings from the Evening Telegram of May 4th, 1883, and the Evening Mercury of May 26th, 1883, will be read with interest:

Our "Court" at Kensington.

A mutual friend has just placed into our hands a letter received per Hanoverian yesterday from Mr. Whiteley, our "Dr. Home-man" the great International Fisheries Exhibition. After some remarks about "the voyage across the Atlantic" and his first day's experience in "the world's metropolis," Mr. Whiteley goes on to say: "Now for a few words about the Fisheries Exhibition, in which I know you take great interest. To begin with, we occupy a very prominent position in the building. The Commissioners' Committee will, I trust, be pleased with my endeavors to do justice to their choice of representative. It has been for me a labor of love, and I wish to do all that is possible for the advancement of the Colony and the improvement of the condition of her people. The Hon. A. Shea is here now and will take charge, and carry to a termination what I have been privileged to begin. I may say here that I have met with every possible politeness and civility from every person connected with the Exhibition—from the door-keepers to the noblemen at the head of the committee. We see many visitors daily. On Monday the Prince of Wales strolled through our court and visited the departments of the United States and Canada. After he had taken his departure the Duke of Edinburgh paid us a long visit, as did also the Prince and Princess of Saxe-Weimar. As for Earls and Lords, there are always some of them about. The Marquis of Hamilton is a very pleasant gentleman, and being on the executive committee, he is every day in the building. All in fact are very kind and express the hope that Newfoundland will make a good showing among her neighbors. It is certainly a great opportunity to bring to notice the resources of this much-decried country. Canada and the United States are making a great show; but they have taken everything from their museums; an advantage we did not enjoy. They also have large staffs of Commissioners. Canada has four and the United States many as eight. China is spending the most money, but it is a large empire. Their court, however, is the same size as ours. Sweden, too, has a large exhibit. It is whispered to-day that Norway does not mean to exhibit. I do not know if it be true. At all events they have no goods here yet. Messrs. Gillon, the decorators, are spending \$50,000 on a pavilion for the Prince of Wales, about one hundred yards from us. The Exhibition building is immense—miles of halls and corridors, aquariums, &c. We are connected with the Albert Hall Conservatories, in some parts like Fairyland—fountains, lakes, statues, fowers and trees. Situated near Hyde Park, the neighborhood is occupied by the wealthy class—beautiful mansions on every side and no

shops near. I shall not see the opening ceremonies. The Queen takes a very great interest in the Exhibition. I am informed, on the best authority, that the postponement from the 1st to the 12th of May was entirely on her own account and at her special request. I cannot write you more; but, if I see you again, will give you any information you may desire."

Newfoundland at the Fisheries Exhibition.

To the Editor Evening Mercury, Dear Sir,—Since my return from London many enquiries have been made as to the position Newfoundland will occupy at the Great Fishery Exhibition, and my statement that her position will be a very satisfactory one seems to be accepted with caution; but I can assure your readers that agents will bear out my statements, and that Newfoundland will carry off several prizes, and I believe we shall have the most favorable notices from the British press, as to general effect and character of exhibits. Perhaps a few words of explanation may not be out of place.

We, in common with other countries, received our space, simply the height of without any attempt at decoration. Each country was at liberty (within certain limits) to fit up their space, or court, as they saw fit with the privilege of paying for it themselves. Of course there was a diversity of taste; and, in my opinion this constitutes one of the most pleasing features of the Exhibition and has a fine effect. The space allotted to us was one hundred feet long, fifty feet wide, situated in the centre of the building, so that it was incumbent on us to do our best in the way of decoration, more especially as our neighbors were straining every nerve to eclipse us altogether.

