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## The First Settlement in Newfoundland.

Mr. W. A. Munn Maintains That It Was Harbor Grace--He Criticizes Mr. Gosling's Contention for Cupids Severely.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 10th you give a most interesting article by Mr. W. G. Gosling on the "Earliest Settlements of Newfoundland." It is exceedingly well written, shows great research and the numerous authorities for his facts are the best obtainable.

It is a great pity that in writing such an able article he does not state all he knows.

He mentions Abbe Baudouin's reference to a man having been born in Newfoundland, but he tries to make us believe that this was the "lusty boy," born March 27th, 1513, referred to by William Colston. Mr. Gosling states he was a native of Cupids, but gives no authority. His arguments all go to prove that Cupids is the oldest settlement.

Why does he suppress the fact that Abbe Baudouin, in his diary of the French campaign of 1696, states that the inhabitants of Harbor Grace told him that their harbor was the first place settled in the country by the English. Also that he (Abbe Baudouin) had got the information to confirm this; that a man had died there in 1693 or '94 aged 83 years.

Here we find Mr. Gosling wrong on two points:

1st—We have the definite statement that Harbor Grace was the first place settled in the country.

2nd—There was a man born in Harbor Grace about 1610 or 1611, which is two to three years earlier than the "lusty boy," son of Nicholas Gre.

Why does Mr. Gosling suppress these facts? Is it because he is an ardent partisan of Cupids and has done his best to discredit holding any celebration at Harbor Grace or Mosquito?

There is one thing certain, he cannot explain these facts mentioned by Abbe Baudouin; therefore he leaves out part and tries to work in the rest with his own desires.

The people of Harbor Grace and Carbonear can explain these facts, because they have the tradition pointing to the very spot, where the first white child was born in Newfoundland. I am convinced this tradition is authentic and it was confirmed to me by no less an authority than Claudius Watts, who died last year, aged 97 years, whose information on the early history of our country was beyond any question.

There is one way in which Mr. Gosling may try to escape, and that is to run down Abbe Baudouin as an authority. Therefore I will give my reasons for considering Abbe Baudouin as good an authority as Richard Hakluyt himself.

1st—They were both clergymen, and it is hardly the thing to question

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their truthfulness. Moreover the clergy are the ones who always kept the records of births, marriages and deaths.

2nd—The French are much more systematic in these affairs than the English. It is probable that Hakluyt's sojourn for several years in France helped him greatly to formulate the splendid work he left us.

3rd—It has been stated that none of our Newfoundlanders knew French, and were therefore unable to talk to him.

In the census we have of Newfoundland for 1675, just previous to D'Arville's campaign, we find there were several Jersey families living in Harbor Grace (Battens and Hibbs, well known Jersey families, who are still residents of Conception Bay); also there was close intercourse with the Channel Islands, as a Guernsey vessel loaded fish there that year. As these Jerseymen could talk English and French equally well, there was no loss for an interpreter if needed.

4th—Let us look at this from another standpoint. The French were looking forward to take possession of Newfoundland, hence they would have special reason for sending a competent man to keep a record of the campaign and one who could speak the language of the country, to gain all the information possible.

Charlevoix, the French historian, has quoted this diary almost word for word in his description of this campaign, so that Abbe Baudouin must be recognized as a reliable authority.

Any person can readily see that one thing would strike Abbe Baudouin as necessary for the French authorities to know for future proceedings or negotiations, and that is, how long can the English prove occupation of the country? (Just what Newfoundland is trying to prove on the Labrador boundary question today.)

Hence the fact, which he emphasizes, of Harbor Grace being the oldest settlement in the country was a very important matter for them to know, and he took special care to prove the fact by finding out that a man had been born there in 1610 or 1611.

Whether that was the first white child born at Mosquito I do not know, but I believe it to be convincing proof that Mr. Gosling is wrong in his deductions, and until he can give a different meaning to our traditions and explain Abbe Baudouin's statements satisfactorily, we must believe the facts we have, that Harbor Grace is the first place settled by the English in Newfoundland.

W. A. MUNN.  
St. John's, March 12, '10.

**Broke Into Store.**  
The Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Hutchings, has received word from the Magistrate at Botwood that Saturday night last some thief broke into the store of Mr. Aitken there, getting in through a window, and stole a suit of clothes and several other articles. The police are working on the matter and hope to make an arrest shortly.

## Mr. Gosling Replies to His Critics.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Although it might be advisable to wait until all the promised criticisms of my paper on the Early Settlement of St. John's have appeared, yet as my good friend Judge Prowe, and His Grace the Archbishop have both criticized it, I trust I may be permitted to reply to them now.

With regard to the Judge's criticisms, I can only request him to read my arguments again, for each of his points is confuted therein, and it is unnecessary to repeat them.

I asserted that there is not one single contemporary statement recorded to the effect that there were any permanent all-the-year-round settlers in Newfoundland prior to John Guy; and I quoted several direct and unquestionable contemporary statements that John Guy was the first Christian who settled in Newfoundland. The verdict must stand upon this evidence until some genuine testimony to the contrary is forthcoming.

