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A Short History of the Firm of Baine Johnston & Co.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

In a recent issue the Evening Telegram published the **WILL** of the late Hon. W. B. Griev, O.B.E., the last surviving partner of the great firm "Baine Johnston & Co." appointing J. C. Hepburn, Mr. Arthur Donnelly and Mr. Collingwood as his executors to carry on this time honored firm that has survived the "Battle and the Breeze" for a century and a half of years.

I had the honor of Mr. Griev's friendship for the greater part of my life and he, knowing how interested I have always been in historical subjects, at my request, ordered some of the clerks in Greenock to hunt up documentary evidence from the musty past of how their firm carried on business during the Napoleonic wars, also on other noted occasions, account of which I have often published, with remembrance of my own, through the columns of the Evening Telegram, Trade Review, Annual and other newspapers and magazines.

AN OLD AND A NEW PARTNERSHIP.

One of the last documents he gave me was the partnership agreement of his firm in 1866. Whether he was thinking of a new partnership of the firm or not I cannot say, but it is well worth publishing, and I give it at the end of this article. In this connection I have the greatest pleasure in giving a few words regarding the personnel of the new partners of this old Scotch firm, which has outlasted all others of the early days, and has far to lead the way in progressive methods for another hundred years or more. What strikes me first is the nationality of these three Directors of the new firm. It was never more truly said, "The Thistle, Shamrock and Rose combined" Scotland for ever. Here we have Mr. Hepburn, a Scotchman; Mr. Donnelly, an Irishman; Mr. Collingwood, an Englishman, and these three nationalities are fighting for their Scotch House in Greenock, and may their efforts be crowned with success.

OF A PERSONAL NATURE.

Now for a few personal remarks: Mr. Collingwood has been born and bred in Newfoundland, but his father came from England, and although it is not generally known, he is a direct descendant of Admiral Collingwood, who was Nelson's right-hand man at the Battle of Trafalgar. On the maternal side he is descended from the famous Viking, Capt. James Wilcox, of Brigus, one of the most enterprising planters and successful seal-killers Newfoundland has ever produced.

Mr. Donnelly is the grandson of William Donnelly, who carried on one of the largest and most prosperous businesses in St. John's, the hey-day of its prosperity. Many a story I have related, through the Telegram, about William Donnelly, who by his indomitable pluck and wonderful natural abilities rose from small beginnings to the greatest success in commercial life. Mr. Donnelly's father was the Hon. W. J. S. Donnelly, for many years representing the District of Placentia and St. Mary's—a member of the Legislative Council, and for three or four terms Minister of Finance and Customs in Newfoundland. Perhaps he was the most eloquent and cultured speaker in the Assembly during his day.

Mr. Hepburn is one of those typical keen and calculating Scots, who thinks a great deal more than he says, and a general favorite in social circles. He was Mr. Griev's confidential adviser for many years, and no man is better qualified to handle the difficult problems that may arise in the carrying on of such an extensive and enterprising firm. These three partners have the confidence of the whole community and will undoubtedly uphold the dignity, prestige and popularity of the grand old firm, and

at the same time, be favorites with their numerous outport dealers.

COMPLIMENTARY.

It will be my greatest pleasure to chronicle the success of this time-honored firm, and my heartiest congratulations go to these three gentlemen, now in the prime of life, who were selected by their old chief to carry on the destiny of this firm, which was so close to his heart, and is entwined in the memories of so many of our outport planters throughout the Island of Newfoundland and our great Dependency—Labrador.

Of course the old firm was in business in Newfoundland many years previous to the subjoined arrangement, and I have in previous issues of the Telegram given an account of their connection with Newfoundland, from the earliest days of the firm. During the later days of Mr. Griev's life, we endeavored to ascertain if there was any connection between Mr. Thomas Patten of the old firm recorded in the annexed document and Mr. J. B. Patten, of the enterprising firm of Patten & Forsyth, Grand Bank, but we failed to procure any information on the subject. The following is a copy of the co-partnership dated March 12th, 1866. One hundred and fifteen years ago!

AGREEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP.

It is contracted and agreed on between the parties following viz., Thomas Lang and Walter Baine, Juniors, both merchants in Greenock and Thomas Patten, Merchant, of the Island of Newfoundland, that at present residing in Greenock, in manner aforementioned; that is to say, the said parties in consideration of the mutual trust and confidence which they repose in each other, have resolved to carry on and prosecute a Newfoundland Trade on the following terms and conditions: In the first place the said parties shall prosecute and carry on in company together the aforesaid Trade, or any other Branch of Trade the majority of their interest in the Concern may think advisable, for the term of Nine years, from the Twentieth day of February last, and none of them during that period will be concerned in any other Trade that will have a tendency to diminish its resources or be in any other respect inconsistent with its interests. Secondly the said Trade notwithstanding the date hereof shall be understood to have commenced from the said Twentieth day of February last, and the transactions already entered into by the mutual agreements of the parties, with a view to this connection shall be understood to be for behoof of this concern.