The sides of the court were covered with felting and tinted with plain coloring, of different shades, on each side. Affixed to the iron girders at the height of twelve feet were shields bearing the names of the different electoral districts, every one being represented from St. John's to Whit Bay. A trophy of three flags surmounts each shield; alternate shields have over them, projecting from the side of the building, the house flag of the merchants of Newfoundland. At one end an arch 40 feet high is erected, draped with nets, white and red. The central passage is draped with two flags bearing the device and motto of Terra Nova. At the top space is the word Newfoundland, in large block letters, white and gold and the Imperial arms, with a trophy of seven flags form the apex. On end of the space being formed of glass, offered a fine opportunity to show pictures of our fish. For a height of twelve feet it represents the sea full of various fish, copied from the specimens we exhibit. On the surface are fields of ice covered with seals. The effect was fine, and was much admired before I left.

The models of the Vanguard and Ridley were centres of attraction. They have been refitted completely and are very handsome exhibits. The model of the Fisherman's Home also occupies a prominent position. It is a large case 10 feet square by 12 feet high contains a number of seals represented as lying on a pan of ice and is very attractive. All the special men's seals, birds and fish were passed through the hands of a practical taxidermist. In short, every thing was done to make up for deficiencies. Models of vessels, nets &c., were refitted and placed to the best advantage. The drawings by Mr Hayward were framed and glazed and I am sure will be very attractive.

I have been asked many times "How do we compare with other fishing countries as regards appliances?" and am very much pleased to be able to say, as a practical fisherman, that we are ahead of all European countries as regards vessels, boats, seines, traps, &c. As to codfish, we have already heard the verdict. The same will be said of the oils exhibited, no oils are shown to be compared to them. They are nicely arranged on stands and look perfect. The Cordage Company's ropes are also arranged as a trophy on a stand, and attracts much attention.

Handsome cases were made and laid on counters, at the sides of the court, and the specimens were placed in them.

The effect was very pleasing, and the general expression from visitors was "Well done Newfoundland." All this was not accomplished without much hard work on the part of all engaged. For myself I would ask the public to be considerate in their criticisms, remembering the sparsity of the materials we had to work with, the difficulty of getting work done in a strange country, and other things not necessary to mention. Suffice it to say, I did my best and trust the

result will please, if not satisfy all concerned. The next mail will bring us the opinions of the Judges.

Very truly yours,
W. H. WHITELEY.

Money in Politics.

British Statesmen Could Have Been Wealthy in Other Business.

"If I had stuck to my profession and left politics severely alone," the late Sir William Harcourt is reported to have said towards the end of his life, "I should have been a richer man to-day by at least \$500,000, and I am quite sure many other men who have enjoyed what are called the 'plums of office' could say pretty much the same."

And no doubt the statement was perfectly true, for there is surely no profession which rewards its most gifted followers so poorly as that of politics.

For more than thirty years the late W. E. Gladstone devoted his great abilities and untiring energy to politics for a money reward which did not average the salary of some bank managers or newspaper editors; and this although he spent much more than a quarter of a century in office, and for sixteen of these years drew \$25,000 a year. His official earnings during the whole of his long lifetime only totalled, roughly, \$575,000, representing an average of \$3,275 a year. Had the great statesman devoted himself as enthusiastically to let us say, the Bar, he might reasonably have trebled his revenue as a Minister of the Crown.

Lord Salisbury's political triumphs paid him only at an average rate of \$750 a week, spread over his forty-seven years of labor, although for twenty years as Indian and Foreign Secretary and First Lord of the Admiralty his revenue was a yearly \$25,000. If his lordship had even remained true to his clever pen during all these years of toil at statesmanship he might have hoped to fare as well financially.

The late Duke of Devonshire was nineteen and a half years in office, and drew \$320,000 of Government money; but his average income from this source, spread over all the years of his political life, was under \$7,000—or less than the pay of an Under Secretary. Viscount Cross was nearly half a century at Westminster for \$370,000, or less than \$8,000 a year—on income which he could at least have turned in a profession. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain would never have grown rich from statesmanship as he has done from commerce; for in a quarter of a century all his takings were \$195,000, a sum which he has probably made in a single year of business life at Birmingham. This, too, although he had more than his share of the "plums" in the shape of eleven years of office out of the twenty-five.

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