

accustomed to tie the hands of the criminal during the infliction of court punishment.

*Our Historic Heritage.*

What a moral improvement has taken place in the town, for now 4,000 inhabitants can live together in such perfect harmony and good will, that we have but few criminal cases before the Court, while the Supreme Court in its annual session has rarely a vicious crime upon its docket. While in the 18th century there were three constables, one can easily perform the duties of four times the population with little inconvenience. Let us cultivate a spirit of high regard and appreciation for our historic town. As the land-fall of Cabot who hoisted the standard of Old England in the name of Henry VII. The shout of the Venetian sailors, "O good sight." Its early colonization and the battles of your far away ancestors for their rights to prosecute their honest calling unmolested by the French. Think of its ancient fort and its 600 soldiers keeping a look out for their enemies, and the ninety inhabitants, under George Skelington the Quaker, putting up a defence for their homes and families, with their nine canon and their old flint muskets. Think again of the capitulation and the ransom paid to the French pirates to avoid further trouble, discomfort and bloodshed. And may this tend to make the present and coming generations feel that their Bonavista town has unique historic associations that should make it appeal to them as a place of attraction for which they should be prepared to live and strive for its future improvement and well-being. And let us hope that ere long some capitalist or wealthy citizen will originate some industrial enterprises that will give labor to the unemployed during the months of enforced idleness after the fishery closes. Then Bonavista could be built up and become one of the most prosperous and desirable places to live in, where the first land was sighted on "Britain's Most Ancient Colony."

*Acts of Heroism.*

"Their hopes were not less warm, their souls were full as brave."

—Byron.

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