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MR. SWAIN WEST, OF SWEDEN, 1794.

Of the several European countries permanently represented by maritime, and settlement in Trinity in the past century, Jacob Christian represented Norway; John Johnson and William Deane, represented Denmark; Henry Shogren represented France, whilst Sweden was represented by Swain West. Amongst the sailors of those days, when rum was plentiful, and the standard of morals was not of the highest, there were many men whose coming to us on the vessels from abroad, did not add to the general well-being of the town, nor to their own individual self respect. There were, however, several notable exceptions, and one of them was SWAIN WEST. During a voyage from Trinity to Poole in the fall of 1805, Captain John Pile on the brig "Prosperous", lost a man overboard in mid-ocean, and the Captain, with his high respect for Swedish sailors, was more than glad when Swain West, able seaman, and a native of Sweden, offered to take the lost sailor's place. His physical appearance indicated a clean life, and his quiet, respectful actions and general bearing, bespoke a home-training beyond the ordinary in a seaman's early life.

The Captain was favourably impressed with him, and during the next five years that they sailed together, he had no cause to change his opinion of West, or to regret his having accepted his services. The man was reticent, beyond the daily requirements of speech in the performance of his duties; and the mere Captain Pile saw of him the more he became convinced that the history of his life to date was an interesting one. When during the next year Captain Pile was transferred from the brig "Prosperous" to the new brig "Lark", at his request Swain West went with him as his first officer. Then as they were thrown more together in the cabin, and mutual confidences were established, but by West told the Captain the story of his early life. The information thus given was mostly confidential, but it proved to be largely as the Captain had thought of it, and it raised West still higher in his estimation. Captain Pile had married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waterman in Trinity, and his home and home-life were such as could not fail to attract and to be appreciated by any right thinking person who was privileged to be given the entrée to it. To this home Captain Pile had brought Swain West upon his return from Poole, and when West had come to Trinity for the first time. During his following visits three or four times a year, through the next five years, Swain West made many friends in Trinity; and upon the introduction of Captain Pile, he was welcomed to homes where but few unknown sailors were ever invited.

Those who got to know him best were always conscious of the fact that there was much about his past life that was locked up in the secret recesses of his own knowledge, which period of his life, strange to say, everybody believed was to his credit. Whilst it was evident that West was fond of ladies' society, and that he was always courteous and gentlemanly when in their company, yet there were clear indications on his part of never intending to go beyond the ordinary friendships of life; and it gradually became generally understood that he was not a marrying man. His one great object in life was to become the Captain of his own vessel. To Captain Pile and others who knew his real worth as a seaman, nothing was more sure than the attainment of that object within the next two years; though Capt. Pile often shook his head and looked sad, as he thought of the delicate constitution of Mr. West, that year by year seemed to render him less and less fitted for the rugged requirements of a seafaring life on the coast of Newfoundland. The voyage from Poole to Trinity during the winter of 1808-9 was the most severe in Capt. Pile's experience, and there were times in the storms of wind and snow, when he almost despaired of reaching port. To add to the danger, the Captain was caught by a sea that boarded the vessel, dashed him against the bulwarks, and where (though barely saved from going overboard) he found himself with a broken leg. This, after being attended to by his men, compelled him to remain in his bed for the remainder of the voyage, and placed the responsibility of the navigation of the vessel upon Mr. West.

No more careful or capable officer ever undertook the responsibilities of such a position; and no one could be more unselfish in respect of his own personal comfort, than was Mr. West in his perilous and responsible position. His conduct inspired the crew as they were looked to them in an unequal battle with a combination of adverse winds, and cold and snow, on the coast of Newfoundland during the last weeks of December, and when

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several vessels superior to the "Lark" had gone down almost within sight of each other. On the 2nd day of January, 1806, the wind changed, and with a clearing of the weather, the land of Bacallien was sighted; and two days afterwards the vessel entered Trinity Harbour, battered and storm-torn, but without the loss of a life. Upon arrival, all attention was centered upon the Captain in his helpless condition. It was not till he was taken to his own home under the direction of Mr. West, that the Captain reported to the Agent, and broadcast the story of to whom the credit was due for the vessel's safety; it was not till then that attention was directed to Mr. West, and then everybody was struck with his haggard appearance. The next day it became known that he was very ill. The doctor pronounced it pneumonia, and feared the worst from the combination of it with a heart of poor condition, and a constitution that had been steadily falling during the past year. Head Mr. West, been born and brought up in Trinity, with family claims upon the attentions of the people, no greater evidences of love and kindness could have been shown by them, than were shown for him by all sorts and conditions of people in Trinity.

