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## Notes on the Patriotic Tour.

### PLACENTIA.

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CHAPTER XXIII.  
In due time our good ship reached Placentia, and amidst rain and storm the passengers left the shelter of the ship and sought the comforts of the hotel. The ship having been delayed so long, there was quite a crowd at the hotel all anxiously waiting to get away to the westward. But all had to wait another day and then the ships began their regular course again. Placentia proper is so full of interest and history that one could hardly remain there twenty-four hours without exploring some of its historic spots or climbing some of its historic heights; and so there was some of the company who faced the storm and tramped around and made research into the records of the misty past.

During our ramble we noticed a very small house located within the trenches of Fort Frederick. The house is very miniature, and no doubt it is very old, and one would think it too small for occupation, but seeing by the smoke from the chimney that it was really occupied we approached it to interview the occupants. The gentleman of the house seeing us coming, no doubt wondered who we were, and perhaps thought we were spies; especially as the day was so wet, and we had been looking around the mounds and trenches of the Fort. The gentleman in question proved to be a native of France, but spoke English fairly well. He gave us much information about the Forts, and told us that when he came from France many years ago, he brought with him a book containing the entire history of Placentia when it was a French possession. From his conversation we judged that he had a thorough knowledge of the place, both from a local and historic standpoint, and that he had studied the book very carefully. He said the book contained plans, sketches, and drawings of the Forts of Placentia at the time of Louis XIV. and that it was a very rare book.

On further enquiry from him, he told us that some years ago when His Grace the late Archbishop Howley, before he was Archbishop, visited Placentia, that he showed the book to the Bishop, and then made him a present of it. The book truly could not have fallen into better hands, as all our readers so well know that the late Archbishop was fully versed in the whole history of Placentia, and the book in question no doubt was a great help in his researches and notions upon the old French capital. It seems rather a strange coincidence that a man should come from France, and bring such a book with him, and settle within one of the principal Forts, and live in such a small house, and live there so long and in comparative obscurity without some special

purpose. But such are the ways of life, and its facts seem to out-do its fictions.

The gentleman was very kind and answered all our questions very satisfactorily, but he did not ask us inside his door, much as we should have liked to see the interior of such a small house. Perhaps it was that we were so wet and muffled up that he thought we would bother him, and perhaps it did not occur to him to ask us in, and perhaps he really thought, we having asked so many questions that we had some private purpose in view; and if we were not spies, we were probably some sort of detective.

On leaving the gentleman we continued our observations of the Fort, and found that many of the mounds and trenches were still in good condition, though overgrown and neglected. Near the Fort, and at its rear are the old French burial places, where sleep the soldiers who fell in battle. No monument stands to their memory, but many of the graves are marked by rude stones projecting from the ground. Unknown their names and forgotten their work, they have long rested in a soldier's grave, but like tens of thousands of their fellow soldiers, both British and French, they paid the price of Empire and of colonial expansion.

From Fort Frederick we turned our steps towards Castle Hill and soon gained its heights. To climb such a hill at any time is toilsome, but amid a terrific rain storm it is somewhat fatiguing, but when once the height is gained the sight and surroundings fully repay for the step climb. Here, too, may be seen the masonry of the old-time French soldier, and the strength of former French occupation. Owing to dense fog which set in, the view was considerably obscured, and therefore, it was not seen with the same advantage as it would have been had the weather been clear, but as far as our vision extended the sight was one of magnificence and romantic beauty.

At the base of the hill lay two of the Reid Co.'s ships, yonder from the ships lay the picturesque town, and in the distance behind us lay Little Placentia, while beyond us stretched the beautiful arms of water; the whole being surrounded by rich verdure and greenery. There seemed to be a two-fold prospect, in the situation—its historic associations and its natural beauty.

(Concluded to-morrow.)

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## Military Mass at R. C. Cathedral

The church parade, of the men composing the companies of the Nfld. Regiment (Reserve Force) yesterday morning attracted much attention, and there was general regret, that owing to the disagreeable walking, a march through the city did not take place. There were nearly 400 men on parade, under Captain E. S. Ayre, and they presented a very smart and soldierly appearance. The Roman Catholic members attended the Cathedral, where last mass was celebrated by the Rev. Thos. Nangle, who has already manifested considerable interest in the spiritual welfare of the men. A guard of honor, under Sergt-Instructor L. C. Murphy occupied a position inside the Altar rails, and presented arms at the consecration, while the rolling of the drums by drummer J. Ryan, was substituted in place of the customary chimes. Sergt-Major J. Moore and Instructor J. J. O'Grady had seats in the sanctuary. Rev. J. Sheehan took the pulpit and after announcing the Papal Decree with regard to special religious functions for peace, he addressed himself directly to the lads, exhorting them to live up to their duty to the King of Kings, as well as their earthly Sovereign, expressed his pleasure at the spirit of loyalty which prompted their volunteering, and assured them of the Prayers of their people for their safe return. The servitors were Lance-Corporal E. Shea and E. Bennett, from the regiment, and at the conclusion of the mass, Organist Hutton played the National Anthem, the congregation standing, and the guard presenting arms. The service was most impressive, and many people were deeply moved by the preacher.

