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## Heroes and Historic Landmarks of the Oldest Colony.

Address Delivered by Mr. H. F. Shortis in 1915.

(Concluded.)

James Stanton, son of the well married Capt. R. Vickers, R.E., and known Capt. Stanton, of St. John's, and our late respected citizen, Mr. John Ayre, Baker, were both on H.M.S. Terrible, during the storming of Sebastopol, in the Crimean War, and were also at the bombardment of Odessa. Mr. Ayre was the recipient of a medal for his heroic conduct.

George Hutchings, Uncle of Geo. A. Hitchings, at Job's, who died in the West Indies, Post Captain R.N., commanded the first steam warship that crossed the Atlantic.

George Williams, son of George and Marie Williams, born in Newfoundland, served as a Captain of Artillery, under Burgoyne, at the Battle of Saratoga. Henry was Lieut. R.N., at Trafalgar.

Thos. Williams' daughter, Marianne, Newfoundland Highlanders were the

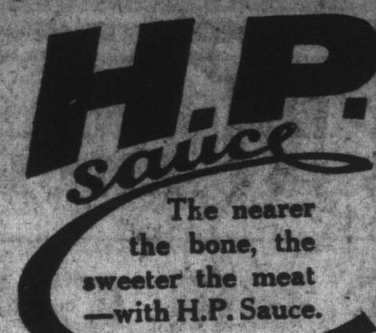
only regular Regiment we had, until the first contingent was formed last year. Now we are drilling the fifth contingent.

Now in closing I want to make special reference to places of importance in Newfoundland that will be always objects of "pilgrimage." You have only to read any of the papers to see how anxious Germany would be to own our copper mines. Then there is that great deposit of iron at Bell Island in Conception Bay. It was recently stated by Thomas Cantley, the General Manager of the Nova Scotia Steel Co., that he had seen plans of these Bell Island Mines at Krupp's Works in Germany that were ahead of any that were in the possession of the Company. This valuable property, worth millions of dollars, is not protected by a single gun. We should have an extensive battery on that Island. I cannot understand why no efforts are made to protect industries exposed such as they are without any defence.

Not long since, my old friend, Rev. Canon Smith, told us in one of those splendid letters of his, that if ever the Germans were successful, that Newfoundland would be one of the first places they would try to capture. To every student of our history this same fact must impress itself in the very strongest way. This Island of ours has been the subject of contention in all operations for the past four hundred years, and will undoubtedly be a subject for rivalry in the future as well. Our strategic position is about midway between Europe and the United States, controlling as we do the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the main artery for Canadian commerce. The one great pearl in the possession of Newfoundland, is the Harbor of St. John's, one of the finest Harbors in the world. The most easterly Harbor in the world with such a splendid approach from the ocean and practically free of ice all the year round. This grand Harbor was never made to ship from each year. There is a grand future for our fishery operations, when we develop them in a way that they should, but there is something still greater for this noble Harbor of ours. I know that I cannot live to see it, but I believe the day will come when St. John's will be one of the great Naval Centres for the future British Empire. The power of our Navy and the great influence that it will always have, is it means, as we intend it must be to rule the waves. The power that holds St. John's will control the trade routes of the Atlantic between Europe and America. What havoc the Germans would create if a few cruisers of the Emden class were in possession of St. John's. The only defence we could possibly put up is the one gun at Fort Amherst. It is a good one, a sister gun to the famous "Long Tom" that Lord Percy Scott took from Durban to Ladysmith, and saved that heroic defence in the Boer War. But what would one gun do against a broadside from a German dreadnought, even if we had the Narrows bristling with defences? The German ships could go to the back of Cape Spear and destroy our splendid city and all its shipping in a few hours with their modern guns, and have us completely at their mercy. Surely it is time we woke up to our sense of insecurity. Is there nothing in St. John's worth protecting? Are we so poor that it would not be worth a finger's cuss for a cruiser to hold us up for a ransom? Is it right that we should be living in a fool's paradise? Is it right that we should depend in such a child-like fashion on the protection of the British Navy? Even if we took it for granted that the British Navy was supreme, cannot we imagine that accidents such as internal explosions might happen, and cannot our dreadnoughts of the present day be wrecked on our Coast, as has happened to so many ships in the past? How many things might occur to throw us at the mercy of an enemy? Didn't little Belgium, although she knew she was outnumbered ten to one have forts and defences to protect her independence? It is an old and true saying that the Lord helps those who help themselves, and we never will have a defence until we get our eyes open to the necessity for it.

