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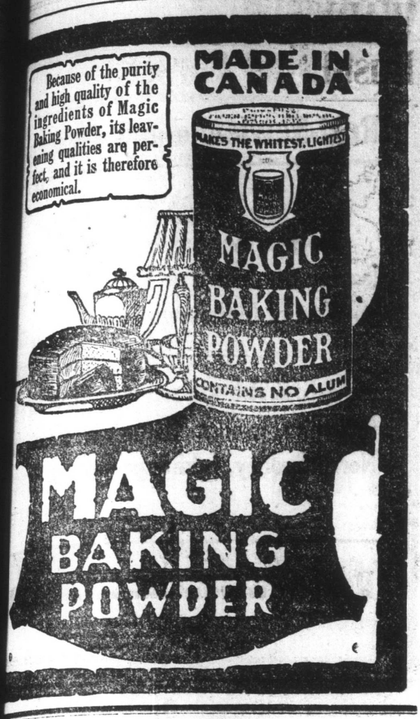

rom Out the Storied Past.

siness 100 Years Ago.

(By. H. F. SHORTIS.)

nly by-accident when some ment has been rescued from of ages that we can form any the great disadvantages to our merchants in olden times bjected in carrying on the of the country. In those ters would take five or six from fall to spring, to reach nland from Great Britain and except the writer was for- enough to be aware of a ves- ing from a nearby port for nland. Still our merchants days surmounted all diffi- and very many of them retired rge fortunes. They always and placed confidence in the of their ships who were em- to transact all business in ports, and such was the t of character possessed by time merchants that they sel- ade a mistake in their selec- in those days we did not pos- e great benefits conferred on d by the inventions of a Pro- Morse or a Marconi, with the current running throughout rld in the air, under ground der the sea. It was wonderful r hardy mariners managed to winter passages across the At- in such small ships as those composed our mercantile ma- er one hundred years ago. It wonderful to me, at least, how merchants kept in touch with rkets abroad, and knew when are to ship their cargoes to the vantage.

From an Old Diary.

w days ago I received a Diary my old friend Mr. Wm. White, llector at Trinity, which is in- most valuable document, and ruse its contents, I imagine living in the days in which written, because many of the of vessels and men seem quite r to me, having heard of them youthful days, when newspa- ere a rarity in this country, d chiefly to St. John's. Even newspapers were of very small ions, some of them not much than a 10 x 12 pane of glass, e contents were chiefly com- of interesting extracts taken foreign journals, and some of would be months old. But the g articles in these newspapers deed choice literature, couch- language of culture and re- nt, classic in their make-up, regret to say that we cannot them to-day. The only objec- I have to them, they were too owing to the lack of space. he people were satisfied with and, in my early days, it was stom of the neighbors to assem- the house of the person who bled to one or more of the lo- foreign journals, and select a reader who would in a clear and ing voice treat the audience to contents, and heaven help the one would interrupt the reader un- s work was done, when the pros cons would be discussed in a er that would put to shame the ate of a University or a High ol at the present day. The clear ation, the grasp of the subject, knowledge of geography was erful, and I have often wonder- ed how many of them, more especially Irishmen, who were prevented from going to school in the old country, at least openly, could ever have attained such a high course of learning. Their penmanship was magnificent, and there exists to-day relics of this fact, that the best of us could not attempt to imitate. So it was with our merchants, they could handle the quill like a professional, and the chirography of the Diary before me is such that it is more like copperplate than performed by a goose quill in the hand of a man.

Records Preserved.