Pending further criticism, His Grace to-night produces Sir Thomas Hampshire and his doings in 1582 as evidence. I may say I have had a gun loaded for Sir Thomas for a long time, but have not had an opportunity to use it. This evidence would go far to offset my conclusions, but for one serious drawback, for I beg to state that, not only is there no such voyage recorded in 1582, but in the words of the immortal "Betsey Prig," "I don't believe there ain't no such a person," as Sir Thomas Hampshire. This mythical gentleman appears first in the pages of Anspach, but where he came from I cannot imagine. Since then the story has been repeated in our histories until it is regarded as authentic; but having had occasion to examine most carefully every avail-

able authority on just this very period, and not finding any Sir Thomas Hampshire, I can only conclude that some egregious blunder was made in introducing a few places where he is not to be found. He is not in the Calendar State Papers from 1547 to 1675, (all I have) which may be taken as conclusive; but in addition, he is not mentioned by Hakluyt, and it seems impossible that the worthy Canon of Westminster should have failed to report such an important voyage. I cannot find him in the two great contemporary histories of the reign Stowe's Annals and Camden's Life of Elizabeth. He is not mentioned in any life of Raleigh (and I have half a dozen), nor in Corbett's "Drake and the Royal Navy," nor in the lives of Frobenius and Davis by the Hakluyt Society, nor in Oppenheim's "Administration of the Royal Navy," nor in Miss Strickland's "Elizabeth," nor in any of Martin Hume's scholarly works of the period, nor in any English History I have seen.

I rather expect to find that Sir Thomas Hampshire belongs to some other period of history, but so far I have only searched for him in the Elizabethan records.

In conclusion, I don't think His Grace meant "specious" when he used that rather derogatory word in reference to my argument. I base my conclusions on plain, direct contemporary evidence, and there is nothing plausible or imaginary about them. The theory I rebut, on the other hand, is purely imaginary and unsupported by any documentary evidence, and to it "specious" may be more properly applied.

Yours truly,  
March 16th, 1910. W. G. GOSLING.

## Lecture Last Night by H. W. LeMessurier.

Those who had the good fortune to secure a seat at the T. A. Hall last night enjoyed a rare intellectual treat in hearing "Mr. H. W. LeMessurier lecture on 'Placentia Bay.'" Mr. W. J. Ellis, President of the T. A. Society, introduced the lecturer, who began with a geographical and topographical description of Placentia Bay. He gave his own version of several names of places in the bay and adduced plausible reasons for their being named so. He believed that Placentia was first visited by the English and named by them. If the bay had been discovered by the French the name would not, he thought, have undergone so many changes in the old maps and charts. The residence in which Henry the VIII. was born was called "Placentia." It is true that there is a town named Placentia in Spain, but it is of no importance and is best known from the story of Lever, whose Charles O'Malley writes one of his letters from there. The French after they began to settle in Canada realized the advantage of having a base of operations and a port of shelter for their ships on the South Coast of Newfoundland and lost no time in taking possession of Placentia, which they soon fortified. Placentia, thus for many years remained the capital of Newfoundland. The English settled at St. John's and vicinity, and raids soon began by the French on the English and vice versa. Several times the French seized St. John's by coming overland from Placentia. Raids continued to go on with varying fortune till the year 1713, when Newfoundland was ceded to England. Placentia remained the capital for many years after. In 1729 Capt. Osborne became the first Governor of the Island, and ever after St. John's was regarded as the capital. Mr. Le-

Messurier then went on to speak of the commercial growth of Placentia Bay and the rise of the different old forts, including Sweetman and Saunders, Walsh, etc. The description of the old customs was very interesting. The manners and the dialect of the people who came from England, Ireland and France were described. The crude mail service of the past, was compared with the present, and some of the most disastrous shipwrecks were described. The lecture was interspersed with wit and humor. At the conclusion His Grace Archbishop Howley, who was present, congratulated Mr. LeMessurier and expressed himself as being very much pleased. A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Summers and seconded by Mr. P. Hanley was carried unanimously.

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**Onward Lodge Tea and Concert.**  
The members of Onward Lodge have almost completed arrangements for their annual tea and concert, which is to be held in the Oddfellows Hall on Friday, April 1st. A splendid programme is being prepared, and as several of our leading soloists are taking part, a rich treat is in store for all who attend. Friends will kindly note the date.

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**McMurdo's Store News**  
WEDNESDAY, March 16, '10.  
To those who are taking part in Theatricals, etc., on St. Patrick's Night we would say that we have a full stock of Grease Paints, Burnt Cork, Crepe Hair, and most other articles proper to the make-up box. The goods are Leichner's of Berlin, whose reputation in this line is deservedly high.

Salvia, the new American Hair Tonic, has undoubtedly "caught on," judging by the large sale we have had for it since it has come. Price 50c. bottle.  
Opened to-day: Bromo Seltzer, three sizes—15c, 30c, 60c. An excellent thing for aching heads.—ad.