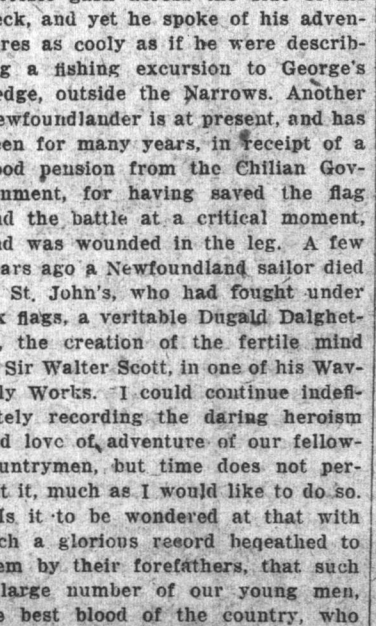
Ten early sixties were an epoch-making period in the history of our country, and although I somewhat digress from the subject of my discourse, I cannot resist the temptation of following my fellow-countrymen in their adventures, under other flags, besides the one under which they were born and bred—the good old Union Jack. There were years of oppression and misfortune, chiefly attributed to the bad fisheries, and the small prices of fish in the foreign markets, as well as to the large number of our square rigged vessels lost at the seal fishery, as well as those on the coast of Labrador. Owing to these events trade became almost stagnant, the price of the necessities of life increased, property became as a drag on the market, and thousands of our people were soon compelled to sell their homesteads to provide means to emigrate to the United States and Canada. These years may be looked upon as the years of our first exodus; of course there were previous years of depression, which occurred periodically, but not to such an extent as in the sixties, more especially in St. John's.

As that period commenced the great Civil War in the United States, a war of patriotic strife, in some instances



father against son, brother against brother, etc. The fame of the Newfoundland seamen was well known in every land, and the fighting instinct and love of adventure were strong within them, and appealed to their daring and hardy nature. They were sailors from their boyhood, trained on board their fathers' vessels, or brought up under the eye of the great Vikings, who prosecuted that great industry. They were eagerly sought after by the Federal Government, who were anxious to have their Navy manned by the most intrepid, daring and competent sailors to be found. Thus we see thousands of our hardy countrymen leaving the shores of their native land by every opportunity and entering the American Navy. They were conspicuous for their daring, contempt of danger, agility, and capability, and rose to prominent positions. Very few of them took to the Army—they were sailors—and were proud of their noble avocation. They sprung from five generations of heroes who battled with the icefloes, and who knew not what danger meant. To give some idea of the number of Newfoundlanders who left our shores at that period in search of adventure, it is reliably computed that there were not less than two thousand in the Federal Navy during the great struggle which occupied a period of three years. In the year 1866 the United States warships, Augusta, Meantownah, and Asholt, arrived in St. John's, and in the year 1868 the American frigate Congress arrived with over fifty Newfoundlanders aboard. The number of Newfoundlanders on board these four warships was 163. I know myself there were nine Newfoundlanders on board the Cumberland frigate, and there were seven on board the Kearsage, Capt. Winslow, which sank the famous Confederate privateer, Alabama, on the coast of France. Amongst those Newfoundland heroes, who visited St. John's in the above warships in the sixties, were to be found the names of Daves, Clearys, and Desmonds, of Nunney Hill; the Donohoes, Walshes and Byrnes, of Falmouth, and Delahunty's Lane; the Duggans, Walshes and Donnelly's, of the West End; the Percys, Lymanas, Barry's and Kerrys, of Lime Kiln Hill and Dammerill's Lane; Davy Barron, John Walsh, Peter Carberry of Marsh Hill; Jim Fitzgibbon and Matt Dalton, of Hoyles-town. Wm. Reid (Uncle of John Ryan shipwright of Theatre Hill) was quartermaster of the Congress. Peter Reid, brother of William, was Lieut. with Admiral Farragut, at the storming of New Orleans, in Mobile Bay, big Jim Sullivan fought through the Civil War, as well as through the ten years' Cuban War. I knew him intimately, and one day he showed me the wounds of his body, arms, and the terrible gash across the side of his neck, and yet he spoke of his adventures as coolly as if he were describing a fishing excursion to George's Ledge, outside the Narrows. Another Newfoundland hero is at present, and has been for many years, in receipt of a good pension from the Chilean Government, for having saved the flag and the battle at a critical moment, and was wounded in the leg. A few years ago a Newfoundland sailor died in St. John's, who had fought under six flags, a veritable Dugald Dalgetty, the creation of the fertile mind of Sir Walter Scott, in one of his Waverley Works. I could continue indefinitely recording the daring heroism and love of adventure of our fellow-countrymen, but time does not permit it, much as I would like to do so.

Is it to be wondered at that with such a glorious record heaped to them by their forefathers, that such a large number of our young men, the best blood of the country, who



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Many men of the highest qualifications and experience are of opinion that in place of guiding the destiny of a great nation, William of Potsdam, is a more fitted subject for the pathologist or the Alienist, and that the madcap son of his is equally as bad, if not worse. I think it was Juvenal who wrote Nemo repente turpissimus falli—one can become extremely wicked all at once; but the tyrant of the Huns has been wicked, continuously wicked, and shall continue so to his doom, which is awaiting him. But to accomplish this great event many sacrifices have to be made. Millions of pounds will have to be spent; but this is easy to accomplish, because the revenues of the Empire are inexhaustible. Many thousands of lives must be lost, but the vacancies in the ranks will be quickly filled up through the patriotism of Britain's sons, and in all these great events the sons of Terra Nova will take a prominent part, and shall live in History for all time. The proud boast of the Roman of old, *Clivis Romanum Sum*

