



Notes From Hermitage.

A very enjoyable concert was held in the school room here on Easter Monday and Tuesday nights. Easter Monday night the weather was very disagreeable and it was thought best to postpone the concert until Tuesday night, but owing to the large crowd which attended in spite of the inclement weather, it was decided that the performance should be given. Accordingly the decks were cleared for action and in the space of a few minutes all was in full swing, and the shouts of laughter which pealed forth from young and old alike, showing that all were thoroughly enjoying themselves. But one cannot laugh for two or three hours without feeling a little fatigued, so the concert came to a close for the night by the singing of the National Anthem. Magistrate Way, of Hr. Breton, who read the programme, by his witty remarks always brought forth shouts of laughter from the audience.

Tuesday night was an ideal night for a concert, and the same programme with few alterations, was again rendered to an almost crowded house. Mr. Way feeling indisposed, his place was taken by Mr. Benjamin Francis, of Hermitage, who in his usual jolly way read the programme. After the concert closed the school was soon made ready for dancing which was kept up till the wee small hours of morning.

A word of praise must be given the performers who so creditably acted their parts. Special mention need not be made of any as all acted their different parts to perfection.

Great regret was felt when it became known that through ill health Rev. Canon and Mrs. Bishop would not be able to attend.

During Christmas a very successful concert was held here, and we hope this is only the first of a series, which always will be given as the years roll on.

A few words would not be amiss with regard to our roads. Owing to the recent rains, they are in a terrible state and something should be done immediately. Can the Plentie Party do anything for us, or are they busy planning another Plentie? But maybe they are paralyzed and incapable of action, knowing as they must that next election will see the last of the Plentie Party.

President Coaker hasn't visited us yet but we are anticipating a visit from him soon. There are fishermen on this coast as well as on any other part of Newfoundland.

There passed away to the Great Beyond, to-day, Mrs. Wells, of Dawson's Cove, the oldest resident of that place.—R.I.P.

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Boy Killed by Automobile and Arrests To Follow.

HERBES TO \$425,000

Montreal, April 15.—Arrests will follow the death early this morning of sixteen-year-old Leonard Stratton, who died in the hospital a few hours after he had been knocked unconscious by an automobile before the eyes of his mother. It is declared that the chauffeur had no headlight on his car.

Hanka Etrepalnik, a hard-working Polish domestic servant, was placidly washing dishes last night, when a messenger handed her a telegram. She read it and fainted when she was revived, she read the telegram and fainted again. Her employers at 109 Colonial Avenue, took the message away from her then, and read it themselves. They nearly fainted too, for the cable tersely informed Hanka that she was the heiress to \$425,000 from relatives in Russia.

In The Old Days Of Telegraphy.

BY H. F. SHORTIS.

Like everything else that is moving in these progressive days, the mode of telegraphy, and the appliances connected therewith have, within the past thirty years, undergone almost a complete revolution. What was considered a wonder thirty-five years ago, is now obsolete, and looked upon in the light of present progress as something unwieldy and unmanageable. In my early days of telegraphy, the old system of the tape was in use, by which dots and dashes were marked upon the tape, and this was looked upon as a stupendous achievement of scientific research. This, in time, was abolished to give place to the system of sound; and what was in vogue in the old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company is still in practice in the inland telegraph offices of this country to-day. The former system was what was known as the early Morse, which only permitted the transmission of one message at a time over a single wire; but, in the seventies of the past century, an entirely new system was inaugurated between Plaster Cove and Heart's Content, whereby a message could be transmitted and received at one and the same time over the same line. This is known as the duplex system and was invented by Mr. Starnes. I can barely recollect when a single wire connected St. John's and Harbour Grace, and the insulators which were in use at that time would to-day, in the light of modern improvements, be looked upon as a curiosity. They were large and unwieldy, and when placed along and under the eaves of the houses in the town of Harbour Grace. Various improvements were, from time to time, substituted, until the invention of the present compact and useful glass insulators, which are now considered to be