## "The Irish Detective."

The above 4 act Irish melo-drama will be placed on the boards for the first time in St. John's in the Star Hall on St. Patrick's night, and judging from the sale of tickets a bumper house will greet the performers. The play in itself shows the success of an Irishman running down a gang of villains and murderers counterfeiterers, and gives a splendid presentation of the bravery, wit and humor of the Irish detective, especially in the counterfeiterers den, where amid showers of flying bullets he makes a clever capture and a clear hold-up. It must be seen to be appreciated, and as several new scenes have been specially painted, it goes without saying that "The Irish Detective" will be a great success.

**St. Patrick's Night at Methodist College.**  
Miss Sybil Johnson will play some exquisite airs on St. Patrick's Night at the Methodist College Hall. Miss Story will be heard in the "Dear Little Shamrock"; Miss Strang in "Kilberney"; Mr. Hugh LeMessurier, "The Minister Boy." Our three leading Professors, King, Mawer and Hutton, together with Mr. O'Reilly will sing several concerted pieces. Messrs. Hutton and O'Reilly will sing a duet: "I Saw From the Beach," as arranged and sung by Dr. Power O'Donoghue, in the B. I. S. Hall some years ago. The ladies of St. Bon's Association will sell home-made candy at the Hall. Tickets should be secured this evening, as Hutton's closes to-morrow. Tickets may be had at the door to-morrow night.

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## S. U. F. Meeting.

Last night St. John's Lodge, No. 5, held a most enthusiastic meeting. Five candidates were elected and five propositions handed in. Since the beginning of Bro. A. Whycombe's term as Worthy Master the increase in membership is most gratifying. Bro. Oke, of Harbor Grace, was present and addressed the meeting. He is an old-time Fisherman, and the reception given him last night by the members proved that the "boys" are proud of him. Evidently 1910 will be a year to which St. John's Lodge, No. 5, will be able to point with pride and pleasure.

**A MOST REMARKABLE CASE.**  
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## To-Morrow's Events.

9.30 a.m.—B. I. S. parade.  
12 (noon)—Tasker Installation, Masonic Temple.  
2.30 p.m.—Tasker Celebration in British Hall.  
3 p.m.—Dr. Kitchen's Lecture, T. A. Hall; Cowan Mission Musicale in College Hall; Matinee, "Shaan Rhue," St. Patrick's Hall.  
4 p.m.—Opening of C.E.T.S. rooms by the Lord Bishop.  
7.30 p.m.—"Irish Night" in College Hall; "Irish Detective," Star Hall; "Shaan Rhue," St. Patrick's Hall; "Peep-o-Day Boys," T. A. Hall.  
8 p.m.—Sociable in Wesley Church.

**THE ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT** under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Williams takes place at the Methodist College Hall on St. Patrick's Night. A choice programme of Irish melodies will be rendered by our leading singers and musicians. Admission—Reserved Seats 50 cents; General, 25 cents. The performers are: Mrs. Job, Mrs. Ayre, Misses Strang, Story, Bates and Burnham; Miss Sybil Johnson, violin solo; Messrs. Moncrieff Mawer, Tuff, King, O'Neill, Martin, LeMessurier, O'Reilly and Hutton. Plan of Hall at Hutton's.—mar14,31.

**WESLEY BIBLE CLASS.**—The members of Wesley Bible Class will be photographed to-morrow in front of Wesley Church at 9 a.m. This Class is under the direction of Mr. A. Rooney.  
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**CONCERT AT HARBOR GRACE.**—Under the management of the teachers of St. Joseph's School, Harbor Grace, and Miss A. Pumphrey, of Otterburn, a concert will be given in St. Joseph's Hall, Harbor Grace, Grace, Easter Monday night. It will consist of solos, choruses, dialogues, drills, etc., and will close with a laughable Irish farce. A large audience is expected.

## Here and There.

**STRIKE OF IRONWORKERS.**—A general strike of the ironworkers of Massachusetts will take place next month.  
**SOCIABLE.**—Leeming Lodge, L. O. A., will give their annual sociable on March 17th at the Orange Hall. Tickets are selling fast.  
**DR. KITCHEN'S LECTURE.**—Rev. Dr. Kitchen will lecture on the "Irish of Newfoundland," St. Patrick's Day, in the afternoon at the T. A. Hall.

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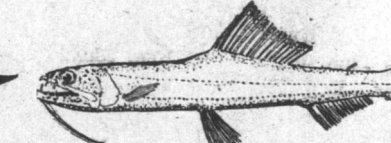
**CHOIR PRACTICE.**—The members of Gower Street choir are requested to meet for practice in the church at 8 o'clock this Wednesday evening.

**NEW FERRY BOAT.**—The new ferry boat for Placentia Gut will be taken from the shed to-morrow and launched on Easter Monday.

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**MUSICAL.**—The Cowan Mission will hold a musicale in the Methodist College Hall St. Patrick's afternoon. There will be tea and candy included in the 30c. ticket.

**INSTALLATION.**—R. W. District Grand Master, John Cowan, will install Bro. R. G. Ash, the R. W. M. elect of Tasker Lodge, No. 454, A. F. & A. M., and the other officers at High Noon to-morrow. The ceremony will be carried out with the usual solemnity.



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