

Daring Burglar Captured Yesterday.

Confesses Many Burglaries Which Had Mystified the Police.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning while night watchman Art Rice was doing his beat on Central Water St. he was surprised to see a man come out of the door which leads to Mr. J. M. Devine's dry goods store from the lane in the rear of the Seaman's Home. Mr. Rice at first imagined it was one of Mr. Devine's employees who had remained late on the premises, but when the man went up the thoroughfare a little way and turning kept watching Mr. Rice, he suspected that he was a doubtful character. Going up after him Rice saw the fellow go across George's Street, and anticipating that he would return to the place, the watchman took his station in the doorway of C. L. March's store opposite and awaited events. Soon after he saw Sergt. Noseworthy who was in charge of the night police, with Officer Cleary and another coming over Beck's Cove Hill, and whistling to them when they came up to him he told them what he had seen. Later the man returned and the officers and the watchman who had secreted themselves pounced upon him, having caught him red handed. The fellow who is a ne'er-do-well is about 21 years old. His father, who is dead, was a Norwegian, and the prisoner gave his name as Joseph Russnessen, though he goes under the alias Joseph Benson. His stepfather has repeatedly turned him out of doors, and he has been living for a lengthy period with two old women on George's Street. In the summer time his days were spent in Buckmaster's Meadow mostly, and he had a decided distaste for anything like work. After going out Saturday night he evidently reconnoitered Devine's place, and repairing there at an unearthly hour and seeing the coast clear began his depredations. He

ships sailing under letters of marque with 1175 soldiers, besides their crews, and commanded by no other than the redoubtable Peter Easton, who was then on a voyage to Newfoundland, and he landed his captives at Harbour Grace.

Peter Easton was at that time sailing in the British service. No doubt his success with profit and spoil led him like so many others at that time, into piracy and disobedience even to the British Admiralty.

Mr. Watts says that one of his manuscripts states that "it was believed that Peter Easton in one of his raids captured Porto Rico."

I throw this out as a hint to Mr. Gosling, to see if he cannot confirm it, as he should know even more about the West Indies than he does about Newfoundland.

But let us go back to our story. The lieutenant or second in command of this squadron, belonged to one of the best West of England families. He fell in love with this pretty young Irish lass and took every care of her. His love was reciprocated and they were married by the Chaplain of the Fleet. They decided to remain in Newfoundland rather than continue the voyage. They took up their residence in Mosquito wharf, the best houses were built being nearest to the fishing grounds and there was born the "first white child" in Newfoundland.

A tradition from another source than what Mr. Watts says, gives the fact that another Englishman was at Mosquito the same winter, which will go to prove Judge Prowse's contention on the early settlers, of which Mr. Watts says there is no doubt whatever.

This information is all clear that these occurrences were prior to Guy's settlements.

The traditions always says that Sheila Maguila was looked upon as an Irish Princess from Connaught, and every Irishman frequenting Newfoundland would make obeisance to her whenever they saw her. The Pikes claim descent from her.

Mr. Watts believes he can find among his manuscripts the name of the young Lieutenant. I hope he does, and if he could only be induced to give to the press an occasional letter with some of this interesting information, with which he could easily fill a book, it would help to clear up many a disputed point.

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Snow! Snow!! Beautiful Snow!

Dear Editor.—We are beset with blizzards of snow and frost, our roads blocked and everything the reverse of spring like. I heard an old native just now who was cheering his heart and that of his listeners with the following appropriate if not Tennysonian ditty:—

Snow! snow! beautiful snow!
'Tis sure we have plenty of your sort just now;
Drifting o'er fields like a miniature sea,
Piled up in banks in your cold purity,
Blocking the roads till no one can pass,
Unable to walk or ride horse, ox or ass.
Oh! tell us what brings you so plentiful now—
Snow! snow! beautiful snow!

Snow! snow! beautiful snow!
You're surely forgetting that spring is due now;
The birds are singing, all joyous with glee,
The flies are a-buzzing, so merry and free.
'Tis cruel you are to stop their glad game,
And I tell you I think you should blush red with shame;
You are not fair at all, you play the game low,
Snow! snow! beautiful snow!

