

NEWFOUNDLAND.

honour to the capital of the colony, and for which many I trust, one at least I am sure, will always feel that we are indebted (and how much indebted!) to your Lordship's right sense of justice and charity.

The Right hon. the Earl Grey,
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I have, &c.
(signed) *Edward Newfoundland.*

Sub-Enclosure to Enclosure in No. 99.

ABRIDGED REPORT on the Progress of the Cathedral of *St. John, Newfoundland.*

To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland.

My Lord,

Cathedral Works, 29 December 1849.

WHEN I last had the honour of reporting to your Lordship on the progress of the works, we were waiting the arrival of hewn stone for the arches of the nave, which did not arrive until the beginning of July, when we fairly commenced the building operations of this year. The men were put on extra time, and having most of the hewn stone of the clerestory previously prepared, the nave was ready for the roof by the beginning of September.

Unfortunately, great delay and difficulty were experienced in getting to hand the timber for the roof, owing to the carelessness of the merchant from whom it was ordered, but by great exertions the nave was boarded in ready for slating before the first fall of snow. The aisles had been previously slated, but the slating of the nave has been necessarily deferred until the ensuing spring. The slates were imported from England, being disappointed in our expectations of using the slate of the colony by the uncertainty of being supplied.

The carpentry of the roof will be completed about the end of January next (1850). Two of the compartments are already partly stained with a decoction of the bark of the juniper and fir trees which gives to the wood-work a rich brown tint, besides assisting materially in its preservation.

The interior stone-work is now under process of cleaning off, and will be finished in about a fortnight.

What remains now to be done to complete the nave, independently of fittings, is—

	£.	s.	d.
1. To complete the roof, carpentry and slating, probable estimate	186	10	—
2. Paving passages with stone slabs	180	—	—
3. Flooring under benches and platform for sacrarium	70	—	—
4. Slating outside of wooden screen under great arch, removing temporary coverings, pointing with cement, and covering unfinished walls with clapboard	64	16	—
5. Plastering inside walls of church	114	14	—
6. Windows (plain glass)	90	—	—
7. Doors, with ornamental iron-work	77	—	—
8. Cutting and setting steps and parapet wall at west entrance (part being already done)	130	—	—
9. Flooring crypt with rough flags	40	—	—
10. Heating apparatus	73	—	—
11. Clearing away rubbish and lowering part of road	120	—	—
12. Erecting fence extending 465 feet	300	—	—
£.	1,446	—	—
Probable amount of account for timber due	300	—	—
Gross amount already expended, including the money paid in England	20,330	1	5
£.	22,076	1	5
Abstract of accounts to the credit of the Cathedral:—			
By advance of wages to workmen repaid and monies realized from sale of materials, &c.	£.	s.	d.
By accounts due for work done to out-harbour churches, &c.	1,913	7	2½
	2,258	1	1
Newfoundland Currency	£.	19,818	— 4

At the commencement of the work, wages of mechanics and labourers were not only extravagantly high, and materials of every description scarce and high priced, but the amount of labour a man would produce became less, in proportion as the demand for it increased. The wages of an ordinary mason at some of the other buildings in the town, would occasionally amount with extra time to 5*l.* per week, the effect of which on work-

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