It is also wonderful how careful they were to preserve the records of their business, embodying in their letters, historic events, as they passed from time to time, that have changed the map of Europe, more especially during the early part of the past century, when Napoleon was at the zenith of his fame and glory, and played with the crowns of Europe as one would with skittles, and as they fell picked them up and placed them on the heads of members of his family or his favorites. It is with these days principally that I have to deal in the extracts which I shall give, taken from the Diary of Mr. Kelson, agent for the great mercantile firm of Slade in Trinity. They will go to show, as I proceed, how the old merchants managed their business in those far-off days, and give us some knowledge of the difficulties they had to overcome in conducting the business of the country. I am certain there are many such documents still to be had in various parts of our country, and, to my mind, it will be one of the most important steps of the Historical Society to procure, as far as possible, copies of these documents which they will preserve to hand down to posterity. Of course I am well aware that the great bulk of our records has been destroyed, more especially during the past forty years or so, and I am also aware that many are in the hands of those who never use them, but are disinclined to place copies of them in the hands of those who would be happy to do so. The following is one of the entries in the book before me, and I think it will be perused with interest.

A Scholarly Letter.

Trinity, May 16th, 1815.

Mr. Robert Slade,

Sir,—By the ship Nelson which arrived here on the 13th inst., I received your letters No. 2, 3 and 4. She was the first arrival, and gave us the first intelligence of the wonderful changes that have lately taken place in Europe. Indeed I was astonished to find at the head of your letter No. 4 (the first I opened) that the preparation for war was still going on and Bonnparte mentioned as a principal. I most heartily regret that the Allied Sovereigns should have left it in his power ever again to disturb the peace of the world. By letters from Portugal just arrived the prospect appears truly dismal. Should the Italian and Spanish ports be again shut up, what will become of Newfoundland? I am glad I bought but little fish this spring, although what I have agreed for is perhaps too much. I am rather disappointed by your not having sent me per Nelson, a copy of your letter No. 1. Capt. Wanhill tells me the Active and John and Elizabeth reached Poole. I wished to have heard whether the fish had better been sent to market direct or not.

It is rather surprising we never can have a vessel out in the spring so early as our neighbors. Mr. Garland's goods per Nelson are now going off rapidly amongst the planters, but they have met with disappointment in their trade, a similar one from which, I hope we shall keep clear. I mean the unfortunate loss of their brig, Benjamin Cribb, crew I believe nearly all saved. She struck on a pan of ice to the southward about 70 miles from the land, on the 7th inst., and immediately went down. By the master of Mr. Garland's Arrow, just returned from the ice, I am happy to say the Alpha was seen yesterday, stretching down for Catalina. Both her signals were clearly made out. I therefore entertain a reasonable hope of seeing her here to-night or to-morrow.

Master's Dishonesty.

I am surprised at the conduct of Capt. Biel. How he could invent such a falsity I cannot conceive. Herewith you will receive an exact copy of the very identical and original paper on which the account of fish shipped on the Alpha was kept with my affidavit subjoined. If herewith required the original paper can also be transmitted to you. In the remark you made concerning it you seem to have nearly given up the point at which I feel rather uneasy, because in my letter No. 16, I stated clearly the quantity shipped, as well for the cargo, as the captain. The Bill of Lading also agrees therewith, and I have never given you much reason to doubt my accuracy. In all probability had the vessel went abroad, the captain's adventure would have been as you observe 80 qtls., but the attempt at cheating me (as shipper) out of 40 qtls. is a most nefarious action. You must rest assured I will do all that I can to prevent the masters from filling up your vessels with their own fish. With respect to Churchill's Room, is not the question—what is the real intrinsic value of it, but what is it worth to you—why more by 2 or 3 hundred pounds than it is to any one else—for these two reasons, its contiguity to yours making it, as it were, one room and the effect it would have of excluding perhaps a powerful near neighbor. These were the ideas with which I was imprest when I wrote you concerning it.

The Village Fabricator.

