ome of Our Con-ception Bay Families

oneers in Our Country's History.

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recently I had the pleasure of a most interesting book "The Philip Henry Gosse," written son, Edmund Gosse, the Librar- the British House of Commons. from such a source nothing more authentic.

Gosse, as they called him, from Poole, England, to Car- in 1825 when he was 15 years He gives a most interesting of life in the South of England, close connection with New- trade. It is impossible to the facts I would like to give his experiences, but the author, a most pleasing and prolific and who was brought up amidst land surroundings, gives a description of the joys and at that time.

LE'S CONNECTION WITH NEWFOUNDLAND.

ar of Poole so often that we surprised that it was looked an off-shoot of Newfoundland. y a century or more Poole was n of Newfoundland fishing in- There were several other the South of England, not- mouth, that were rivals in way at that time. But the "Big that flourished from 1760 to 1810 ished—with their headquarters y branch stations throughout fundland, are still well remem- George and James Kemp of and Carbonear, John Slade of and Twillingate, George Gar- Sons, Poole and Trinity, Spur- chers of Poole and Burin, were of mercantile houses.

OTHER OLD FIRMS.

were firms of still older date, Benjamin Lester & Co., of Poole and Trinity and of still later date was the firm of Pack, Gosse & Fryer of Poole and Carbonear, besides many others that I could mention. But these will suffice to show the great interest that the city of Poole had in all parts of our country. Here is how Poole is described in 1825:—

"The prosperous little town of Poole was busy with fishermen and boat-men. Hoymen in their sou'westers, guernsey frocks and loose trousers. Countrymen or young bumkins in smock, seeking to be shipped as young-sters for Newfoundland."

"Rows of casks redolent with cod-oil. Piles of salt fish. Dogs by the score. Idle boys larking about or mounting the rigging to the very truck of some tall brigs. Pilots were always to be found on the Quay ready to guide the vessels through the nar-rows and intricate channel into or out of the harbor."

The Poole men gloried in their peal of church bells, which was a full chime of eight, that delighted young and old, as well as the sailors who longed for the quiet Sabbath Day.

Philip Gosse after leaving school served his apprenticeship, for two years, in the office of George Garland & Sons, who carried on a very exten-sive and prosperous business with Trinity. Afterwards he availed of the opportunity, with a chance of promo-tion, to proceed to Newfoundland, with a position in the office of Slade, Elson & Co., of Carbonear. His elder brother, William, had a position a few years previous with the firm of George and James Kemp at Carbonear, and event-ually became senior partner of the great firm of Pack, Gosse & Fryer, who succeeded Kemp's firm, when they retired millionaires, and one of the most successful firms that ever car-ried on business in this country.

THE GOSSE FAMILY.

This family of Gosse had no kinship with others of the same name who had settled in Spaniard's Bay and Torbay. The ancestors of Philip Gosse were cloth manufacturers of Ringwood in Hampshire, England, and family tradi-tions state they were Huguenots from France, having gone to England about the time of King Charles II., the Merry Monarch, when so many manufactur-ers from the Continent of Europe set-tled in England, and were followed by their craftsmen—helping in no small way to establish the industries that have made England famous through-out the world ever since.

WHAT PROWSE STATES.

Prowse in his history states that the other Gosse families in Newfoundland belonged to the ancient family of Gosse, and were undoubtedly connect-ed with the trade of this country for hundreds of years. The Gosse's, and Codners of Torbay received titles to their property as far back as 1750, but I believe the Gosses of Spaniard's Bay are still older. As a proof of this—who has not heard of Solomon Gosse's Birthday? It commemorates our Na-tional Dish of "Figgy Duff," and takes the place with our fishermen of the Plum Pudding of Old England—and the days our fishermen receive the pork and duff dinner, has always been styled Solomon Gosse's Birthday, and can be traced back to our very earliest days, until its origin has disappeared in the mists of antiquity.

PROBABLY BROUGHT FROM DEVONSHIRE.

It is not unlikely to be a Devonshire custom, which has been nationalized in this country, but why it should cele-brate Solomon Gosse's Birthday is a conundrum, and shows the antiquity of the family. The expression is one of the most familiar used by our fish-ermen, in fact by our people generally.

I have been unable to get any au-thentic information as to what period in our history the first of the Gosse family settled in this country, but the traditions handed down in their family point to the fact that not alone did they own the North Side of Spaniard's Bay, but also other important settle-ments.

HALF THE HARBOR.

This ownership of "Half the Har-bor" dates back to the time of John Guy in 1610, when he received a grant from the British Crown of all the land between Cape Race and Cape Bon-avista. One of the inducements he of-fered to adventurers who would settle in Newfoundland, was to sell them "half the harbor" for £100 (one hun-dred pounds).