SELBY.

At the R. C. Cathedral.

The Cathedral was thronged yesterday morning, hundreds going to Holy Communion at the early Masses.

At 11 o'clock High Mass was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop, Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan was Deacon, and Father Sheehan, Sub-Deacon, and Rev. Monsignor Roche and Rev. Fr. McDermott assisted at the Throne. Rev. Fr. Fyme was Master of Ceremonies. The High Altar was gorgeously decorated in honour of the great Feast of the Resurrection, and branches of palm adorned the Sanctuary. Special music was rendered by the choir including the Regina Coeli Lullaby. After Mass the C. C. C. Brass band, stationed behind the High Altar, struck up the joyous notes of the Hallelujah Chorus, producing a thrilling effect.

At 7 p.m. Pontifical Vespers were sung, and the hymns and psalms peculiar to Easter were rendered very effectively by the choir. A large congregation was present.

More Particulars About Norris Arm Fire

Mr. Robert Summers, of this city, had a narrow escape from being burnt to death in the recent fire at Norris Arm. He jumped from a window, leaving all his clothing behind. He had arrived there from St. John's a few hours previous, and as he had been unable to sleep on the train, retired early on arriving at the hotel. He was in a sound sleep and only awakened when the smoke and flames reached his room. He hastily jumped out of bed and broke open a window, two stories high, and jumped to the ground. He was very much hurt and burned, and is now being cared for at the home of the Manager, Mr. Gulinac.

The fire was discovered in the billiard room by one of the boarders, but instead of rousing up the inmates he ran out leaving the doors open which helped to fan the flames. People living in the neighbourhood were aroused. Dr. McDonald who was also a boarder at the hotel lost all his medical books and surgical instruments. Young Summers is also a heavy loser having had no time to save any of his effects—not even the money he had in his possession. He also lost two gold watches that he had brought from St. John's for Mr. W. J. Spurrel, the accountant with the Lumber Company.

Irish Night.

The Ladies' Association of St. Bonaventure, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$193.66, being the net proceeds of "Irish Night" held in Methodist College Hall on St. Patrick's night.

The Association thanks the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the concert. The gentlemen who acted as ushers and doorkeepers, the press for notes and all whose kindly services contributed to the success of the entertainment.

It is said that Toronto has grown in population in the short space of twenty-five years from one hundred thousand to a city of three hundred and twenty-five thousand people. It contains over 200 churches.

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Congregational Church Easter Day Services.

Yesterday's services at Queen's Road Church were bright and inspiring. The morning service was opened by the choir rendering the Easter chorus of "He is risen." The pastor of the church, Rev. J. Thackeray, preached an excellent sermon from the words of Isaiah 63rd and 3rd verse, "I have trodden the wine press alone—of the people there were none with me." The preacher dwelt on the great contrast there was between the sable robes of sacrificial Good Friday and the bright triumphant glint of the glorious Easter morn, when Christ triumphed over sin and the grave. During the offertory the choir sang the Psalm selection, "Christ our passover was slain," and after the sermon rendered the glorious Easter anthem, "Lift up your heads." In the afternoon at 3 p.m. the open Easter session of the Sunday School was held in the church in which the members of the P. S. A. united, there being present a large attendance of the scholars, parents and friends. The Sunday School choir, trained by Miss Jessie Barnes, the church organist, occupied the choir gallery and led in the general singing of the selected Easter music, the accompanists being Miss J. Barnes (organ) and Miss P. Pippy (piano). An interesting programme of Easter selections was gone through. The evening service was largely choral. After the opening hymn of "All hail the power of Jesus' name" and devotional exercises, Mr. R. G. Ross rendered in an impressive manner the "Holy City." After the Scriptural lessons Mr. W. T. Courtenay pleasingly sang Tennyson's "Crossing the bar" whilst after the sermon Mrs. James Whiteley gave a splendid rendition of "I know that my Redeemer liveth" from the Messiah. The pastor delivered a powerful address from 1st Corinthians, 2nd chapter and 2nd verse, "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified." Benediction, followed by the Vesper Hymn, closed a memorable Easter day at Queen's Road Church.—J.A.C.

