

Halifax in Books.

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ALL sailors agree that Halifax is one of the most delightful ports in which a ship can anchor. Everybody is hospitable, cheerful, and willing to amuse and to be amused."

The opinion from *Peter Simple* is endorsed by a much later visitor, Mr. W. Fraser Rae in his *Newfoundland to Manitoba*, (1881.) He has also a good word for the Halifax Club. Captain Marryatt was for years on this station and thought well of his head-quarters. It was on board the *Sangler* frigate in Halifax harbour that Captain Kearney "fell back and expired, having, perhaps, at his last gasp, told the greatest lie of his whole life. "I once knew a man—to live with—the rattle in his throat—for six weeks."

Halifax was also once honored by the presence of that ornament to the service, Mr. Frank Mildmay. He came from Bermuda in a schooner with a drunken skipper and crew that piled her up on Cornwallis (now McNab's) Island. He calls Halifax "this paradise of sailors," and according to his own account, did great execution among the Halifax girls.

"The frigate I was to join came into harbor soon after I reached Halifax. This I was sorry for, as I found myself in very good quarters. I had letters of introduction to the best families. The place is