

and Its Operation

III.-By D. W. Prowse.

Before replying to my antagonist from Boxey in the Telegram of yesterday's date, let me say a few words about the history of the Bait Act, the most important and effective measure ever passed by the Legislature for the benefit of the Colony The prime mover and leading spir-

it in this great movement was the late Honorable Augustus W. Harvey, father of the Honorable John Harvey. Sir James Winter also took an active part, and so did the late Honorable A. M. Mackay. The Honorable Mr.

Act?"-makes statements about me which are not only misleading but ab-solutely false. The late Judge Ben-nett was offered the capture of Walsh, his imprisonment, and the nett was offered the command of the | confiscation of his schooner and gear bait squadron, but he wisely refused struck universal terror. Again, our

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mine, has to admit the fact that the Bait Act was most efficient and pro-If, as my opponent declares, my command of the bait squadron duced the best results in 1888 when ! was in command, but I have a still such a complete failure, how was the French eatch in 1888 cut down to hall more important witness in my favour. Victor Gordon, President of the their catch in 1886? How about their shortage of bait upto May 188? The statement that large quantities Chamber of Commerce, St. Pierre of bait were carried to St. Pierre in April, 1888, is absolutely false, and is states in his report that up to May 1888 (the time of my command), the receipt of herring for bait, which completely disproved by the public statements of Victor Gordon. He deshould have been 54,000 barrels, the miserable quantity of 4,040 only had clared to me in presence of the agents been obtained from all hands up to that date. In a business like the enof the American house that St Pierre was ruined. The French Government would give Newfoundland any terms she choose to ask. Mindful of the forcement of the Bait Act, the great point, as any one will understand, is to make a good beginning. My cap-ture of the ringleader of the lawfact that in the Franco-Chinese War the Treaty was actually arranged by A. M. Markay. As worked for the Justice Emerson also worked for the measure, and being a good writer he as any one will readily understand a great moral effect upon the as sembled fishermen. After Mr. Hubert doubt it was a very impudent pro-bed a long talk with the skip- ceeding, but I thought it wise to be a sembled fishermen. tom House officers and a French naval The writer under the nom de plume of Boxey of the paper in the **Tele**-gram—"Who carried out the Bait Act?"—makes statement a character Mr. Hubert bers, they all departed peaceably to their homes, and all declared that catch them on the hop when they were in complete despair over the success of the Bait Act.

The story that I was dismissed is absolutely untrue. The Thorburn Winter Government were most anx ious to keep me on. I left the ser

everywhere.

foundland

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there is plenty of water power then and a pulp mill is projected.

Christmas at the

Penitentiary.

The 63 prisoners in the Penitentiary including 4 femals, spent a pleasan Christmas. The strict rules wer somewhat relaxed by the Superintend ent. Mr. Parsons, and the good chee of the great festival was shared by th unfortunate inmates of the prison Each was allowed a pound of beet nourishing soup, vegetables, etc., was served up for dinner with plun pudding, etc., and all were allowed ar extra period for relaxation and amuse nent. In honour of the day the re latives and friends of the prisoner were allowed to bring them fruit, etc. and many dined as they had not don for months.

About Ginger Wine.

vice for two reasons; First, because

Wine at the festive season, make i some time before it is required for us my wife was very ill; and secondly, because the Thorburn Government reand be sure to use COURTENAY's German Ginger Wine Essence, it al fused to pay me the \$100 I had spent on Jamaica rum for entertaining my ways gives satisfaction. W COURTENAY, cor. Duckworth W. T visitors. Every one who opposed the Bait Act and attacked me so venom-ously in 1888 should hide their dim-Prescott Streets, and at COURT-ENAY'S West End Pharmacy. inished heads. Here is one of the grand results: The Fortune Bay men,

Gun Bursted.

who were bait catchers and smug-glers, are now fishermen, and this year of grace (1910) Fortune and Grand Bank made \$370,000 out of fish. William Langmead was seriously njured by the bursting of a gun a We made frequent visits to St. Pierre and could see for ourselves the great Pouch Cove vesterday. The Loya Orange Association was having their fleet of French bankers idle and laid up for want of bait. If any one annual parade and while the proces doubts our success let him read the contemporary reports published in 1888 in the Herald. I had splendid The gun burst and the pieces flew i all directions. A fragment struc assistance and information from My able lieutenants him in the jaw and made a dee wound. A 'phone call was sent t ullivan and O'Reilly, did splendid work. Newman's and the Jersey houses gave us great help. Mr. Hu town for a doctor and the ambulance Shortly after another message cam bert and Jacob Simms were great aids to us and no one was more zealin, on the 'phone saying that ther was no need of the ambulance as the wound was not so serious as first exous than Captain Curtis and the maser of the Hercules, Capt. Christophen Dr. Macpherson, The abuse from this outhatbor scrib-bler in the Telegram is amusing pected. howeve drove down to Pouch Cove and afte treating the wounded man sent hin to !lospital. He is doing well and i enough. The attacks on me by the opposition members in the House is expected that he will recover. piece of the gun struck another resi was most outrageous and grotesque but it was all nothing to the fierce dent of Pouch Cove when the explos ion occurred but did not hurt him

anathemas, the execrations that I reeived from old clerical friends, whose very seriously: tea, tobacco and drink had come free from St. Pierre for scores of years. MILD WEATHER NORTH. - Th 1 have done some good work for the Old Colony in my day, written her history, &c., but the task I am proud-est of is carrying out the Bait Act of the Arctic floe and seals are scarce, not 100 having yet been taken by the residents. The weather for in 1888. It was the salvation of New-

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