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## Historical.

The First Settlement in Newfoundland  
From Documentary Evidence.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

During the past summer I perused an excellent article in the Canadian Magazine, entitled "Canada's First Historian," written by Mr. H. Bedford-Jones. He states this is the first History of Canada ever written, and in some respects the most valuable; but remains to-day at most unknown, and certainly unread, and it is very difficult to procure any edition. It is called the "Histoire de L'Amérique Septentrionale." The author is Major de Basqueville de la Potherie, who joined D'Iberville's fleet at Placentia in April, 1697 as Royal Commissioner. This was immediately after D'Iberville's famous raid from Placentia Bay in the fall of 1696 and mid-winter of 1697, so graphically described by the Abbe Baudouin, the chaplain who accompanied the French soldiers. La Potherie took an active part in the final voyage of D'Iberville to Hudson's Bay, and remained several years afterwards in Canada with the express object of preparing this History. The history was written in French, and has never been fully translated, and rarely read, except by an accomplished French scholar, well qualified to understand old French, as well as the modern French language and its idioms.

### NEWFOUNDLAND FIGURES.

Mr. H. Bedford-Jones is now making a complete translation of this book. In the article published in the Canadian Magazine he mentioned that Chapter IV was entirely devoted to Newfoundland. This interested me at once, and I wrote to Mr. Bedford-Jones asking him to oblige me with a copy of the translation of this chapter, and that I would be pleased to reciprocate with any local information that might assist him. He sent me a copy of the chapter at once, and judge of my surprise to find that I had at last discovered the information that we wished to prove as to the first settlement in Newfoundland. The readers of the Telegram will remember what a controversy took place about twelve years ago. Just previous to the celebration of the Guy Tercentenary, when our friend Mr. Gosling wrote an interesting letter to prove that Cupids was the very first settlement. Our patriotic countrymen, the late lamented Archbishop Howley and Judge Prowse took an active part, and also the late Jas. P. Howley, F. G. S., A. J. W. McNelly and many others. I had to put in a few words on the tradition of my native town, Harbor Grace, and was ably supported by other Harbor Gracians, and we were certainly satisfied with the result; and now comes the documentary proof that the late Mr. Howley demanded, although we pointed out to him that he was our greatest authority on the Beothic tribe of Indians that inhabited this Island, yet they left little or no documentary evidence.

### ANNALS OF HARBOR GRACE.

The following is what LaPotherie states: "Harbor Grace which is as considerable in its commerce as Carbonear was now set on fire. This was the first settlement of the English Colony. Three years ago a man died

there aged 38, and he had been born there; a fact which shows how long Newfoundland has been inhabited." These facts were obtained from the inhabitants of Harbor Grace in December, 1698—so that this man, who had died three years previously, must have been born in 1610, and there is every reason to suppose that there were others prior to this, as La Potherie's History is emphatic on this point. The only other authentic record of the "first white child" was Nicholas Gure's lusty boy, born at Cupids two years after this, date as described in John Guy's diary. I was fortunate in securing a copy of Abbe Baudouin's Diary taken from the copy that our illustrious prelate, the late Archbishop Howley, copied with his own hand from the original manuscript in the Canadian Archives. Several attempts have been made to procure a correct translation of this famous old Diary, so often quoted in our histories, but without success, except in a mutilated manner. I sent this copy to Mr. Bedford-Jones, and he writes me that he was surprised to find such valuable information, and it has enabled him to improve his translation of LaPotherie's History, which was very obscure in places, so that he now understands the facts, and had no trouble in making an excellent translation of the obscurities. This, he says, is wonderfully interesting, and fully bears out the statements made by the Missionary Robe, who also had written in confirmation of this History to M. Randot, who was the Intendant-General of Canada at that time.

