

navy." The writer has often seen some of the cannon, the remains of the fortifications erected on Carbonear Island.

Carbonear was once a *Town* of great commercial importance. The merchants at one period used to send to St. John's to purchase fish and oil to load their vessels. 'Tis said that two of the Carbonear merchants, George and James Kemp, returned to England with a fortune of \$80,000 or \$150,000 each. For many years Carbonear was blessed with a valuable circulating library, established mainly by the late John Elson, Esq., a gentleman of extensive literary acquirements and one of the principals in the respectable and long established firm of Slade, Elson & Co. P. Gosse, Esq., M.R.S., was in this establishment several years afterwards. One of the English naturalists and author of several valuable works—Rev. Philip Tocque—was a historian and a native of Carbonear. In my book on the "Old Sealing Days," I said that in the early part of the last century that Carbonear came next to St. John's as a town of commercial importance. I notice that in the thirties that seventy-seven sail of vessels left Carbonear for the seal fishery, among the names of the captains were my father's people (on his mother's side) the Pikes, who were noted seal killers. The following is a true list of the vessels belonging to Carbonear nearly fifty years ago:

Elizabeth, Captain William Roberts.  
 Caledonia, Capt. Patk. Scanlan.  
 Fanny, Capt. W. P. Taylor.  
 Margaret, Capt. Daniel Lacey.  
 Faith, Capt. Solomon Dean.  
 Earl Grey, Capt. John Donnelly.  
 Frederick, Capt. G. Blundon.  
 Trial, Capt. Edward Pike.