"I am a Roman Citizen," which acted as a passport on every hand, on which he trod, did not command more respect in the past, than will the words of the Newfoundland hero today, when in the future he shall say to his countrymen, "I fought in the Great War." In years to come, sitting around his own fireside, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren, and friends, he will relate the events of the greatest struggle in the history of the World, in which so many of his countrymen took such a prominent part, and covered themselves with glory. He shall tell them of their trials and dangers, their sufferings and miraculous escapes, their retreats and victories, until the great object was attained, and the power of the tyrant of the Huns was forever destroyed and levelled to the dust. How his audience will listen to him with gratitude, and admiration, and at the conclusion of his remarks shall rise from their seats, salute him with profound respect and veneration, exclaiming, "You are a brave man and our Newfoundland heroes are a noble race, and you have fought and bled in the defence of our King and Country and the Empire, in their difficulties, and by your heroism, valor and patriotism, you have nobly played your part in bringing peace, Happiness, Prosperity and Freedom to the peoples of the whole world."

Ah, my friends, what a noble heritage they will transmit to their descendants and posterity for all time! And how could it be otherwise?

For Freedom's battle once begun—  
Bequeathed by bleeding sire to son,  
Though baffled oft, is ever won.



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## Weather Forecasting and Fakers

SASKATOON, Sask., Dec. 1. (C.P.)—"We have no means whatever of making long-range forecasts, and those who profess such supernatural powers and publish their results are fakers of the worst sort, and their forecasts should be prohibited by law. Dr. E. L. Harrington, professor of physics at the University of Saskatchewan, declared in an address here.

"It is well known that a certain group of well trained scientists has the power to see far in advance the approaching variations in weather and that their forecasts proved true, people would be quite willing to place great confidence in them." Dr. Harrington said. Only a small percentage of the weather predictions, he claimed, were ever correct.

"Fortunately we have on this continent a genuine group of scientists, whose observations make possible the construction of weather maps which fairly accurately set out the nature of the weather which may be expected in any section of the country. These are vastly more reliable than any of the conjectural forecasts."

There were five classes of weather harbingers, according to Dr. Harrington. The first referred to atmospheric conditions. The others, however, which related to the influence of astronomical bodies, that of past weather upon future conditions, and to the peculiarities of animals and plants as indicating the kind of weather to be expected, were without any scientific basis whatever, he asserted.

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TO THE CIVIC ELECTORS OF ST. JOHN'S.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN:—As you were kind enough to give me your valued support on the many previous occasions I sought election at your hands, I have decided to again solicit your esteem and confidence for four years more as one of your civic representatives.

During the several terms I have had the great honor of being a member of the Municipal Council Board I have consistently practised the policy of conforming to your desires in so far as the civic revenue permitted.

I shall be very pleased indeed to again do my utmost towards bringing about many more essential improvements that are still necessary, and therefore feel that as you have so highly approved of my civic record in the past you will be pleased to again remember me on polling day.

A SPECIAL WORD TO THE LADY VOTERS.

You may have many friends to choose from, ladies, but as a special favor will each one of you please be kind enough to record a vote for me.

**James T. Martin**  
EVERYBODY'S FRIEND.

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To all the Voters in the City of St. John's.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

In offering myself for Municipal Election for the first time I feel that it is only right that I should state my qualifications for such a post. I am a fully trained and qualified Master Architect and Art and for more than twenty years have been teaching or practising these professions. I have been teaching and working in this City for twelve years. For eight years have fought successive Councils for what is the absolute right of every citizen: Water and Sewerage and the right to live in clean and healthy surroundings.

In my business I have seen, hardworking men denied the right to build, met hundreds who are unjustly taxed, have others protected to the detriment of their less fortunate fellow-men, Women and Children are forced to live in surroundings unfit for human habitation just to protect a few unfeeling landlords. The Charter is good in parts, rotten in others. There is no protection for the taxpayers if you only knew just what to place the responsibility. I believe in direct responsibility Committees of Councillors for such matters as Housing, Sanitation, Rates and Assessments, etc., you would then know to whom to approach if you have any grievance.

The City is crippled financially by not getting its per capita share of the road grants; one hundred thousand dollars annually is paid to the Government in interest for a loan made the year after the fire; this should have been wiped off years ago.

If all rates and taxes were fairly collected and the finances were economically handled, this city would be a different place in a few years.

There are many other ways of raising money for Municipal purposes, but you must have representatives who are prepared to devote their brains and energies to planning these schemes as a last resort you could have a lottery; other cities have been built by this means. You are all sports and money must be found.

It is time women and children stopped their pilgrimages to the water tank or the hopper, and that garbage should not be left about for hours to be the sport of all stray dogs, to be nothing of the wind. It is time that the people responsible for the collection of refuse and street sweepings should be prevented from taking pot shots at their uncovered carts and missing by feet.

You want representatives in the Council who are qualified to look after these matters and who will fight until they are moved. You want representatives who can and will help you, city officials, and who can check up and see that what the Councils do is right. I believe I can help in these matters, and I am why I ask for your vote and support. WILL YOU GIVE ME A TRIAL?

Yours faithfully,  
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