### ST. JOHN'S A SUMMER RESORT.

Many of our historians, including Judge Prowse, believed that St. John's must have been the first settlement in Newfoundland, as several facts went to prove that, especially our Charter, which dates back to Sir Humphrey Gilbert's visit in 1585, but the records of this in "Hakluyt's Voyages" states that "St. John's was a popular place during summer, but in winter given over to the fruition of birds and wild animals." It clearly proves that it was a summer station, but deserted during the winter. The following is another extract from Mr. Bedford-Jones' translation, and will prove my assertions beyond all doubt:

"Fresh food abounded here. We ate the cows of Carbonear and Harbor Grace."

"Harbor Grace has 14 settlers and Carbonear 22 all were established—the finest built houses in Newfoundland."

"We found there stores of codfish and bread, but no personal effects."

"These two places furnish the English Colony with all its needs, which draws here a great traffic."

"There were some folks worth 100-000 livres, but they had not left the stuff here. These places are on the North, or North-east of Conception Bay on a pleasant coast."

"In Carbonear he sea wind strikes fully, and it is rather a road than a harbor."

"Harbor Grace is very good, but there are some shallows on the North of the entrance, but the harbor is sheltered from wind."

## SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

### SPEAKING OF CLOTHES.

A recent fashion magazine has some suggestions for dressing on a small income.

It gives schedules on how to spend a penny on various small dress allowances.

These small allowances are two thousand, eighteen hundred, and twelve hundred!

Now wouldn't it be terrible to have to dress on as cramped a sum as that? I suppose most of the women who read this article won't think it could actually be done.

Seriously, the article goes on to say some things that are worth considering even for the woman who has not had \$2,000 to spend on her clothes in the last ten years.

### Exact Double Duty.

And one of these is, if you are dressing on a small income it will be a great help to get as many things as possible that are good for both summer and winter. If you can wear a garment two seasons instead of one you get double your money's worth out of it before it goes out of fashion.

Buy good things and fewer of them is another familiar rule but one which is easily lost sight of. There are so many varieties of alluring things in the shops that one lets oneself be tempted to buy variety at the expense of excellence.

Keep to one color scheme is my own favorite preachment. If you keep changing your color scheme you will find either that you will not have the proper accessories or that you will spend a lot getting them. Accessories cost enough anyway even if you do not keep discarding. I know a woman who keeps a budget and plans to spend about \$400 a year on her clothes. Last year she spent a portion on such accessories as shoes and stockings and underwear.

### How to Make Shoes Last.

A penny saved is a penny earned, a piece of wearing apparel kept in good condition by proper care is a piece of wearing apparel added free gratis to one's wardrobe. Everyone knows that stockings will wear twice as long if not allowed to lie with the perspiration in them, but rushed out as soon as taken off. A shoe firm which makes wonderfully fine shoes gives this wonderfully fine advice to its patrons on the care of shoes. "The life of leather is in the oil it contains, as it is important to keep the uppers soft and pliable by frequent polishing with a liquid friction cleaner. If put near the fire or heat when the least damp leather will steam heat, its fibre will be destroyed and later it will become crisp and brittle. Although you may not notice it the leather is in the same condition you call rotten and it will soon break to pieces. The wearing of two pairs of shoes alternately will add to the wear of each. Shoes



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placed in shoe trees when they are damp will lose the deep creases and give increased wear."

A raincoat is always an exasperating thing to buy but it lasts a long while and, if properly used, saves its price in the prolonged life of the rest of your clothes. Rubbers and umbrellas also are stupid disagreeable things but are first aids to the wo-

man who wants to make her clothes allowance accomplish as much as possible.

Know your own style and don't keep making the mistake of buying things that you admire—but that don't admire you.

Know a bargain and be able to snap it up when you see it but don't try to get bargains all the time. She who

does is apt to get stuck. Don't be afraid to pay a disproportionate sum for a frock if it is just what you want, is bought at a shop that is ahead of the styles and is the kind of a frock that is suitable for many occasions. That is the kind of clothes extravagance that proves to be clothes economy in the end.