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## From Out the Storied Past.

BUSINESS 100 YEARS AGO.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)  
ARTICLE 4.

I have always thought that Trinity residents of King's Cove, Knight's Cove, Broad Cove and other settlements which the Irish youngsters had their feet on their arrival in Newfoundland, and the invaluable interesting letters of Mr. Kelso published in my last article that as early as ninety youngsters arrived at Trinity in one of Mr. Garland's vessels and we can easily assume the weary and hardship to which they were subjected during the voyage across the Atlantic. Those vessels did not have been over one hundred tons, and in Newfoundland a comparatively few years ago, the Government had to pass an Act limiting the number of passengers on our vessels to and from Labrador. I remember about 1878 there were 110 men, women and children arrived from Labrador on a schooner of about 70 tons. I went aboard, and I can assure you, I will never forget my experience, and I trust I may never witness a sight again. How they lived under such surroundings has been a matter to me from that day to this. It was only through the mercy of that fever or some other epidemic did not break out amongst them. A time in years gone by I wrote the condition of affairs in the "Standard" and other newspapers. Never, the Government woke up at all, and had this last relic of barbarism abolished by Act of Parliament.

Migratory Immigrants.

It is my opinion that the Irish who arrived at Trinity in Slade's, Garland's and other vessels, after a time, moved to Bonavista Bay, and became

famously known as Sailor Jack. Mr. Reid would have procured further information for me, only he could not spare time, having to devote all his energies to looking after his fish, as he has done for the past forty years, to see that no discoloration would occur amongst his cargo, which would be the means of importing some bogus scientists amongst us to pass their opinion upon a subject that they know nothing at all about. I should like to see the scientist from abroad that would give any information to Messrs. Wm. Reid, John Toole, Fred. Moore or some others of our practical fishermen as to how they should catch or cure fish. If the authorities wish to know the reason of the fish being discolored, etc., let them ask one of these old-timers, or better still, let them view the fish they ship to market, and ask them how they turn out such a first class article.

**English Deserters.**

The English youngsters did not come out in such large numbers by each ship as did the Irish. The majority of them shipped on board British vessels on a voyage to Newfoundland, and when they arrived here they jumped the ship, married, settled down and carried on the fishery. Of course great numbers were shipped at Poole, Bristol and other ports in England by the representatives or principals of Newfoundland firms who lived in England, and a fine class of men they were. These English youngsters, honest, industrious and big-hearted fellows, and very many of them became our most enterprising and successful planters, seal-killers and master-mariners. Again large numbers deserted from the men-of-war ships that were moored in our harbors during the winter months in years gone by, and I can remember several of them, who were very old men, when I was a small boy, and a pity it is that I cannot relate some of their personal experiences. De Jubainville says that the legends of Ireland are just as interesting as those of ancient Greece, but I maintain that the legends and traditions of Newfoundland are more interesting than either one or the other.

**Scott's Traits.**

The Scotch immigration to this country was never very numerous, but what they lacked in numbers they made up in natural commercial ability, keen intelligence, as well as thrift and economy so characteristic of their race. They grasped the first source of employment that came to hand and eventually struck out for themselves. Their natural adaptability for business enabled them to quickly forge to the front in the commercial life of our country, and we have an example of what they have done, and can do, in the enterprising and time-honored firm of Baine Johnston & Co., whose house-flag was known in all the great centres of commerce before Queen Victoria was born, when the Great Napoleon was crowned by Pope Pius VII., when he was at the zenith of his power and glory after the battles of Jena, Wagram and Austerlitz, and when he was defeated and exiled to the island of St. Helena after the battle of Waterloo, and the same grand old firm is with us to-day, ever foremost in the commercial life of our country, with the same vigor and success, thanks to the energy, foresight and enterprise of Mr. Walter Baine Grieve, as it was 100 years ago, or I should have said far more so. Mr. Grieve, like Julius Caesar, with his immortal 10th Legion, can call all of his faithful servants by name as he kindly greets them. The Irish and the Scotch always worked in harmony. The Scotch with a determination to succeed always stuck to their business, but the Irish and many of the English were of a roving disposition and emigrated to the United States, Canada and elsewhere, and thus we find the Irish race scattered over the civilized world. I came across a good story told by a prominent Irish member of Parliament a short time ago. The member lived in Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, South Africa, with a few associates, for some time. It was their custom on Sunday and holidays to hire "rickshaws" (small two-wheeled conveyances drawn by Kaffirs), to take them out to a small holiday resort some few miles away. On a certain Sunday morning three "rickshaws" were hired, as was their custom, and one of them observed that his "driver" was the bearer of a lighter skin than that possessed by his two confederates. They had a very enjoyable day, and on their return to Pretoria in the evening one of them asked the

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