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ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT.—Don't forget the Newfoundland Highlanders "At Home" next Friday, April 1st, in the British Hall, at 8 p.m. Tickets for sale at St. H. Parsons' Studio and Nicholson & Munro's. Ladies', 50 cents; gents, \$1.00.—mar26, 29, 31.

BONSPEIL DINNER.—His Excellency the Governor accompanied by his Aides, has intimated his intention of being present at the Curlers Dinner on to-morrow, Easter Tuesday evening, at 8 p.m.

Star Hall, to-night, the 4-act Western Drama, Capt. Grip the Outlaw, by the Avalon Dramatic Co. Reserved Seats, 40 and 30 cents, on sale at the Atlantic Bookstore. General admission, 20 cents.—mar28, 11.

ALEXANDRA WORKERS.—The annual tea and entertainment of the Alexandra Workers will take place in the College Hall this afternoon. The event is under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION.—Mr. A. D. Rankin, who has recently been a patient in the General Hospital, desires to express thus publicly his sincere thanks to Dr. Keegan, Miss Southcott, Miss Hannaford and the attendants of that institution for their skilful treatment and kind attention during his stay.

EARLIEST SETTLEMENT.

Authentic Records of the First White Child.

BY H. F. SHORTIS.

The tradition of the "First White Child" born in Newfoundland is a very interesting one. The recent letters appearing in the "Telegram" have attracted a great deal of attention in the different centres of Conception Bay.

Mr. H. C. Watts has been looking up some very old manuscripts left by his father and refreshing his memory with information given him.

Mr. Claudius Watts used often speak of Mr. Geo. Kemp, who was his grand-uncle, and the head of the firm of George and James Kemp of Carbonear, the largest firm in the island early in 1800.

Mr. Geo. Kemp was M. P. for Dorsetshire in England and during the exciting times of 1818 presented a treatise of Newfoundland affairs and its fisheries to the British Parliament.

In Mr. Gosling's History of Labrador (page 365) he makes very important mention of facts laid down by Mr. Kemp regarding the American rights to fishing on our Western Coast, also Labrador.

This has direct bearing on the very matter now coming before the Hague Tribunal for arbitration between Newfoundland and the United States. The father of Claudius Watts whose name was Henry Corbin Watts (his grandson in Harbour Grace now bears the same name) was the nephew of George Kemp, and was resident Manager of the firm in Newfoundland.

I mention these facts to show the undoubted source of knowledge connected with our early history, and information from them can be relied on in every particular.

The Kemps and Watts families were related to the Pikes, and the firm of Pike & Green in Carbonear was one of the earliest firms residing in Newfoundland.

Mr. John Green of this firm is mentioned by the Royal Commission of 1793 as having died at Poole in 1791, worth \$200,000.

Messrs. Geo. & Jas. Kemp who were their successors are stated to have been millionaires when they retired.

The tradition of the first white child born in Nfld. comes to the Watts' through the Pikes who can trace their connection back to the very earliest history of our country.

This tradition has a very pretty little story and I have had it confirmed from others before now, but did not get so many facts connected with it.

Mr. Watts says that the mother of the first white child always went by the name of Sheila Maguila. She was a young Irish lady, belonging to the aristocracy, who was being sent by her friends from Ireland to France to go into a convent and finish her education, under the care of her aunt, who was an abbess. On the voyage the ship was captured by a Dutch warship. This Dutchman was in turn, captured by three British war-

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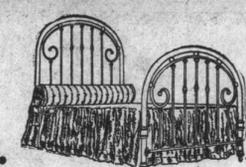
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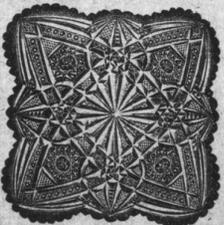
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