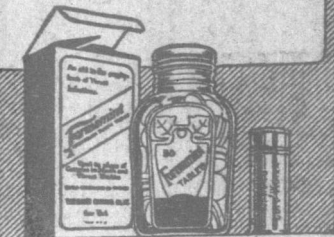




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TRINITY

THE SOUTH SIDE OF TRINITY—AS IT WAS, AND AS IT IS.

We have had many reminders during the last few years, of the changes that have gone on, in and around Trinity in connection with our population. Some few people have come to us during those years, and they are satisfied to remain with us. Fully ninety per cent. of the changes, however, have been in the opposite direction. The removals by death have not been exceptional, and of them it may be said: "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be." The removals by individuals, and families leaving for the interior industrial centres; for St. John's, Canada, and the United States, have increased with increasing years, and they still go on, and we fear "the worst is yet to come." True, there is no one, great, striking evidence of such removals in the town of Trinity; and at Church Services, and other public gatherings, we are often surprised to find that there are so many people still in our midst; whilst there are very few empty houses, and but two (I am glad to know) with windows boarded up, and one of those should have been taken down years ago.

The one part of Trinity which today is, from the beginning to the end of it, a standing advertisement; a sad, and silent reminder of the series of changes that have gone on relentlessly, and ending in desolation, is Trinity South (the South Side). There, along the slope of the South Side hills, from the Port Point settlement on the East, to Otter Point on the West, the fishermen who came to us in early summer every year one hundred and fifty years ago, from Hants, Dorset, Devon, and Limerick, carried on their fishing under the jurisdiction of the "Fishing Admiral" during the summer and then left again for home in the autumn. Then some of them decided to remain, and the temporary huts and shacks of the transients, gave place to permanent buildings; and homes were made and families were raised. Then came Peter Street, and others from Poole. They built stores and wharves along the shore, and property, and prosperity increased with increasing years. Then owing to death and other causes those premises were dismantled and the business ceased. This, however, did not immediately,

or seriously interfere with the prosperity of the settlers there. A fishing fleet of carefully modelled and equipped boats was built, and the fishery at Baccalieu was inaugurated and prosecuted by some of the best and most daring fishermen in Trinity Bight. Under the leadership of Robin Hiscock, the South Side entered upon a new stage of prosperity, which was enjoyed for several years; and well built houses and carefully cultivated gardens dotted the whole length of the South Side hills.

Then with the death of the old people, and changes in the habits of the fish, together with the differences between the inclinations of the young men, and those of the old men who had passed away, there came a discontinuance of the Baccalieu fishery. From this date began the downward trend of the South Side as a section of Trinity Harbour. Some of the people moved over to Trinity. Some were lost at sea. The Dohertys (John and Edward) went down in the S.S. Lion in Baccalieu Tickle. Houses began to be closed. The school was discontinued for lack of children to be taught. Gardens and fertile fields became commons. A whale factory was built there, and during the operations for a few years, the employment that it gave arrested the going away of the people. Then with the closing of the factory, the people, one after another, again began to leave. Some went to the coal mines in Cape Breton, and other industrial centres in Canada. Some moved over to Trinity; and to-day, where fifty years ago the Hayters and Adams, and Dohertys, and Hiscocks, and Penhorns, and Woolridges, and Spurrels, and Moores lived, and constituted some forty families, and two hundred and fifty people, there is but one family left (not including the Port Point settlement) viz., the Pinhorns, and they have begun preparations to move over to Trinity. Such is the outline history of the South Side of Trinity; and to-day the few unoccupied houses that still remain, do but, in their decay, emphasize the sadness and the loneliness of their surroundings. Then, just across the water of the Bar from Otter Point, is the Bar Point; one of the most picturesque spots in the beautiful South West Arm. Here Samuel and Maria Morris lived and raised a large family some seventy years ago. Here a schooner was outfitted for years for the Labrador fishery; and the surface of the Point was made a model of productivity. One son, William, the only one living to-day, has recently returned from Canada and built a house near the main road; but the old house, in which was raised a God fearing, God loving, happy and industrious family, and which was the scene of the kindest hospitality to all who sought it—the old house, I say, has disappeared, and the grey rocks of the Point that one protected the house from the North East winds, silently suggest the word *lehabod* to those who pass the spot. Visitors to Trinity who have landed at Otter Point, and walked from there to the beach at the Port Point; had tea there and then on to inspect the Fog Horn and Lighthouse machinery, will not soon forget the natural beauties of the South Side hills (and the unselfish kindness of the Light keeper and his assistant). In spite of all the changes that I have mentioned, it will always be a deeply interesting place to visitors; for the hills themselves, and the beautiful views from them, of Trinity and the adjoining settlements eastward, can never be removed. Nature will always be very generous in this respect, and "Nature is but a name for an effect, whose cause is God." The everlasting hill! The unchanging God!

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1st AND 2nd GENERATIONS OF THE PLOUGHMAN, PORT BEXTON.

(1) 1815. Married. John Ploughman of the parish of Hinton St. Mary, Dorset, England, and Charity Foster, widow of William Foster.