We still hear the old expression "that fellow thinks he owns half the harbor," without knowing how this phrase first originated.

Solomon Gosse is still a familiar name in Spaniard's Bay, and I have no doubt they all spring from the paren-ent stock of merchant adventurers of the time of "Good Queen Bess," when these sailors made the South of Eng-land famous in song and story.

CHIEF OF THE CLAN.

Before passing along to tell of some other families, I must not forget our old friend, Capt. Richard Gosse, of Vancouver, British Columbia, the mil-lionaire Salmon Packer, whose name is now famous throughout the world for his "Sea Products"—who learned his business in this, his native country, but who has made his fortune on the Pacific. It is no misnomer to style him the "Chief of the Clan" to-day, as he is spoken of with pride by all his re-latives and countrymen.

Philip Gosse's description of Car-bonear on his arrival in 1825 is very interesting.

AS CARBONEAR WAS THEN.

It was a much more considerable place than he expected to find it. "This town is the third largest in the Colony, coming next to St. John's and Harbor Grace. The crowd of shipping, includ-ing a fleet of about seventy schooners just about to start for Labrador, all making up a scene very different from the desolation which he had imagined of Newfoundland. The fields, gardens and potato patches mapped out the sides of the hills, and the verdure was smiling everywhere, up to the very edge of the woods. The presence of the Labrador fleet was disturbing, and until these vessels were gone, he put a week or two with Mr. Apsey the storekeeper. But after that he took up a permanent position in the counting-house. This office was pleasantly situated in the midst of a large gar-den, in front of the dwelling house, where the resident member of the firm, Mr. Elson, lived with his fam-ily."

There were four clerks in the of-fice, and the next few years his bosom companion was his fellow clerk, Wil-liam Charles St. John, better known as Charlie, whose parents resided in Harbor Grace. He spent many a week-end with the family of Oliver St. John, who carried on business there, and had married a daughter of the old Surrogate Charles Davis Garland, so well known as the hero of Carbon-ear Island—and who, during the French War in 1762, fortified the Is-land at his own expense, and assist-ed Governor Graves to such an ex-tent that he received the well merited thanks of the British Parliament.

A TIPPERARY BOY.

Philip Gosse tells us that Oliver St. John belonged to a Protestant family of Tipperary, Ireland, which claimed relationship with Oliver Cromwell and Lord Bolingbroke. It is interest-ing to remark here that my old friend, Oliver Victor Travers, still hale and hearty, although well up an octagen-arian, and one of the leading spirits of the second city, is a grandson of Oliver St. John and perpetuates the name of his ancestor the old Lord Protector.

MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH ES-TATE.

Philip Gosse and Charlie St. John were both of a literary turn of mind. Philip became the celebrated Natural-ist, particulars of which any of my readers can ascertain in the British Encyclopedia. Charlie St. John be-came Editor and Proprietor of the "Conception Bayman" newspaper of Harbor Grace, wrote a short history of Newfoundland, dedicated to my old schoolmaster, John I. Roddick, and eventually settled in Boston, where he became a close friend of Henry W. Longfellow, the author of Evangeline, etc., and many other celebrities of the Hub. His son, Henry St. John, now over 90 years of age, still lives in Boston, and, like his father, has writ-ten many beautiful poems, published in book form, describing his old home in Newfoundland and its beautiful scenery. There are many interesting facts mentioned about Carbonear, one hundred years ago, that I must keep for another time.

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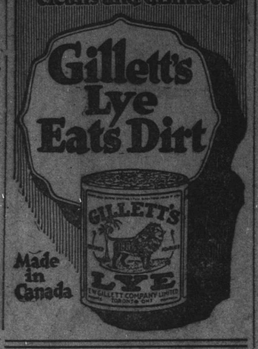

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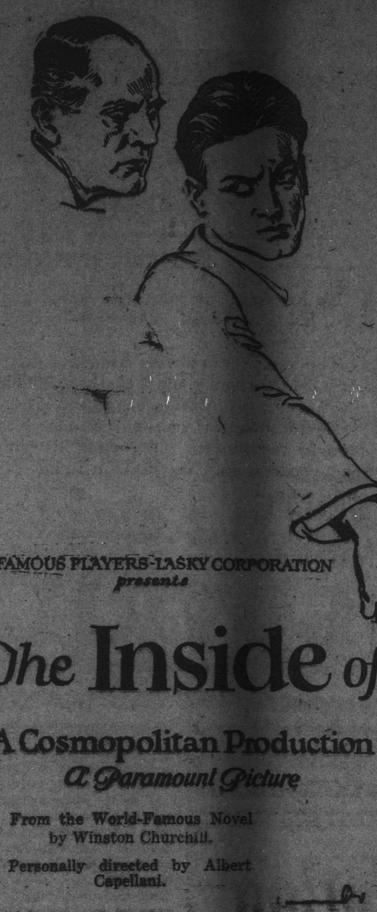

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He keeps the men at labor,
He helps his friend and neighbor,
The man who pays his bills.

