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## How History Should Be Made.

The Traditions of the People Must Be Perpetuated.

(H. F. SHORTIS)

The History of Newfoundland has to be written. All efforts to date have been based on documentary evidence, and scant courtesy has been shown to tradition—the true source of complete and satisfactory history. Newfoundland histories are colourless, and contain so little reference to the early struggles of our ancestors and their almost insurmountable difficulties. There has been no recognition of its importance in the world which has been so neglected, from a historical point of view, as Newfoundland. Truly, there have been some attempts made at writing a crude history of its resources and capabilities. Of those fallaciously short of giving a mere outline of the future possibilities of our country.

EVILIOUS DISTINCTIONS.

In all these attempts at writing the history of our country there is a regular absence of any attempt to show up our people in their true light. There are there in those so-called histories we find certain men singled out for their philanthropy—their capacity for amassing a fortune, or some other quality—and these are taken generally from the upper and middle classes; there has been no attempt made to show up the heroism, hardihood and generous spirit of our people. I am the fishermen of every capacity, and have built up Newfoundland and made her what she is, and what she is to be. What has been told to the present of the people of the country has been gleaned from old documents and records kept by the Admirals, who, from time to time, visited our shores. These documents are necessarily confined to international relations, the enormous magnitude of the (at that time) one of the only industries of our country—fishery. All these things are admitted, very indispensable in themselves in relating the history of a country. In this connection, it must be borne in mind that the principal factor in compiling the history is—the history of our people.

NOTHING ABOUT THE PEOPLE.

By a singular coincidence, all who have hitherto attempted to tell the story of Newfoundland have studiously avoided this subject, which is of all importance. A book that confines itself to the transcribing of documents

dealing with events and epochs in the life of a country cannot claim pretensions to the dignified title of history. The manners and customs of a people, their leading characteristics, their mode of life, their adaptability to the requirements of their environment, their evolution and growth from a handful of settlers to a unit in the make-up of the Empire or country from which they sprang—these are the subjects to be enquired into with the greatest diligence by the man who undertakes to unfold to the world the history of a people. No one can deny that events are a first essential in the make-up of history, but bare recording of the facts themselves is inadequate to satisfy the enquiring mind. We must know what led up to those events; we must know the circumstances that controlled them, and, above all, we must know the character and quality of the people who were the mainspring of them.

THE REAL HISTORIANS.

Where then, I may ask, are we to inquire the manners and customs of the people whose history we wish to relate? Not from legal documents, not from the records and ledgers of the merchants' country-houses, but from the people themselves. In all conditions of human society, from the primitive savage up to the highest point of Western civilization, there is one trait recognizable as of an universal character, and that is—an inherent desire to relate past events and exploits, the manners and customs of by-gone times; and this universal characteristic of the human mind has been called tradition. It is absolutely necessary for the historian to apply himself diligently to the task of ascertaining the traditions and stories of a people, in order to show them up in their true light. A history to be complete must be retrospective, and how then can we acquire a knowledge of the past without taking the people into our confidence? It is only by delving deep into musty documents that we can acquire all the information that goes to make up history. History to be complete must go hand in hand with tradition.

TRADITION THE ONLY SOURCE.

When the great, but somewhat self-laudatory orator, Cicero, tells us, when speaking of history, that "to be ignorant

of what happened before one's birth is to remain in a state of perpetual childhood," he had in his mental vision the traditions and stories of the Roman people. The poetry of his countrymen had contributed lavishly to the making of Roman history. No one will deny that poetry enters largely into the history of all peoples. There is nothing so closely allied to tradition as poetry; it is indeed tradition in verse. The deeds and daring—the conquests and failures—the trials and difficulties of the evolution of a nation from its infancy to full-grown manhood, are handed down to posterity by the pens of the past. This is tradition, pure and simple, clothed in verse. Why did not those who have hitherto attempted to write the history of our country consult the traditions of our people?

PIONEERS IN AGRICULTURE.

Newfoundland, it must be admitted, is fast coming to the front rank in social and commercial prosperity. The sciences and arts are being taught and cultivated. Her sons when they go abroad, are proud of the land of their birth; but it is of first importance to know how this refinement and civilization were accomplished. Even here in the suburbs of St. John's, we have tracts of highly cultivated land, yielding splendid returns for the labor bestowed upon it. Yet no collector of data has been found to go visit the growth and development up to the present stage. Surely, in bringing these fine holdings into their present state, a vast amount of labor has been gone through. In going into the virgin forest, with no capital behind them save that of their own energy, perseverance and indomitable courage, the original owners of these farms handed down to their children an inheritance of their own ability and energy. The very fact of these farms being there, is of themselves, a stimulus to the enquiring mind to seek for information about them. Men of such courage and endurance as the pioneers of these homesteads must be worth studying. It must be remembered at the time these men undertook to reclaim the land everything was against them. Climatic conditions were adverse, as the winters of those days were long and severe. Isolation was the order of the day.

FARMING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

There were no connecting roads, and the prospective farmer not only had to face what would seem to be a determined race, but he was cut off from social intercourse with his fellow-men. Everything was against him. He had to contend with the hostile forces of Nature, an ill-supplied purse, and a want of sympathy and intercourse with his fellow-men. Yet amidst all these adverse circumstances these men reclaimed the soil from its primitive virginity—made a home, a home for themselves and their families. Surely such a class of men were built of sterner stuff than the ordinary run of mankind! They are worthy of investigation and inquiry. Yet in all the histories of our country we fail to find anything like an adequate tribute paid to such men. Sterling manhood, no matter in what walk of life it is to be found, deserves to be enquired into. There is nothing exceptional in the instance I have above cited. Hundreds of farmers from England, Ireland and Scotland have gone into the primitive forests of Newfoundland, and, having overcome the difficulties and obstacles consequent to a severe climate such as Newfoundland was subject to, and accomplished such feats, that were almost impossible to this day to speak for itself, it would be almost impossible of belief.

DISTINCT AND UNIQUE.

The first settlers of Newfoundland stand out as a distinct and unique race. They appear to have been endowed, and subsequent events prove that they were endowed, by Nature with a peculiar fitness for the opening up of a new country. They were possessed of an indomitable courage, capability for physical endurance, and an unconquerable determination—qualities which gave them special fitness to become founders of a race which, for courage and endurance, are second to no people in the world. I fail entirely to see the completeness of a history which, while devoting pages to the natural possibilities of a country, both present and prospective, entirely ignores the men who made these possibilities a living issue in the history of the commercial world. Even the citizens of St. John's had much to contend against in the latter part of the past century. The arbitrary and tyrannical laws of the Fishing Admirals were not entirely removed from the Statute book. They appear to have left their tyranny and oppressions as an heirloom to their descendants, and they endeavored to the utmost of their ability, to carry out their commands. Although our forefathers have amply demonstrated their work in the quieter walks of life, as in instances I have related above, the real work of our people has been brought out whilst in pursuit of their natural avocation on the sea.

(To be continued.)

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