Thirdly the said Thomas Lang, Walter Baine, Juniors, and Thomas Patten shall each hold one third share or part of the said Trade. Fourthly the Capital Stock of the Company shall be Four Thousand Pounds Sterling, and the same shall be paid by the parties in proportion to the interest they respectively hold in the Concern as the exigencies of the Trade may require. Fifthly a Majority of Interest in the Concern may afterwards increase or diminish the said stock in proportion to the aforesaid interest as the state of the Trade may suggest. Sixthly the business of the Company at Newfoundland shall be managed by one of the partners to be appointed by a Majority of Interest under such rules, restrictions and conditions as it may think proper. Seventhly the business of the Company here is to be managed by the resident partners subject also to such rules, restrictions and conditions as a Majority of Interest may think proper. Eighthly the Company shall be known and distinguished by the name and designation of Lang, Baine & Company. Ninthly the Company's books shall be balanced here on the Twentieth day of February Eighteen hundred and seven and regularly thereafter on the same day yearly, and the balance struck when docked and subscribed by a Majority of Interest shall be binding on the whole. Tenthly if any of the parties shall die or become bankrupt or any part of the stock or profits of any partner be evicted by the diligence of his Creditors then and in each case he shall cease to be interested in the said Concern, and the person or persons having a right to the same as they stood at the immediately preceding balance after deducting of any claims the Company may otherwise have against him, and his share in the Concern shall accrue to the remaining partners in proportion to the interest they respectively hold. Eleventhly should any of the preceding disqualifications apply to any of the partners prior to the Twentieth day of February Eighteen hundred and seven, the date fixed for the first balance, his share of stock and profits is to be ascertained by this balance and paid accordingly, subject to the same deduction in the case of any of the said partners ceasing to be interested after the first balance. Twelfthly the share or shares of the partners or partner who shall cease to be interested in the Concern, from any of the above causes shall be paid by Bills at Twelve, Eighteen and Twenty-four months from the date of such event taking place, including interest from the date of the preceding or following balance as the case may be till the Bills fall due. Thirteenthly, if at the expiry of the said term of Nine years a Majority of Interest shall be inclined to continue the said Trade they shall be entitled to the

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whole Company's stock at such a valuation as may be mutually agreed upon, upon granting Bills with sufficient security at Twelve, Eighteen and Twenty-four Months from the expiry of this Concern to the outgoing partners for their proportion of stock and profits, together with interest on the sums contained in the said Bills from the date of them to the respective terms of payment, but in case a Majority of Interest shall not be disposed to carry on the said Trade then the Concern shall be wound up by selling of the property belonging to the Company or in any other mode that a Majority of Interest shall determine on. Fourteenthly it shall be competent for a Majority of Interest at any time hereafter by a Minute or Minutes of a meeting entered in the Company's books to add such additional articles and regulations not inconsistent with the foregoing and following as they may think calculated for the benefit of the Concern, and such articles and regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they had been now agreed on. Fifteenthly should any disputes arise between the partners of this Concern the same shall be adjusted by a reference to Merchants, and on one of the parties to such dispute naming an Arbitrator and offering to enter into a regular submission the other party shall be bound to name another and to enter into such submission within the space of Fourteen days thereafter. Sixteenthly it shall be in the power of a Majority of Interest to permit any of the partners to go out of the Concern to withdraw their stock and profits and otherwise to admit such new and additional partners as it may think proper, and the remaining partners shares shall be increased or diminished thereby in proportion to the interest they respectively hold in the Concern. Lastly a Majority of Interest notwithstanding what is contained in the first article above written may dissolve the Copartnership hereby entered into and at any time during the currency of the Nine years beforementioned and in case of such dissolution taking place the business shall be wound up under the same

rules and regulations as fixed by article thirteen for the winding up the business at the expiry of the Copartnership, and the parties to this contract bind and oblige themselves their heirs and successors to implement and fulfill several articles before written to each other according to the true intent and meaning thereof under the penalty of Five hundred Pounds Sterling to be paid by the party or parties failing to the party observing or willing thereto over and above performance consenting to the Registration hereof in the Books of Council and Session or in any other Judges Books competent to have the strength of a Decree entered upon hereto, that letters of Horing on a six days charge and all other execution necessary may pass hereon and constitute.

In witness whereof these presents written upon this and the two preceding pages of stamped paper by Patten apprentice to William Kerr, Writer in Greenock, and subscribed by the said parties. At Greenock: the Twelfth day of March Eighteen hundred and six, before these witnesses the said William Kerr and John Patten.

