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Early Days of the Fisheries and Agriculture in Newfoundland.

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(Continued.)

Although our forefathers have amply demonstrated their work in the quieter walks of life, as instances, such as I have related, the real worth of our people has been brought out whilst in pursuit of their natural avocation—the sea. We are essentially a maritime people. We were this originally by force of circumstances, and to-day it is the pursuit of our choice and habit. Nature made us a maritime people, and for generations the sons of Newfoundland have been battling with the elements. The main wealth of the country was, in the past, and will be, in the future, drawn from the deep. Time will no doubt develop many more auxiliary industries, but we may not hope to have anything to come up to the fisheries as a source of national wealth. The people of this country are eminently qualified by Nature for the pursuit of their calling. They are endowed with courage, fortitude and perseverance. For generations they have been performing deeds of bravery, heroism and valor that, if performed by any other civilized people their names would be handed down in the undying pages of history. How is it then the so-called historians of Newfoundland have overlooked the character and dispositions of her people? The reason is simply that they have confined themselves to a few old documents, easily accessible, and have collected such data together and published them to the world by the high-sounding name of history. In the people of Newfoundland there is to be found the material for making history—a history that would be of intense interest, as an example of what a determined and self-sacrificing race of men can accomplish in the face of the greatest physical difficulties. The collector of data will answer—"This is a thing hard to accomplish considering the absence of records." If the Fathers of History had set about their task in this spirit, the world to-day would be infinite-

ly poorer in the knowledge we possess of nations and nation-builders.

THE VALUE OF TRADITION.

There is one source of knowledge which has never been tapped by our historians, and that is—tradition. It is absolutely futile to attempt the history of a new country without consulting the traditions of its people. The new country keeps no written record of its transactions. The struggle to live at first absorbs all their attention, and they have something else to do besides jotting down every event in their daily life. Yet all information, even the most remote stages of the settlement of Newfoundland, is easily available. It is a well-known fact that a people, who are not capable or accustomed to noting down events, have a most retentive memory. This is owing to the fact that they depend solely on their memory as a guide to the past, and the result is the marvellous retentiveness of the minds of such a people. The people of Newfoundland have this trait strongly developed within them, and, as a consequence, they are possessed of a fund of most of the traditions of the country. The writer of Newfoundland history, to be a success, must consult the traditions of her people. Without that all efforts in any other direction will be absolutely useless. As I before remarked, if the Fathers of History had confined themselves to documentary evidence, how impoverished would be the History of Nations! The Rise and Fall of the Empires of the West were not witnessed by the historians who related those events. They had to consult the traditions of the people of whom they wrote, and there is no getting over the fact the principal events related in history were handed down by tradition, before finding a place in history. It is therefore absolutely necessary for any person attempting to write the history to go amongst the people, to associate with them, to become acquainted with their

habits, manners and customs, and to get them talking in order to have them relate the traditions of their country.

AN HEREDITARY GIFT.

The deeds and adventures of the earliest settlers have been preserved, from generation to generation, and handed down from father to son. The real history of Newfoundland is preserved in the traditions of her people. It is only from this source that we can learn of the bravery and heroism of her hardy sons. Tradition unfolds to us the story of their determination and pluck—their self-sacrifice—their almost super-human powers of endurance and their dauntless courage. Their love of adventure is amply illustrated in the prosecution of the seal-fishery. There are hundreds of young men in the outports, as well as St. John's, to-day, who use every effort to obtain a berth to the ice; they are well provided for, and while they are in no wise compelled to go for the sake of the pecuniary returns, but their romantic love of adventure induces them to go on this hazardous voyage, more with a view to the love of the chase and its consequent dangers, than for any material gain to be derived therefrom. The spirit of adventure and daring are the two most prominent traits in the character of the Newfoundland fishermen. The history of the seal and cod fisheries, when told by some future historian, will, whilst abounding in scenes of the most realistic character, possess all the elements that go to contribute the most fascinating romance. This history will have to be gleaned from the people themselves, which go back in an unbroken chain to the earliest colonization of our country. It is from this source that we can get at all the noble traits of the true Newfoundlanders, who are intensely typical of the races from which he sprang. He is a combination of the shrewd and calculating Scotchman and ready wit of the Irishman, along with the bulldog tenacity and determination of the Briton. When occasion demands it, all these qualities quickly come to the surface.

CAPABLE IN ALL EMERGENCIES.

