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## Some Notable Springs

And How They Received Their Names.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)

It is well known to those in my time of life that the Irish people who came to reside in this country always calculated their ages and notable events from so many years before or after the great rebellion of 1798, so it has been with our people in Newfoundland, who calculated and settled important disputes, as to dates, by referring to the same as having occurred so many years previous or subsequent to one of our historic Springs. For instance, we have had many of these Springs, handed down from generation to generation, and they were quite familiar to the whole of us until the past quarter of a century. Now very few remember the circumstances. I shall name the most important Springs, such as the Spring of the Sheets (when the ice was in large sheets)—the Frosty Spring (1857 when hundreds of men were frost-bitten)—the Spring of the Cats (when very small seals were brought in)—the Spring of the Growlers (huge lumps of ice floating about)—the Spring of the Cobblers (when several vessels were lost in that locality)—the Spring of the Wadhams—the Green Bay Spring—the Spring of the Flowers—the White Bay Spring (the seals went up in the Bay), and several others. The three or four of the first named Springs were in the forties and fifties of the past century, in the days of the great sealers, whose names occupy a prominent place in the history of our great industry, as well as of our country; such as Captains Ned

interest in the sealers. Vessels were owned or partly owned, and fitted out by coopers, tailors, carpenters, etc. Amongst them in St. John's I may mention Patrick Jordan (tailor and clothier), John Brail, (Cooper); who gave the famous Capt. Terry Halloran the first vessel he ever took charge of to the sealers; Blake (Tinmith), who had his residence and shop where the Bank of Montreal now stands. Father Rawlin's grandfather, a ships carpenter, had a vessel out several Springs, but I do not know her name, and to cut it short, the Hon. Lawrence O'Brien, one of the most enterprising merchants in the country was a cooper by trade. I could give others, but the above is sufficient to prove that our great industry—the sealers—sprang from the people themselves, and they all were interested in it, and carried it on either directly or indirectly. Even the disciples of Esculapius were represented, for it is a fact that Dr. William Sterling—a well known and very skillful medico of the first half of the past century, sent out his splendid little brigantine Scur to the ice-floes, and a fortunate little vessel she was. I think she was lost the Spring of the Wadhams, or it may be a little later. She was then commanded by Capt. John Ryan, who purchased her from the old physician.

It is really wonderful how quickly men, in the ordinary course of life, spring into wealth and prominence, during the days of our great sealing fleet. I shall confine myself to one in this issue. There was Capt. Richard Hennebury of Bay Roberts, who lived in St. John's during his early days. He started a poor boy, went to the sealers as boy and man, and when about 25 years of age he was appointed commander of the topsail schooner Thrasher out of McBride's employ, where the Anglo-American Telegraph Co. now have their office, and the first year he loaded the ship to the hatches. After comparatively few years, he was in charge of his own splendid brig Estelle, and after she was lost he purchased the large brig Anastasia. He was wonderfully successful, and carried on business at Barened for several years. He subsequently purchased a large mercantile premises in Bay Roberts, extended his business, conducted one of the largest fishing stations on the coast of Labrador at Indian Tickle, and at the time of his death he was owner of the Anastasia, Brighton, Fond Mother, Alice H. and several other vessels. Of course there are scores of others who forged ahead in the same manner by their energy, industry and natural ability, but the above was a most remarkable man. He had no learning, but there could get the upper hand of him, in business matters, in the value of a cent. He cared for none of them, and if they, in any way, endeavored to overcharge him for any material, he would quickly point out where they were wrong, and would have nothing more to do with that firm. The well known Labrador pilot, Mr. Richard Hennebury, of this city is a grandson of the old Viking, successful business man and enterprising planter.

Some years ago I came across a few old records in connection with the sealers which should be of interest, and they give the total number of seals brought in from 1804 to 1915 a period of 111 years, as thirty-four

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millions three hundred and forty-nine thousand, five hundred and ninety-eight. The records state that this amount does not include the seals captured by landmen. I am sorry I cannot get at the value of this enormous number of seals, but the value of the seals for 1830 was \$946,680; for 1831, \$1,269,600; for 1839, \$157,740; from 1885 to 1892 (eight years) \$4,397,100; from 1900 to 1915, \$7,179,281.95.

The following is the catch of seals for St. John's for 30 years:—

Year	Average Per Year
1856-1860	1,515,770
1861-1865	680,884
1866-1870	981,795
1871-1875	1,236,499
1876-1880	1,341,610
1881-1885	1,106,839

Total catch for 30 years . . . 6,922,547

The skins and oil for the year 1830 were valued at \$788,400 and for 1831 at \$1,068,000.

The year 1835 was noted for the loss of the schooner Union, Capt. John Delaney, with a picked crew of 28 men from Trinity. She was built by old Charles Newhook, of New Harbor, Trinity Bay for John B. Garland, merchant. The vessel capsized while under full sail. The schooner Active and Avon took some of her seals and towed her for two days. The total catch for that Spring was 651,370 seals. I have no doubt your most interesting correspondent, Rev. Canon Lockyer, can tell us all about the Union, in fact there are few affairs of interest that he has not referred to, and I trust he will be spared many years to tell us a great deal more.

I have done my best to preserve and hand down the glories of the past in connection with our great industry, from the days of the galleys to 1836, showing the evolution, and giving details of this source of wealth and employment. I have endeavored to describe the daring and heroism, the success and failure of our old Vikings, as well as, at different periods, give sketches of their lives and labors, and I think, that under the greatest difficulties, I have succeeded in handing down to posterity a fairly good account of the great sealing fleet, as well as those who commanded and took part in the struggles in search of the Golden Fleece; but the thought now presents itself—how will it be prosecuted in the future? It is only natural to suppose that our wooden fleet of steamers of to-day will not last many more years. Will they be replaced? Will the same interest be manifested by our merchants and men? Are we going to permit our great industry to fall into the hands of strangers, or will our feet be increased as we used to require? We have all modern improvements—large ships propelled by steam, telegraph offices, lighthouses, wireless telegraphy to keep in daily touch with the fleet, but the question presents itself are herds becoming depleted, or have the seals sought other resorts? One thing is striking we do not hear of our feet striking the "main patch" nowadays as we used to do in the past, notwithstanding all the science and modern improvements that have been bought into requisition in the prosecution of our great industry.

### UNFORGIVEN.

Charity is highly proper, but it never is bestowed on the eager, busy copper who makes pinches on the road. For the cop who does the pinching there is no forgiveness here; were he victim of a lynching, all his enemies would cheer. "You have pinched me, gentle peeler, I will get your goat for this. I was hitting up some thirty, and you say 'twas fifty miles; and the trick you play is dirty. fit for cops and crocodiles. Thirty miles, so help me Stephen, and I'm pulled before the beak; but I bet you I'll get even ere the passage of a week. I will have your badge and billy, strip you of your uniform; I will see you looking silly, I will kick up quite a storm. For my pull is truly mighty with the well known powers that be, and policemen vein and tightly fall before my snicker-nee. At the lifting of my finger cops are fired from off the force; on the payroll you won't linger, for your work is raw and coarse. I am pinched for doing right, where the limit's thirty-five; you'll regret it, little Bertie, every day while you're alive." And the copper, who's a true one, mutters while he chews the rag, "If he'd only spring a new one! I am tired of that old gag!"

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