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Days When Bidford Rivalled London.

Trade With Newfoundland.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

A late mail I received an excerpt from an English newspaper (Western News), sent me by Mr. S. O. of St. John's East, who is now in England, and amongst the contents very interesting account of the amount of trade conducted between Bidford and Newfoundland in the early days of our country's history. Bidford's prizes are sung in by Charles Kingsley, and the of its men by the poet Capern. They were contemporary with the love for the and its noble traditions. Bidford was stepped in stories of the and patriotism of Elizabethan with evidence before him of the great sailors, soldiers and mer- princes, when in "Westward" he wrote:—

was one of the chief ports of and; it furnished seven ships to the Armada; even more than a afterwards, say the Chron- it sent more vessels to the than trade than any port in Eng- saving (strange juxtaposition) and Topsham, and was the of a local civilization and on- he small package compared with the efforts of the present day, but are despise the day of small if it has proved to be the dawn- labour of Bidford and Dart- and Topsham and Plymouth (a pretty place), and many an- little Western town, that Eng- the foundation of her naval commercial glory."

A POET'S TRIBUTE.

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land the Indian servant, the story of whose baptism in Bidford Church is referred to by Kingsley, and who lived but a year, as the church records testify.

NEWFOUNDLAND TRADE.

One of the first branches of foreign commerce which Bidford engaged in was trading with Spain for wool, but in 1698, 1699 and 1700, twenty-eight ships were fitted out for Newfoundland. They ranged from 60 to 230 tons, carried from 20 to 65 men, and armaments up to 20 guns. In the same years the port of Barnstable had on the Newfoundland trade only eight vessels, and one of these belonged to Appledore. The largest of the Barnstable boats was the Golden Lion, of 200 tons, carrying a crew of 50 men and 16 guns. The great importance of Bidford in the Newfoundland trade is shown by a comparative statement of 1698, when London sent out 71 ships, Bidford 23 and 148 boats, Barnstable 8, Topsham 34 and 70 boats, Plymouth 5, Dartmouth 17. The only other double figures in the list are Bristol 12 and Poole 11. The total is made up to 235 ships, and in the same year out of some 130 vessels which sailed from Newfoundland 41 were bound for London, 13 to Dartmouth, 11 each to Bidford and Topsham, 6 to Barnstable, and only 1 to Plymouth. Bidford's export trade in this branch of commerce was inferior to only two ports, and the number of boats which the port maintained for the purpose of curing fish, etc., was superior to any other port. In 1720, when the Hague Britannia was published, Bidford is mentioned as "one of the best trading towns in England, sending every year great fleets to Newfoundland and the West Indies as North America was then generally called), and particularly to Virginia. It has almost drawn away the trade of Barnstable to itself, and though the merchants here were great losers by the late wars (in the reign of Queen Anne), yet they still keep up a thriving trade, and the customs amount to considerable sums yearly, for the management of which His Majesty keeps here a collector, comptroller, customer, searchers (four landing, waiters, and other inferior officers."

A PESSIMISTIC PREACHER.

Watkins cites a queer proof of the decline of the Newfoundland trade, no less than an annual mariner's sermon, preached on this occasion by John Coplestone, the minister at Chumleigh, and a relative of William Bartlett, who was ejected from the living at Bidford, and formed an independent church in the town. Entitling his sermon, "God's works and wonders in the deep, and the seafar- ing man's duty," this preacher in 1719 said:—

"How much has the Newfoundland trade failed of late years? Han't you been almost able many times to say with Peter to our Blessed Saviour, we have told'd all night and have taken nothing? How little fish have you catch'd for some voyages back, is not this a rebuke of Providence, a call to repentance and reformation? O try what prayer and praise, and a good life will do! See whether you'll not be able to say the reverse of what the wicked Jews said of old. It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it, that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? 'Tis likely to be peace, now as a certain nation (the French) with whom you are concerned, but if God deny fish, as he has of late, what becomes of your voyage?"

TOPSAIL SCHOONERS IN THE TRADE.

During my time we had very considerable trade with Plymouth, Exeter and other English ports, but I cannot remember of our merchants ever having shipped fish to Bidford. Usually small vessels were sent to Exeter, Plymouth and other ports with cargoes of codfish and herring, and I can name a score or more that I have seen sail myself. These vessels were about 100 tons, carrying topsail and top gallant sail, what Newfoundlanders would call high fore-yarders with fore and aft foresail, and further I can name several brigs and brigantines which conveyed cargoes of our codfish and herrings to Waterford, Greenock, Aberdeen, Liverpool and other British ports. But of later years I have not noticed any quantity of our codfish or herring shipped to England, Ireland and Scotland, and I have often wondered what is the reason. In my young days we had a very large trade with Ireland, and several cargoes of our staple would be shipped to Waterford direct, or the vessel would call at Queenstown for orders and proceed to her destination in some other part of the British Isles. In fact, it was in some of our own mercantile marine that the English, Irish and Scotch youngsters came to this country—the vessels returning with limestone, casks of porter, pork, butter and other articles, after having discharged their codfish and herrings in the above countries. To give one illustration, about 1820, the high-fore-yard schooner "Floghboy," with the summer's voyage of codfish, herring and salmon, which was caught at Fleur-de-lis, French Shore, sailed from the public wharf (Cliff's Cove) and had on board about thirty Irish youngsters who were employed at the fishery, and has never been heard of from that day to this. It was the custom in those days for the English, Irish and Scotch youngsters to return to their respective country in the Fall

of the year, and remain until the month of March. They would then be shipped for the next summer, of course many of them settled down in this country. The "Floghboy" made the many voyages to Ireland with the summer's catch, previous to the last one which ended so sadly.

It's a Pretty Good Plan to Forget It.

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If you know of a skeleton hidden away in a closet, and kept from the light of the day— In the light and whose showing would sudden dismay Would cause grief and anguish, and life long dismay, Its a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a fault in the life of a friend, (We all have such faults concealed world without end) Whose touching, his heart strings would play on and rend, 'Till the shame of his sorrow no little thing grieving could mend, Its a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a sin, just the least little thing, Whose telling would cork up a laugh or a grin, Of a man you don't like, for the Lord's sake keep it in, Don't, don't be a knocker, right here stick a pin, Its a pretty good plan to forget it.

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"Many young girls habitually under-clothe," he continued, "and the lowering of their resistance is often the starting point for consumption. It is no avail to imbibe tonics or to spray the nose and throat with an antiseptic lotion, however potent, if the vital organs of the body are not adequately protected. I cannot too strongly condemn the habit of women in all classes of society going about in thin shoes and silk stockings in all weathers. It sounds almost incredible, but it is an absolute fact, that numerous business girls take it as a matter of course that their shoes and stockings should be soaked through in wet weather."

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