(Sgd) —
THOMAS LANG,
WALTER BAINES JR.,
THOS. PATTEN.

(Sgd) —
William Kerr, Witness.
J. W. Patten, Witness.
Greenock, March, 12th, 1866.

"Officer 666."

TO-MORROW'S BIG EVENT.

There is an old superstition in the show business persistently believed that the difference in advertising a commercial product and a "show" is this: Talk a lot about merchandise, and they'll believe you. Talk about a show and the public will feel you are screaming for help! Not so with "Officer 666." The management are so enthusiastic about it themselves that they are doing their utmost to get YOU enthusiastic too! And there are two big things that everybody is going to be enthusiastic about—the laughs and the thrills.

Mr. T. H. O'Neill, our foremost dramatic director, has been putting a "punch" into "Officer 666" over the week-end. Mrs. Baxter, Miss Mary Doyle and Miss Edith Clancy are the stars for their respective parts. In the male characters we have Messrs. F. J. King, "Paddy" Grace, Dr. Howlett, Cabot Fitzgerald and others of experience and talent. And that's only the half of it!

Now, good people, we've been talking about "Officer 666" for a week, but you all know that all the talk in the world is valueless unless the goods are going to be what we said they were. Come, spend one of the most pleasant evenings of your life with "Officer 666" and we will show you that we can deliver the goods, if only for the sake of sending some poor youngsters to the country this summer!

The C.L.B., O.C.G. and Methodist Guards Bands are playing on different nights during the run of the show, and we are asked to state that the ladies of the Daughters of the Empire will sell candy at the theatre.

Seeking Supplies.

A large number of outport people are now in the city seeking supplies for the fishery. With gift edge security there is not much difficulty in getting the necessary outfit to a limited extent. Many of these seeking supplies have the ready cash, but they are rather reluctant to part with it.

"Laugh and grow fat" is an old axiom. We advise the use of a good tonic, named "Bick's Tasteless." Price \$1.00; postage 20c. extra.—ap26,tt

Salvage Notes.

The fine weather of April caused much activity around the wharves. "Crusing" was the "order of the day" for a while, and at times of writing most people have a twelve months' stock of fuel on hand.

Apart from the wood work, general renovations to public and private property have been carried on. The eastern end of St. Stephen's Church has been painted, the roof renovated, and likewise repairs effected to the teacher's residence; much fencing has also been in evidence, and to-day people are availing of the opportunity to paint the outside of the Orange Hall, several members of the fraternity being engaged thereon.

On Friday last, the men of Flat Islands went to the ice, about five miles in their motor boats, and returned with from 15 to 20 seals per boat—taken on the ice. On the Wednesday previous they killed about 40 in the water. Relevant to the above we might say that the ice is now filling up the harbor, but options are divided whether it is much, or, little. Several young seals have been killed here and to-day the boats did very well. There are many ducks around, but up to time of writing, very few have been killed.

The roof of the school has recently been "coated" porch, painted outside and tencing has been the order of the day (all round). Still more remains to be done—and these always will be.

The schooner owners who intend prosecuting the fishery this summer, have had no trouble in securing their crews; many men around here are "waiting" undecided what to do, dubious of the fishery, and not too sanguine about Grand Falls or other inland industries.

Although "berth-men" have had traps and leaders in the water for some time—on up now on account of the shape of the fish has been taken except a solitary rockcod, Herring and white fish, however, have been very plentiful.

Mr. Eric Dyke arrived from Quebec a few days ago. He was working the past winter at the lumbering industry, making good pay—\$25.00 a month and found. He is looking 'good' after his six months' absence.

Smallpox is still in the borders; on last week a fresh case appeared at St. Chad's, the first appearance in that settlement. Elsewhere there are no cases. Spring colds, of course is its evidence everywhere, but nothing serious, and people are beginning to move as usual.

Gardening comes next on the outport programme, and already one may see loads of 'kelp' being wheelbarrowed to the grounds—a most laborious job around here, considering the almost complete inaccessibility to some of the gardens except by use of alpine sticks, or something equally useful.

False Pride.

Don't strain your eyes by trying to sew or read without glasses. That is false pride and likely to have a most disastrous result. See H. E. Thomson, the Optometrist and Optician, 336 Duckworth Street, to-day or to-night. Hours: 9.30 to 12.30, 2 to 5, 7 to 8. Call early. may13,ed

To 2 tablespoonfuls of fat, add 1 cupful of milk, 2 tablespoonfuls of flour, and seasonings. Stir in this greasy 2 cupfuls of oatmeal-corn, 1 cupful of soft crumbs and a little chopped green pepper. Bake in a baking dish.

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