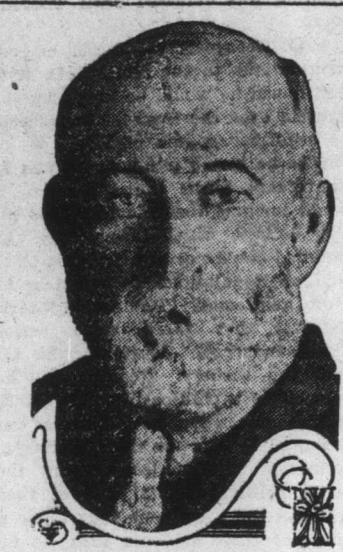
Stories could be told without limit of their wonderful resourcefulness and their marvellous power of rising to the occasion in sudden emergencies and dangers. This is a trait that every year is brought to the front when their dangerous calling often brings them face to face with death, and when disasters that would have a fatal termination are often averted by their wonderful power of resource and their readiness to grasp extreme opportunities. Their capability of discrimination is truly wonderful. This was one of the secrets of their success. They judged every man on his merits, and they were quick to catch on to what those merits were. A man who is observant, going on board a sealing steamer, cannot but admire the tact and discrimination displayed in selecting the men for responsible trust. Every man fits into his place with mathematical precision. In every case the master-watches, the bridge-man, the barrel-man are found to be selected with a view to perfect efficiency. In every case these men are tried, trained, implicitly trusted, and the rank and file are aware of all this, and act under the man in supreme command. I do not wish it to be supposed that I am finding fault with history written from documents. I contend that such history is incomplete without embodying the characteristics of the people of the country under review. Their growth and progress from an insignificant colony to the dignified position of a factor in the Empire—the vicissitudes and difficulties of a nation in evolving itself from the embryo, are not made matters of record. At such a period the struggle to survive difficulties engrosses all their attention. Where then are we to look for material to write our history? My answer is—from the traditions of the people themselves.

ORAL HISTORY.

One of the strongest instincts in the human breast is that of cherishing and remembering important events. This instinct has been found strongly developed in man in most primitive and savage state. This handing down data in an oral manner, from generation to generation, and from father to son, has been recognized and received by all nations, and it is to this source we must look for our knowledge of the past history of Newfoundland. The historian, if he wishes to succeed, should consult tradition, that hand-maid of history. The historians, who have heretofore attempted to write the history of Newfoundland, have either completely ignored tradition or have barely skimmed over its surface. The man who attempts to compile a complete history of this country must go amongst the people—must go down deep in their traditions—and he will find ample material for, not only a thoroughly instructive volume, but an intensely interesting one. Having made a life-long study of my countrymen, and possessing, as I flatter myself I do, a thorough knowledge of them, I feel perfectly satisfied that the story of Newfoundland has to be evolved from the store-house of the tenacious memory and tradition-loving habits of our people.

Winard's Linnament Cures Biphthoria.

R. A. DENNISON, of Los Angeles, owner and trainer of fine trotting horses, who says Tan-lac put him right back on his feet again, after he had been in bed for a year. Declares he is feeling like his old self now.



For the past year or more I have not been right physically. I just didn't feel good at all, but last April 22nd I had an awful attack with my stomach which nearly drew me up and I have been worse ever since. "About the best way I can describe the way I felt is to say I was just leg-weary and all in. I really did not have strength to keep going and I gave up all idea of trying to work. For a long while I had no appetite but would eat anyhow though my food never seemed to do me any good. "I would go to bed at night and would sleep but apparently did not rest for I would get up just as tired as when I went to bed. I got so I could scarcely go a block but what I would have to stop and rest. "Well, I read about Tan-lac one day and that reminded me that a friend had spoken about the same medicine, so I got some and began to take it. I had been taking it about a week when one evening, after supper, I started to walk and before I realized it I had walked up to First Street and back, about 14 blocks, and never felt it at all and then I realized that the tonic was helping me. "I have taken four bottles now and am just feeling real good again. I am able to be back at the Exposition Stock Yards every day and have just as much energy as I ever had. I get up refreshed in the mornings now and I have a real appetite which makes me enjoy three good square meals every day. Anyone who needs a good tonic will certainly be satisfied with Tan-lac and I am glad to recommend it to my friends. "The above statement was made recently by R. A. Dennison, a well-known owner and trainer of fine trotting horses, residing at No. 214 East 8th St., Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Dennison has lived in California for 32 years; he is 63 years of age and has followed his present line of business for 30 years. He is well-known on the Pacific Coast. "Tan-lac is sold in St. John's by M. Connors, and by the leading Druggist in every town.—adv.

Mysterious Shootings in New York City.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Three mysterious shootings on the East Side during the past twenty-four hours, all of them apparently the work of an unidentified sniper, are puzzling the police.

Charles Gagnio, 26, and Lasitello Orillo, 22, were each found in a dying condition early Sunday, on the streets of the lower East Side. Gagnio was found lying on the sidewalk in Coerc Street, with a bullet thru his head, and Orillo was found in a similar condition in St. Mark's Place. Both of them died without gaining consciousness.

Patrick Hayes, 32, was found lying on the street in First Avenue, near 79th street. He was taken to a hospital, where his condition is reported as serious.

Macedonian Murdered

THROAT CUT AND ROBBED.

TORONTO, April 19.—Ramsasha Hasson, a Macedonian, 35 years of age, had been missing from his boarding house, 159 Wolsey street since early in March and his body was found in a shallow grave in the cellar there on Saturday evening. His throat was cut from ear to ear, and there was a wound on the left side of the head.

The discovery of the body was made by Albert Adolsa, a friend of Hasson, who had engaged two laborers to dig up the cellar in the belief that the mysterious disappearance of Hasson would thus be solved. Adolsa had told Inspector Crowe, of the police department, of his intention to search beneath the cellar for his friend.

The murdered man had a wife and family in Macedonia. A number of his countrymen live in the house where he made his home. One of them was reported missing Saturday night. Other inmates denied having had any knowledge of the murder.

Two Victory bonds, \$100 each, and Hasson's bankbook, are said to be missing. Hasson had money in the bank.

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