Men could not live without him,
All dreams are wreathed about him,
A vital place he fills;
He keeps alive ambition,
Spurs progress on its mission,
The man who pays his bills.

For him the fires are started,
For him the grain is carted,
He drives the mightiest wills;
For him is all endeavor,
All glorious deeds and clever,
The man who pays his bills.

By faith in him men master
And triumph in disaster,
The blood of them he thrills;
No matter what his station,
He builds and guards the nation,
The man who pays his bills.

Chopped figs are delicious in prune Bavarian cream. Garnish with halves of cooked prunes.

Children's Treat.

WAS A MOST ENJOYABLE FUNC-TION.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Catho-lic Cadet Corps gave 238 boys and girls a delightful treat in the Cadet Hall on Friday afternoon last. Dur-ing the evening the children took part in racing and many other nov-elties were introduced which were greatly enjoyed. At 5 o'clock supper was served by the ladies, which was done full justice to by all. The con-cert, kindly arranged by Miss Mary Halley, was an added enjoyment for the kiddies. The following artistes contributed to the programme:

1. Piano Solo—Miss Mary Carey.
2. Recitation—Miss Annie Thor-burn.
3. Song—Miss Flora Kearney.
4. Dance—Miss K. Kearney.
5. Recitation—Master J. Bradshaw.
6. Trio (Piano)—Misses Kennedy, O'Dea, Halley.
7. Recitation—Miss Joyce Furlong.
8. Dance—Miss Isabel Bidell.
9. Song—Miss K. Ryall.
10. Recitation—Miss M. Scott.
11. Trio (Piano)—Misses Kearney.
12. Dance—Miss I. McGrath.
13. Song—Miss K. Cotter.
14. Dance—Miss Jean Halley.
15. Song—Miss Rose Kenny.
16. Recitation—Master Gerard Mar-tin.

FINALE.

Before the children proceeded to their homes, they were each given a bag of fruit and candy, and the Ladies of the Auxiliary are to be congratulated for arranging such an enjoyable treat. Special praise is due Miss Mary Halley for the deep interest she took in the concert end of the programme which was a great success.

THE LADIES.

"One lady hit me, and then another lady hit me, and then up pops a third lady and takes my character away. Being a better lady than any of them, I acted as such and didn't hit back," said a woman at Thames Police Court.

French have New System of Tennis Scoring.

In view of the fact that the pres-ent method of scoring in the game of tennis is quite clumsy, especially in match tournaments, the French have devised a new system, the prin-cipal object of which is to end long-drawn-out contests. Instead of re-quiring six games to win a set, the French would have the set go to the player who first won nine games, while deuce sets—those in which neither player scores—would be done away with. Further, matches should be the best two of three instead of the best three of five sets. In this way no match could consist of more than 51 games.

"Wall" of Water Rocks Ocean Vessel.

Towering 70 feet, a "wall" of wa-ter believed to have been set in mo-tion by a submarine disturbance, nearly proved disastrous to the Paci-fic liner Brush, 50 miles off the coast of Mexico recently. The captain of the ship described the approach of the strange freak of nature as an unbroken black line near the hori-zon when first observed by the look-out. When its nature was discern-ed, the ship was made ready for the onrush of water. When the wall hit the Brush, the captain declared it was as if a huge hand had clasped the vessel and raised it into the air. There was not a breath of wind, but for six hours after the occurrence, the log of the ship shows, the Brush labored in swells equal to those off Cape Horn and was driven miles off its course.

Victims of Shipwreck May Walk Ocean to Safety.

A one-man life-saving device with which shipwreck victims may "walk" to land, is being offered steamship companies. It consists of two pontoons that slide back and forth alternately in a rigid frame, the operator placing a foot in each one, standing erect, of course, and grasping the handles of a steering device. As the pontoons are worked, paddles on the bottom aid the walker, folding up as to of-fer no resistance on the forward slide. In windy weather a sail as-sists the walker.—Popular Mec-hanics.

Master: "You're turning that screw the wrong way, Pat. I thought I showed you how to do it yester-day."

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