

## REID-NEWFOUNDLAND COMPANY

### BAY STEAMSHIP SERVICE

PLACENTIA BAY S. S. "ARGYLE"

VIA PLACENTIA

EVERY SATURDAY AND TUESDAY, ON ARRIVAL OF TRAINS  
FROM ST. JOHN'S, CALLING AT

*Presque	*Sound Island
*Paradise	*Black River
*Petit Port	*Woody Island
*Olerin	*Barron's Island
*Baie Harbour	*Tack's Beach
*Flat Island	*Burgeo
*Mary's Town	*St. Leonard's
*Beau Boss	*Isle Valen
*Burlin	*Merashcen
*Red Island	*Harbour Buffet
*Ran's Island	o St. Brides
*St. Lawrence	o Branch
*Lamallne	o North Harbour
o Trepassey	o Salmonier
*Haystack	o St. Mary's

Placentia town was, in ancient days, the French capital of Newfoundland, and the Grande Monarque ruled the southern half of the island. In the town are still visible the relics of the French occupation—the old church, the tombstones, with their Basque inscriptions that cannot be translated to-day, and the fort which crowns Mount Pleasant, from which eminence a sublime view of the bay and the country round is obtained. A set of communion plate presented by William IV. when captain of a British warship upon the coast is still shown to visitors and is highly prized. The scenery in and around Placentia is perhaps the loveliest in the island, the noble arms of the estuary being real marvels, and, what is no less important, the trout fishing unexcelled. Sea trout run up the rivers and supply anglers with rarest sport. Argentia, a few miles away, is equally noted for its attractions, and then a run in the bay takes the visitor to Black River, the scene of the great winter herring-fishery. The steamer on Placentia Bay is the "Argyle," a sister ship of the "Clyde," and, as she coasts its west side, an amazing variety of scenery in islands, rivers and noble hills is presented. Turning her prow eastward again, she reaches the "Cape Shore" (so called from Cape St. Mary's), the greatest fishing ground in Newfoundland, and here can be seen from 300 to 400 skiffs, with their crews of five to eight men, dotting the whole expanse of ocean and seeming a real marine town. Rounding the cape, St. Mary's Bay is entered, a lesser body of water, but equally rich in its scenic endowments. At its head is Colinet, a noted locality for trout, to which place come ardent sportsmen from St. John's, by rail and carriage, returning with heavily laden baskets. Salmonier River, as its name implies, is a favorable resort for salmon; a set of falls in the river enabling the sportsmen to secure fine catches as the fish leap over the barrier to the upper reaches. The scenery in this quarter is of exceeding beauty, and drives by carriage through the surrounding country afford a series of delightful panorama. Holyrood and St. Mary's, two picturesque fishing villages, are next passed, and then the steamer runs along a straight, rugged shore to Cape Pine, when it rounds and enters Trepassey Bay, the great winter refuge place of shipping incommenced by ice, though in summer it is noted for being one of our quaintest and most attractive fishing hamlets.

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BETWEEN PORT-AUX-BASQUES, PLACENTIA AND ST. JOHN'S  
CONNECTING WITH S.S. "BRUCE" AND RAILWAY

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE

ST. JOHN'S—(Rail connection)	St. Jacques
Cape Broyle	Harbour Breton
Ferryland	Cass Island
Fermuse	Hermillage
Renews	Gaultois
Trepassey	Pushthrough
St. Mary's	McCallum Bay
PLACENTIA—(Rail connection)	Rencontre
Burin	Ramea
St. Lawrence	Burgeo
Lamallne	LaPolle
Fortune	Rose Blanche
Grand Bank	PORT-AUX-BASQUES—
Belleoram	(Rail connection)

This is a very delightful trip, presenting every variety of scenery to the traveller. Leaving Port-aux-Basques, the steamer, a slightly reduced model of the "Bruce," equally elegant and comfortable, makes the run of 400 miles in four days, a harbour being entered every few hours, so that nothing of interest along the coast is overlooked. For the first hundred miles one skirts rampart-like cliffs, broken here and there by fissures and estuaries in which are situated the picturesque fishing villages. A famous deer country is back from this coast, with numerous splendid salmon rivers. Rose Blanche, La Polle and Burgeo are typical fishing villages. Balena is the home of the scientific whaling fishery, where leviathans 90 to 100 feet long can be seen. Bay d'Espoir is the greatest deer region on this coast. Every winter fully 1,000 carcasses are brought out from the uplands by the fishermen who hunt there. Harbour Breton is the headquarters of Newman's old-time plantation, such as existed in pre-revolutionary days in Virginia.

Fortune Bay is the "home of the herring" and the scene of the enforcement of the famous "Bait Act" against the French. St. Jacques is the scene of the bait purveying industry. Grand Bank and Fortune are the principal centres whence are prosecuted the cod fisheries on the Grand Banks, immortalized by Kipling in his "Captains Courageous." Off Burin Peninsula lie the rocky islets of St. Pierre and Miquelon, which belong to France and are the headquarters of the Gallic fisheries in North America, which all the world knows from "the French shore question." A visit to them alone is worth the trip, and the steamer makes a three-hour stay, ample time in which to observe the chief features of the town of St. Pierre, where practically the entire population reside. It is a quaint little place—a bit of old-time France transplanted to this rocky isle, rich in subjects of interest for the artist and student as well as the sightseer. Burin is an evidence of human effort in overcoming natural difficulties, in the carving out of a home at the base of the beetling cliffs, and the rugged picturesque scenery of this neighbourhood evokes admiration invariably. Thence the run in Placentia Bay to the harbour of the name, which is the terminus of the trip, is an increasing pleasure, the noble bay, 65 miles deep, being framed by a background of splendid coast, while Nature has lavished many scenes of massive grandeur over the panorama.

From Placentia the steamer proceeds to St. Mary's, Trepassey, around Cape Race, thence to Ferryland, Cape Broyle, Fermuse, Renews and on to St. John's.