(2) 1817. Baptized. Elizabeth. She married John Butler in 1839.

1819. Baptized. Jane. She married Robert Randall in 1840.

1822. Baptized. John. He was married to Martha Hinds in 1849.

1822. Baptized. Charity. She died in 1838.

1834. Baptized. Joseph. He was married to Mary Ann Moore in 1847.

1836. Baptized. Amy. She married William Randall in 1844.

1830. Baptized. Thomas. He was married to Honor Randall in 1833.

1833. Baptized. Henry. He died in 1855.

LOST AND FOUND.

One of the many stories that I heard when I was a boy, and that occasionally trickles down through my memory, is a story of John Pinhorn. John Pinhorn, a son of Joseph Pinhorn, Jr., was married to Lucretia Maidment fifty years ago (1873); and as the event of this story happened in the life before he was married, it would be about fifty years ago, and when I was a boy of eleven years of age, I remember the day very well, and the commotion that went on during the early hours of the morning. Father and mother talked about some one lost in the woods. I saw Mr. John Newhook go down the hill, with his long gun on his shoulder, and disappear "up the harbour" followed by two or three other men with guns. John Pinhorn had gone into the woods of Powell's Country a day or two before, to hunt for deer. As he had not returned a day and a night after he was due to return, it was taken for granted that something had happened to him, and a number of men volunteered to go and look for him.

Each man took his gun with him, not so much because he thought that he might need it for protection, but that it might be used to "fire off" as a signal to be heard and answered by Pinhorn. The men met on the South West Arm ice, and then went in a body (some ten or twelve men) on their way towards the woods. As this body of men, armed with sealing guns were seen by some people coming towards them, and not having heard of Pinhorn being lost, they took it for granted that they were Fenians, or some other coming "to murder them, and they hid themselves anywhere and everywhere. One woman, cooler and more thoughtful than the others, ran to her room and put on clean clothes, so that if she had to die, she would die decently attired. The armed men, of course, knew nothing of all this, and they passed on to the woods on the back of the settlement. As they got in the vicinity of Powell's country, where they hoped to find something of Pinhorn, they fired several powerful guns, and after a while a faint answering report was heard. They walked on in the di-

rection from which the sound had come, and soon after that they saw Pinhorn coming towards them.

The explanation that Pinhorn gave of his long absence from home, was: the evening before as he was on his way home, he became aware of the fact that he was being followed by wolves. They were very plentiful in the deer country in those days. There was a tall tree not far from him, and he decided to climb into it for safety. When the wolves saw what he was going to do, they rushed towards him, and he got out of their reach only just in time not to be caught by them. Once in the tree, however, he was safe, but as night came on, fearing lest he would fall asleep and then fall to the wolves below, he fastened himself to the tree with his long wool comforter. It was a long night; but in the dawning he saw that the wolves were still on the watch. He had eaten all the food that was in his gunny-bag, and he was getting hungry.

Then Pinhorn heard the signal shots of the men who were looking for him. The wolves also heard them, and without any hesitation they raced for the woods in the opposite direction from which they had heard the shots. Pinhorn then came down from the tree and fired an answering shot, and he had not gone far before he saw the search-party coming towards him. They had not come too soon, for he was very hungry. A fire was made, and after a cup of tea, or two, etc., Pinhorn assured them that he was all right, though it took him a long time to get over the cramped stiffness of his limbs, after having been in the tree all night. Then the march began homeward, and as they got out sufficiently near, for their guns to be heard in the town, they fired gun after gun, and the anxious relatives and friends knew that they had found Pinhorn. It was not till they had passed on to the ice of the S.W. Arm, on their way home, that they heard of the anxious time they had given to some of the people as they were passing on their way to the woods, earlier in the day.

I had forgotten to mention that when the search-party had met on the S.W. Arm to make arrangements for the search, they decided to divide the party, and whilst one half the number were to go direct to the woods, the others were to enter the woods by way of Trinity. Those who went to Trinity, after searching the woods for some time without success, turned and came out to Newcastle Pond, wondering what had become of the other men. Soon, however, they saw a group of freshly made boot-tracks on the snow all pointing towards home. They counted the tracks, and having found there was one pair more than the number of the men who had gone in the search, they decided that that one pair was Pinhorn's, and that, together with his rescuers, he had gone home, and they followed, though they did not hear the signal guns. And "all's well that ends well."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.
H.G.—I shall try to give you my findings re Mr. William Alexander, next week.

M.A.B.—Valentine Hodder was the

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dwelling, 24 Haggerty Street, for garage purposes; as it was pointed out that if same was permitted it would constitute a fire hazard, particularly in view of the danger of gasoline and the upper part of the building being occupied as a dwelling.

J. Kane's application to use a motor at his premises, Adelaide Street, will be granted subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

The matter of improving conditions in the vicinity of the War Memorial, King's Beach, for which allocation has been made, was referred to by Councillor Outerbridge, and it was decided that the City Engineer take up the matter with Rev. Col. Nangle and report back for the next meeting of the Council as to what is required in this direction.

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