

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 31, 1888.

"THE LANDFALL OF COLUMBUS."

Brilliant Lecture by Governor Blake.

EVERY INCH OF SPACE OCCUPIED.

An Audience Bubbling Over with Enthusiasm.

JUDGE PINSENT MOVES A VOTE OF THANKS.

Archdeacon Forristal Seconds the Motion.

NEAT LITTLE SPEECHES BY BOTH.

Last evening the spacious and beautiful hall of the Athenaeum was filled to its utmost capacity by perhaps the most intelligent and appreciative audience ever assembled there.

At eight o'clock His Excellency, accompanied by several clerical and other friends of the institution, came in upon the platform from one of the ante-rooms, and was forthwith introduced to the audience, in a few well-chosen words, by Hon. Charles Bowring, President of the Athenaeum.

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Leaving Columbus and his shipmates gazing with inexpressible pleasure on those happy islands, particularly on the one now called San Salvador—their "Landfall"—Governor Blake made his way back to England and secured a commission as Her Majesty's representative at the Bahamas, and set sail once more for the westward, this time under much more favorable auspices, and by way of New York.

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Blake's private log, perhaps, ran something like the following:—

"FIRST NIGHT AT SEA.—My stateroom is on deck. I am told it will be cooler in the tropics than one of the main decks. It has a broad bed hung with a lambrequin and lace curtains; a rich carpet, a chair, small sofa, seat, washstand, mirror, drinking and toilet water, a rack, hooks for clothes, and an electric bell.

"FIRST DAY AT SEA.—Out of sight of land and everything but sea and sky. The ocean is really blue. I never realised that it could be so blue. It is a little flecked with white caps, and everybody is talking about Hatteras.

"SECOND DAY AT SEA.—To-day, like yesterday, the sea was calm. No overcoats even at 7 o'clock p.m. Everybody is well and spent the day on deck. Who could believe such a change could come on so quickly? It is like the middle of May. The dolphins are racing at the ship's bow, Mother Carey's chickens are chasing us astern, and flying-fish are plenty on either side.

"THIRD DAY AT SEA.—Too pleasant even for winter flannels. I am in summer rig, and find it pleasant to keep under the awnings. The ship seems to get cleaner and cleaner. We were going to have an impromptu minstrel show, when somebody said it was Sunday. We see the light-house and trees on Abaco Island. What a sensation they produce! To-morrow we shall be in Nassau.

"FOURTH DAY.—The pilot came aboard soon after daybreak. We are anchored at the mouth of the harbor. Our sister ship, the "Cienfuegos," is beside us on her way to New York. A score of letters for home from our passengers will go by her."

Space will not permit us to follow Governor Blake all through his interesting experience of three years and six months in the Bahamas. His description of what he saw during his visits to the different islands, twenty-nine in number, will not soon be forgotten by his delighted listeners, especially the flowery, panoramic picture he drew of the natural scenery of San Salvador, the supposed "Landfall" of the great discoverer.

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All these things, and many others, were described by Governor Blake in a phraseology peculiarly adapted to the subject and the occasion. And before we were aware of the flight of so much time, an hour and a half had sped away, and His Excellency found that he had exhausted the time at his disposal.

A vote of thanks to Governor Blake was moved by Mr. Justice Pinsent and seconded by Archdeacon Forristal, neat and appropriate little speeches being made by both these gentlemen. Then the President "put the motion," which was carried by acclamation.

Arriving at Irving's, any progress further seemed impracticable. No sign of a road to be seen, and the urging of the care-taker of Mr. Boyd's farm to return, it being folly to plunge into banks of snow without bottom, made the first trio "right about face"; but a fine team, with Mr. George S. Milligan, just then dashed along and, leading the van, both sleighs broke the path—at times lurching and diving, but eventually having passed Woodford's through a shovelled tunnel, came out on the Topsail Hill, all in hearty glee.

ARRIVAL OF THE S.S. 'CURLEW.'

The steamer Curlew arrived at 11 o'clock this morning from the Westward, but her budget is of a meagre description. She had extremely bad weather all the way up, strong head winds and snow squalls; but Captain Delaney made up for it by a swift run down the shore.

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"Pokeahuntus" Replies to "Chessepot."

DEAR SIR,—I notice that a contributor to the Colonist ("Chessepot") who may be regarded as one of its regular hands, a gentleman who "has passed the Bar" and who does frequent odd jobs of service for the paper in the expectation of getting equally good service out of it when election-time comes round, charges me very unjustly with being the author of a communication in your valued columns signed "A Mechanic"; and also with adopting that mode of getting square with a "brother journalist" who had got ahead of me in a report of that now famous meeting in the Commercial Rooms touching the formation of a volunteer company.

At the regular monthly meeting of the H. I. E. Society, to-morrow evening, M. W. Furlong, Esq., will read a paper on "Co-Operation," a most interesting subject.

A DEBATE takes place in the Academia this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, subject, "Should Newfoundlanders sympathise with Ireland in her efforts to obtain Home Rule."

The ice at the Parade Rink is in splendid condition and another grand programme of music will be rendered by Prof. Bennett's Band this (Tuesday) evening. Don't fail to be there, or you will lose a most enjoyable time.

The Missionary Meeting at Topsail.

THE Annual Missionary Meeting at Topsail, in connection with the Methodist Church, was held on Thursday night. The deputation from St. John's and their friends had cause to be disheartened when it became known that the train had broke down that morning; and as all the other available engines were engaged elsewhere, the company could not keep their engagement to run a special train at 4 o'clock.

On reaching the new parsonage a splendid spread loaded the tea table, and grace having been sung, the keen appetites of the visiting and resident friends lessened the contents considerably. Adjourning to the church, the missionary meeting was opened by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and, after prayer, Rev. Geo. Boyd asked Robert K. Bishop, Esq., to preside by request of the resident minister.

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PAUPERIZING THE PEOPLE.

SIR,—Is it true that this amalgamated Government are endeavoring to pauperize the men in the districts of St. John's East and West and Ferryland, who want work? I understand that the commissioner of poor, J. Casey, Esq., has the matter in hand now, and gives directions for able-bodied relief, the orders for provisions being sent to the store of one of the members for St. John's West.

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MR. McNEILY AND THE VOLUNTEERS

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. 27—May, Collins, Barbados, 29 days, W H Mare, Son & Co.—ballast. Silver Spring, Carew, Alberton, P.E.L., 32 days, J & W Pitts—2425 bush oats, 85 bush poultry, 3 cases poultry.

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