It was all in vain, however, as far as the saving of his life was concerned, and in the Burial Register of St. Paul's Church, Trinity, in the following entry: "January 26th, 1806, In-terred, Swain West (a native of Sweden), first officer of the brig "Lark."

When Swain West told Captain Pile (in confidence) the history of his early life, he gave the Captain his father's address, and at his request the captain promised that should he (West) die whilst associated with him, he would write all particulars of his life and death to his father. What Mr. West told the Captain, and what the Captain told his father, was never made known to anyone in Trinity; but those who saw the address on the envelope that contained the Captain's letter, remembered that it was (when translated into English) The Right Hon. Oscar P. West, Stockholm, Sweden.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
Two marriages celebrated by Rev. George Custer, certificates of which are on a faded detached slip of paper in the old Register at Trinity.

1827, William Hunt and Catherine Nowlan, both of Bonavista, witnesses: John Nowlan, Bernard Abbott, 1827, Samuel Abbott and Mary Parry, both of Bonavista. Witnesses: John Chatey, Mark Abbott.

LOCAL ITEMS.

During the recent past, Captain Blackwood has completely changed the appearance of his dwelling house, and the changes constitute a decided improvement. The gable roof has been changed to a cottage-roof, a bay window has been placed in the South end, the small front windows and door have given place to larger and decidedly superior ones, and with a renewal of the woodwork in front and the whole building newly and tastefully painted it will be worth while, both in appearance and for practical use.

The new Church at Champneys West was opened temporarily for service on Sunday afternoon last by Rev. F. P. Law. It is finished outside, but not inside. Services will be held in it during the summer months and preparations will be made to do the balance of interior work next fall. Much credit is due the men and women of the congregation, who, in spite of the poor times and the many losses to the congregation by death and emigration, have kept steadily at work. The building was filled to capacity from Champneys to Trinity, and the hearty and devotional services, as well as the generous offerings for the building fund, have inspired the people to thankfulness for the past, and to encouragement for the future.

The C.L.B. of Trinity East and Port Rexton, in charge of Capt. Fitzgerald and Lieutenant Bannister and Randall, held a Church parade to St. Andrew's, Trinity East, on Sunday evening last. The service was conducted by the rector, the lessons were read by Lay Reader, Mr. Robert Ploughman, and an appropriate sermon was provided on the subject of "the spiritual basis of the C.L.B." The officers and laity made a very creditable appearance.

Captain Stanley Harbour has purchased a new schooner, that has just been launched from the dock-yard in Port Union.

Mr. Samuel Grant, and Mrs. Erikson are visiting at St. John's (May 15th).

Mrs. William White is visiting her

sister Miss Myra Taylor, Matron at the General Hospital, St. John's.

Mr. E. Grant is having a bungalow built, for summer use, on his farm at God's Cove.

Mrs. Parsons of Harbour Grace and Mrs. Hutchings, daughters of Head Constable and Mrs. Ryan, are visiting at the old home in Trinity. Mrs. Ryan is not at all well.

Mr. Stone of Bonavista, the engine driver, who was so badly injured in a railway smash-up on the Bonavista Branch some years ago, and has since been living at Bonavista, has bought the house that belonged to Mrs. Maidment (nee Jessie Ash) St. John's and will come to Trinity to live. He is married to a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt. It is encouraging to see property improvements going on and new people coming here to live. We extend the heartiest of welcomes.

MARRIAGES AT ENGLISH HARBOUR.

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1801—George Higden and Hannah Wells.

1801—George Barnes Jr. and Sarah Pottle.

1808—Martin Ivamy and Martha Barnes.

1808—Francis Long and Ann Higden.

1804—William Penny, Jr. and Margaret Ivamy.

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