

SOMETHING ABOUT ANTICOSTI.

May Become a Bone of Contention Between France and England.

A correspondent of the Times, London, England, contributes the following letter about Anticosti. As this island may rise to the dignity of a bone of contention between France and England, the letter is especially interesting at this time. It says:—

Anticosti is an island about 140 miles long with a maximum width of 30 miles, slanting across the mouth of the River St. Lawrence. Many ships have been wrecked on its shores, which have a most unenviable reputation among mariners. The land is generally swampy or rocky, with numerous small lakes; and the most notable hills are about 600 feet high. The value of the island itself, except for a strip of spruce forest along the north shore, is small. That of its surrounding waters is by no means contemptible, and little groups of fishermen have taken up their residence on its shores.

It is the treatment of these people by the new owner of the island that has given rise to the present discussion. Anticosti, like other territories in Quebec, was granted by the King of France to an assignee. The French-Canadian seigneurs, it may be remarked, were not in the position of English freehold landlords. Their tenants, who paid nominal rents, were not liable to be evicted at will, and could sell their farms if they paid 8 per cent. of the price to the seigneur. This semi-feudal system was abolished in 1854, the Canadian Parliament voting \$500,000 as compensation to the seigneurs. Long before that—about the end of the last century, in fact—the seigneurie of Anticosti passed from its French grantee to a Scottish family, the Forsyths, who held it till 1884.

THE ISLAND IS SOLD.

In that year the island was put up for sale under an order of the Quebec courts, and was bought for \$20,000 by Mr. F. W. Stockwell, who was joined by his brother in an attempt to develop its resources. In 1888 the island was taken over by a London company, "The Governor and Company of the Island of Anticosti." This enterprise having failed, in the end of 1895 the island was again sold by order of the court. This time the buyer was a rich Frenchman—not a French-Canadian.

This gentleman, M. Menier, not only forbade fur-hunting on the island, but attempted to stop the lobster-fishing, in which the inhabitants had been engaged under Government licenses. Many of these inhabitants are English Newfoundlanders—Protestant and Catholic—who came to Anticosti in 1873 on the invitation of Mr. Forsyth, the then proprietor, and have since been engaged not only in the lobster but in the cod and herring fishery, and in hauling iron from submerged wrecks.

TO CONTEST HIS RIGHT.

Two representatives of the fishermen made their way last October with great difficulty to Quebec, having travelled 95 miles in an open boat from Fox Bay to Esquimaux Point. Public subscriptions were raised in Quebec and Montreal to enable them to contest at law the right of M. Menier to expel them from their homes. This right is claimed by him in a suit instituted by him on September 14 in the Saguenay district, his demand being for the expulsion of the "trespassers" and the demolition of their houses and other buildings. Fortunately, the Provincial Government has now by order-in-Council, resolved to pay the costs of a test case in the Superior Court.

But whatever the law may say and the Government may generously do, human nature revolts at the idea of these poor fishing folk being driven in so masterful a fashion from their bleak island home.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Comparisons are odious when they shadow us. Poets are born, but the waiter girl is made to order. A retriever is the most fetching thing in the world. A bare cupboard always furnishes food for thought. Borrowed money causes a great deal of near-sightedness. The telephone girl has an extensive calling acquaintance. The medicine bottle usually has a bad taste in its mouth. The path of ambition leads to a great many political graves. A good many heroes are made of wood pulp and printer's ink. When a man has nothing to do he always attends to it personally. It is impossible to convince a spider that there is honey in a rose. Men need higher moral courage than they do higher foreheads. The lazier a man is the more he is going to accomplish to-morrow. The voice of a man popping the question has the true engagement ring. Lots of men who make witty remarks are too dense to realize the fact. It is pretty hard for some men to keep their wits down to their incomes. Some women are jealous of an echo because it always gets the last word. The ambitious man doesn't worry very much about his gray brain matter. Indolence often assumes the mask of patience and gathers in her rewards. This world is a dangerous place to live in, people seldom get out of it alive.

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Horse racing is a peculiar thing; the majority of the horses in a race are not in it. As a child the race-goer's horse was a hobby, and as a man his hobby is a horse.

The revolts of intelligence are more dangerous than the insurrections of ignorance. The man never lived who didn't expect to invent something that would make him rich.

When she says they are engaged and he says they are not it often takes a jury to decide. A writer says there is a great deal of character in politics—but he doesn't specify the kind.

Solomon was the wisest man in his day, but then, of course, that was long before your time. No man is born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but lots of men die with gold in their teeth.

Two fools and two handkerchiefs are the only ingredients necessary to compound a silly flirtation. It is said the whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard farther than the loudest yell of duty.

It doesn't cause a man's heart to overflow with joy as he meanders home at 2 a.m. to discover that both himself and the moon are down to their last quarter.

THE REMEDY AND THE DISEASE.

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COULDN'T SCRATCH.

Little Ruth was looking out of the window at the baker's horse. Mamma, she said, doesn't a horse use two of his legs for hands? Why, no, mamma answered, a horse doesn't need hands as we do. But, mamma, the little girl persisted, I don't see what he does when his nose itches.

How did young Harduppe ever succeed in winning old Rockingham's consent to marry his daughter? The crusty old kermudgeon has driven away a dozen better fellows. I hear that Harduppe took the old man's wheel apart, cleaned it and stored it away for the winter.

My husband, said Mrs. Jimson, is always complaining that I can't cook as well as his mother did. Does your husband annoy you in that way? Not at all, replied Mrs. Spiffins. My husband is able to hire a woman to do the cooking at our house.

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SURE TO TURN UP.

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Yes, there will. My landlord threatens to put me out to-morrow, so I've been hunting for another place. I've just got the refusal of this miserable shanty, and have sent for my wife to come and look at it. The something I expect to turn up is her nose when she sees it.

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NOTHING IN IT.

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