Whether the unfortunate changes in Europe may render them false or not, must be left to time to determine. I cannot help remarking that I am rather surprised at the stress you seem to have laid on the information furnished you by Joe Marsh, a man well known here as a notable adept for converting small subjects into large ones. A few posts and shores, or even a schooner load would not have been of much consequence. I suppose he omitted to inform you that owing to the very few worms at Churchill's Room, a post and shore that would last on your Room only four years, would there be equally good at the end of a dozen or more. Ice sometimes does a trifling damage but not often. I have heard Hutton & Co. of St. John's have lately purchased it, how far it be true will soon be seen. Roe's Room, Mr. Clinch says, never belonged to the Room you bought of Mr. Jeffery, but to Street's Southside Room as appears also on the lease which was entered into by Mr. Adams, Street's agent and Mr. Gover, in the year 1808. I shall hold it for you of course until forced out of it, which I don't think likely will be attempted by any one. In my last number I stated that I was sending it by the Cosmopolite, via St. John's, that the schooner, much to my disappointment, never returned till this day, having been kept out by continual gales of northerly wind and ice. The ice has very much retarded the business of the spring for the last four weeks, it caused a total stoppage to all cruising. The fishery must in consequence be thrown very much behind hand. I must confess that excluding one thing—namely, that of keeping the St. John's men out of Trinity, I would rather that money should be laid out for repairs on your own Room here than in the purchase of Churchill's, and am glad to find you have no objections to that. But if it is not already sold, I shall not purchase for you unless it can be done on terms nearly agreeing with those you have stated. Perhaps the present posture of affairs in Europe may make the holders of it change their tone.

"Boys" for the Planters.

Part of the youngsters which were in the Benjamin have reached this place, and Mr. Durell is again to windward of us in supplying the planters with them. In my next I hope I shall be able to state the quantity of seal oil we shall raise, the two schooners not being yet returned. For a statement of the Trinity schooners' ice fishery, I beg to refer you to the foot of this letter. It is impossible to state yet with any degree of certainty whether the old fish yet to come in from our dealers, with what I already have, will be sufficient to load the Alpha for market or not, or whether the seal oil will be worth sending home in her. I am short of pitch and butter, if I had a sketch of the Alpha's cargo, I should be better able to determine as to the propriety or impropriety of sending to St. John's for a small supply by the boat which carries this letter. The number of youngsters too I should very much wish to know. I state this just to show you how useful an outline of each cargo (which might be drawn out in one minute) would be if given in copies of letters. Entertaining but little doubt of seeing the Alpha here shortly (especially as I have just had a verbal account from a planter of Ragged Harbor of her being in Catalina), and wishing the Gannet may also soon heave in sight,

I remain, Sir,
With best endeavours,
WM. KELSON.

Ice-hunting occurrences since my last.—

April 17th—Swallow returned with 1018 young seals.
" 18th—Two Sisters and Arrow sailed again.
" 21st—Swallow will sail again.
" 21st—Active returned with 1086 young seals.
" 25th—Active sailed again.

May 12th—Active returned again with 585 young and very leaky.
May 15th—Arrow returned with 1150 young seals chiefly.

16th May, 1815.

I shall look for the Swallow and Mary in about 25th inst., the latter was into Harbor Grace a few days since with 900 seals on board and went off again to the ice.

Bills Drawn, 1815, May 2nd.

I have now the pleasure to say I have this instant received a letter from Capt. Biel confirming his safe arrival in Catalina with all the youngsters, with the number of which I am well pleased, as they considerably exceeded my expectations by that small vessel.

I am extremely sorry to hear of the death of my late friend, your brother, James.

NOTE—In those far back days, at leats, some of the Irish "youngsters" made good wages at the fishery, as I notice the following—

Bills Drawn, 1815, May 2nd

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Or, two hundred and ninety-three dollars and 13 cents. I believe I knew the Maurice Kennefig referred to. He was a very old Irishman, and he was always called the Bouchaleen Bhoy. He spoke very indifferent English, and was over 80 years of age when he died, when I was very young. He went to the ice with Capt. John Scully, uncle of Dr. Scully, St. John's, in the brigantine Jane.

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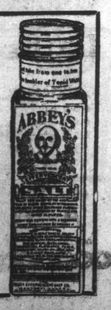

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In the Army.

(From the Christian Register).

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