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## St. Bon's Debating Class

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ALEXANDRA WORKERS.—Saturday afternoon a meeting of the Alexandra Workers was held in the British Hall. Mrs. (Hon.) J. B. Ayre presided. Election of officers was postponed for various reasons until a meeting in June next when the building of an hospital for incurables will also be considered.

## Our Volunteers.

Eleven volunteers enlisted with the Second Contingent on Saturday last, making a total of 1,311 enrolled to date. The names of those enlisted Saturday are:—

Robt. Butler, Bay Roberts. Pierce Power, Corner Brook, Bay of Islands.

Jno. R. Shears, Bay St. George. Thos. Seaward, Port aux Basques. Frank Brake, Humbermouth.

Geo. Thos. Lodge, Bird Islands. Edward Everett, St. John's. Pat. Burton, St. John's.

Jno. W. Campbell, St. John's. Ml. Murphy, St. John's. Patk. Cleary, St. John's.

On Saturday afternoon the whole company attended a lecture on hygiene given by Dr. Rendell, at the Seamen's Institute.

## At Rest.

THE LATE JAMES H. NICHOLS.

All that was mortal of the late James Nichols was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the Church of England Cemetery. The Grand Lodge, S.U.F., of which deceased was a member, and St. John's Lodge, No. 5, of which he had been Secretary for several years, attended in goodly numbers to pay their last tribute of respect. There was, too, a large number of associate printers, and citizens generally. At the home of the family, one of the Society's hymns "On the Resurrection Morning," was sung by the brethren. In the Church and at the grave the burial service was most impressively recited by the Rev. E. R. Cracknell, of St. Thomas's Parish, of which deceased was a member. The Benediction having been pronounced, the S.U.F. gave their customary service and "Grand Honors"; a "broken gaff" having been tenderly dropped on the casket, the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung and our companion laid to rest "Until the day dawn and the shadows flee away!"

The deceased had been ill for several months, and a few weeks ago, it was seen that he was suffering from a painful malady, and was removed to the General Hospital for treatment, where he died on Thursday last. The death of Mr. Nichols and his wife, both within a few days of each other, has evoked the profound sympathy of the community for his family of whom there are eight, one son and seven daughters, several of whom are very young, and thus bereft of their bread-winner and parental care. His death also removes an old printer who was well up in the "art preservative."

Now the labourer's task is o'er;  
Now the battle day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at rest:  
Father in Thy gracious keeping,  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

March 15th, 1915.

## McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, March 15, 1915.

We hope in a few days to be able to announce the arrival from England of our seeds, from Messrs. Sutton & Sons. These seeds will be as usual of the very finest quality, the result of careful selection carried on year after year with the object of producing the finest and most fruitful seeds in the world. And the results our customers have been getting for the last half dozen years seems to prove that they have succeeded. During the coming year everybody who has a foot of available land should use it to grow vegetables. This plan will to however small a degree take off the pressure on the sources of general supply, and enable those who have gardens to secure the fruits of the earth for themselves at a nominal price. Our catalogue is, in course of preparation, and will contain a list of the most suitable seeds to grow in this climate and some useful notes about them.

## Killed in Action.

The sympathy of citizens will be extended to Mr. J. A. Paddon, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Mrs. Paddon whose youngest son was killed in action on the second of the month. Hubert A. Paddon was a gunner in the 2nd Brigade of Canadian Field Artillery and was 25 years old. Gunner Paddon died doing his duty, just as thousands of other brave young men have done, who have left parents behind them to bear with fortitude the bereavement of a young life devoted bravely for his country.

MASONIC FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Adam Johnston took place from the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a large gathering of Masons and friends. The burial service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. J. S. Sutherland, Pastor of St. Andrews Church, after which the special Masonic service was read by Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, the orator paying the usual tribute of respect to the memory of their deceased brother. Interment was at the General Protestant Cemetery.

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