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of electricity. The construction of the old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph was a source of remunerative employment for our people. In those days we had that hardy race of men, capable of great endurance, and in numerous places along the line, between St. John's and Cape Ray, much of the work originally performed by the masons and labourers of that day is in an excellent state of preservation—and remains an enduring monument to the skill and ability of those who performed it. Few of the old-time operators and repairers are alive to-day—they have given place to a new generation; but as a representative of departed telegraph repairers of by-gone days there still remains William Tobin, Thomas Foley and, it may be, one or two more. The telegraphers have been scattered over the face of the earth, and many of the veterans of the old Western Line have attained high positions in Canada and the United States. Although at times subjected to great privations and hardships the repairers along the line in former years had their monotonous tasks interspersed with intervals of pleasure and always supplemented their annual salaries by means of shooting, trapping or fishing. A spirit of emulation was amongst these men, and they often vied with each other in conquering dangers and hardships. They have often been known (more especially Wm. Tobin) to swim or wade rivers in the most inclement season of the year, and these dangers were overcome fearlessly and without apparent after-effect. As I pen these lines the figure of A. M. Mackay, who was the life and soul of all these achievements, stands alone, after nearly half a century of continuous devotion to duty. To him, no matter how people view the wonderful improvements which have taken place in telegraphy in Newfoundland, belongs the praise of pushing them to their present position. A man of untiring energy to duty, he persistently worked on, until from a single line of communication between St. John's and Harbour Grace, he witnessed nearly every important town in the country connected with the Metropolis; and, not alone the two hemispheres, but the entire civilized globe

Encircled by the Electric Belt. Be it distinctly understood that I do not wish, for one moment, to derogate from the merits of Glasborne, Cyrus W. Field or the late illustrious Bishop Mullock, who were the conceivers and advocates of submarine communication, but I speak of Mr. Mackay, as being one of ourselves, and, who coming to our shores in his boyhood days, and upon whose shoulders devolved the serious responsibility of giving practical shape to the theories and ideas of the gentlemen mentioned above, remained at his post amongst us, and ended his days in Newfoundland. In the early days of telegraphy in Newfoundland much dissatisfaction prevailed through want of knowledge by our people with regard to this wonderful invention. The most incredible stories were afloat, with regard to the dangers in connection with the wires, and the people naturally

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A Practical Joke.

Yesterday afternoon, a party from the Allan boat Mongolian, visited Cabot Tower to enjoy a soothing sea-breeze, one of the number being a Marconi operator. Another crowd of visitors who had been taking in the sights, left the down-stairs door locked. When the former party were descending they found to their dismay that they were barred in. The wireless man climbed down the rope from the tower and finding the key in the outside of the door made an exit for the party who were delighted to get out.

A young man charged with being drunk in a neighbour's house was discharged on payment of cab hire, as it was his first offence.

A drunk, for his fifth offence, was fined \$5 or 14 days.

Red Cross Line.

The S. S. Norchilla, chartered by the Red Cross Company, leaves New York for here on May 1st with a full cargo. The S. S. Stephano will leave New York for Halifax and this port on Friday, bringing one of the largest freights ever brought in one shipment.

Norwegian Fishery.

Loffoden 10,000,000
All others 30,600,000

Total 40,600,000

Against Last Year.

Loffoden 15,100,000

All others 50,100,000

Total 65,200,000

Steel Steamer Go North.

The steel steamers will all go down to Hudson Bay this summer. These will be the Adventure, Bellaventure, Bonaventure, Nascoie and Beothic. The Bell and Bon have been chartered by the Government of Canada, for surveying and both will leave here about the middle of June. The Adventure will be later fitted out to work for Revillon Bros. The Nascoie will be employed by the Hudson Bay Co., and the Beothic by the Canadian Government.

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ally believed many of them. This was carried to such an extent that in some instances serious damage was done to the Company's property. Stories somehow got about that the wires would cause spontaneous combustion, and were, at any moment, liable to set fire to places in the vicinity through which they passed, and for a time a reign of fear prevailed. Our people, with that natural intelligence for which they are proverbial, soon began to take a common-sense, and applying the light of reason to the new wonder, they soon discovered that the electric telegraph was the servant and not the master of man. In this connection, it may be well to say, that they had, in these early days, a decided objection to having the wires and insulators placed anywhere near their dwellings, and where such was the case, the wires were often found cut and the insulators destroyed. Be it understood that this was not done in a malicious or vindictive spirit—the ruling cause of the people being, what they looked upon to be a

Spirit of Self-Preservation.

It may not be out of place for me to recount one or two little incidents of rather a ludicrous nature, which were the outcome of the imperfect knowledge of my own townies in the outports. In the sixties one of the leading butchers of Harbour Grace purchased eighteen or twenty head of cattle in St. John's, and had them driven around the bay by one or two men, arriving at their destination early in the morning. As usual, quite a number of people from neighbouring villages were early astir on the look-out for a job, and, of course, men were much interested at the appearance of such a large herd of horned cattle on the street. An old Irish gentleman, who kept a shop nearby, and who possessed a more than ordinary amount of the keen humour of his race, immediately perceived a rare chance to exercise his super-abundance of wit.

"Begob, Mr. W.—, but that telegraph is a great invention. How long did ye say the bastes were coming over the wires from St. John's?"

The butcher, taking in the situation, replied: "Only about five or six minutes; but they'd do it quicker only for that big black bull got obstreperous and put the rest in a tangle on the wires. But the next crowd will come over quicker to-morrow."

The livers who were standing within hearing distance cocked their auricular appendages, and one of them acting as spokesman, addressed the crowd in a hoarse whisper:

"Good Lord, Garge, do ye 'ear dat? It's the dell's own invention, and dare be no luck or grace in the country since the dell's work has been started. I votes to keep 'em down,"—and the crowd dispersed with grim determination depicted upon their visages. The next morning the poles were cut, lines

broken and the telegraph communication between St. John's and Harbour Grace was entirely interrupted for several hours.

Upon another occasion a lanky individual from a distant outport came into the telegraph office to send a message, and after very hard work on the part of the operator to grapple with what the lanky fellow had to say, the message was written, paid for, and as a personal favor the sender wished to

see the message go, just for the "curiosity of the thing," so that he could have to say when he went home that he had that great privilege. He started darting round, asking questions, and would be satisfied with nothing else but the liberty of placing the telegraph form on the relay to watch it going. In those days the main battery, of which there were fourteen or fifteen cups, was composed of sulphuric acid in a certain quantity which acted on the zincs, etc., and produced a very strong current. The operator was bound to be even with the curious individual, and disconnecting the two battery wires from the main line, handed him one of them, and told him to hold on. He did so, and in a fever of curiosity and expectation kept his eyes riveted upon the written paper. The operator then told him to catch hold of the other wire. Great Scott! the poor mortal commenced to twist and turn, shake and shiver, and ere twenty seconds had passed the operator was even more frightened than the victim, because he thought he had actually gone too far with the joke. The operator was up to his work and pulled the wires from the poor fellow's grasp, and

With a Yell of Terror.

he rushed from the office, never for a moment taking time to look back. Years passed on, and one day, when the same operator was on duty, the lanky individual of former days appeared in the office in the flesh—hale and hearty. After dictating his message like an expert, he continued to gaze suspiciously, and with great interest upon the face of the telegrapher. At last he queried, "How long be ye 'ere young man?" "Oh," said the telegrapher, who recognized his victim of former years, "I only came from St. John's yesterday. This is my first day in the office. Why do you ask?" "Why do I ask? Well, when I was

here afore, dere was a 'mischievous' young dell of a feller like ye, only with no whiskers, dat almost shook I out of me boots—darn 'im. But I'll be even wi' 'im if I lay me grapple irons on 'im." It is needless to say that our lanky friend did not put forth a request to view the curiosity of the telegraph again.

Rossley's Reception.

A record night last night at the Star theatre, one of the greatest crowds since St. Patrick's Day, turned out and any one doubting Rossley's popularity had only to listen to the cheering and applause when he appeared, he certainly was accorded one great welcome home. As he did not get his dancing boots unpacked in time he did not give any dancing, but will do so. Shadrack and Julianne Talbot, made another big success. They put off a fine act last night. Miss Julianne sang in a delightful manner. She is a great favorite. Her costumes last night were models of the theatrical costumers. The music by the Star orchestra was well worth the price of admission alone.

Launching of S. S. "Kyle".

Special to Evening Telegram.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Eng., April 22.

On Monday, the 7th inst., the R.M.S. "KYLE", which is being built and engineered at the Neptune Works of Swan, Hunter, & Wigham Richardson Ltd., Wallsend-on-Tyne, to the order of the Reid Newfoundland Co., of St. John's, Newfoundland, was successfully launched. The steamer is intended for the mail & passenger service between Newfoundland and Labrador coast and is exceptionally strong ly constructed for running through the ice which she will frequently meet on service. She is 220 ft. in length by 32 ft. beam and will be rigged as a two masted schooner. She is to be fitted with accommodation amidship for 68 first-class passengers, including dining saloon with seating accommodation for 32, ladies' room, smoking room, etc., and there will be a good promenade deck for the passengers use. At there is to be accommodation for second-class passengers, 102 men and 40 women, and there are two hospitals, one for men and one for women in a dockhouse above. There will be a complete installation of electric light including search light, efficient arrangement of steam heating, suitable for the climate, and wireless telegraphy will also be fitted. The steamer will be propelled by a single screw triple expansion engines, supplied with steam by two large boilers working under Howden's forced draught, and the steamer is expected to attain a speed of 13 knots per hour.

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