

Old Time Shipbuilding in Newfoundland

Names of Some Well Known Vessels, Where Built, and Builders Names.

BY JAMES MURPHY merchants £29,000. Ten of those ves (Continued) sels were built at Prince Edward Is

A handsome brigatine was built at land, 1 at Yarmouth, N.S., 3 at Wal Kearney's dockyard at the South Side lace County, N.S., 3 at Pictou, 2 at in the forties for the Hon. James Antigonish, 1 at Margee, 2 at Tatam-Tobin. The owner was a very prom- gouch. The owners of those vessels inent man in his day. He first came were Baine Johnston & Co., McBride to the country in 1825. He said in and Kerr, H. W. Stewart, Punton & an address to the electors of Placen- Munn, Goss, Pack & Fryer, P. Rogtia and St. Mary's, in 1855, that he erson & Son, J. B. Barnes and others, was the first Roman Catholic Coun- In 1853 Capt. Richard Kearney, a cillor appointed by Royal Mandamus, brother of the famous shipbuilder, to this Island. He established the made a pretty model at Harbour packet service and was also a great Grace. It was a brig and she meassupporter of local shipbuilding. The ured fifty feet in length, she was made name of the vessel built for Mr. of mahogany and satin wood, and was Tobin, by Kearney, was called the made for the New York exhibition. Arthur". She was said to have been At Hr. Grace over 60 years ago at one of the prettiest and most substan- fine ship was constructed for . Mr. tial vessels built by that noted build- Lynch. She was called the "James" er. A newspaper speaking of the new and she flew the house flag of Punvessel said: "We trust the Arthur may ton & Munn, she was a rakish craft long walk the waters, not only to re with a billet head and painted posts. flect credit on her industrious and in The brigitine Ann Thomas, owned genious constructor, but to profit her by Joseph and Thomas Hopkins of enterprising owner. The late Hon. James J. Rogerson, ervision of William Stowe, and another father of my esteemed friend, Mr. Wil- vessel were on the stocks at Heart's liam Rogerson of the Light House Content in the fifties. A vessel called Department, had a fine vessel built the "Young Napoleon" was launched at Hopeall, Trinity Bay. She was from the dockyard of John Woods, named the F. W. Kellog, called after Esq., at Hoylestown in 1856. a well known Temperance Reformer, The Zangaree was another fine ship an American by birth, and said to be which was launched from the same one of the most ardent apostles of dockyard, and a handsome vessel called the Jesse, built for P. Roger-Temperance in those years. I have before stated that many ves- son & Son was also built there in the sels were built out of the country and latter part of the fifties. The Jesse that much money had been paid for was commanded by Capt. Percy, a their construction. In the year 1854 well known sea going Captain who two new vessels were sold at the port was recognized for his bravery by the of St. John's. Their names were as Home Authorities for saving life in follows: | Noel, Christina, Eclipse, mid ocean. Triton, Heather, Dove, Laurel, Eliza-beth, Challenge, Myrtle Flirt, Two Newhook, for Edward Phelan of Car-Mays, Juns, Argus, Gazelle, Margaret bonear, was launched at Norman's Ann, Frances Patrick, Sterling, Clip, Cove, Trinity Bar, At the South Side, per, Lilly Dale, Phantom and Chan- of Bay Roberts, C.B., a vessel capable ticlear. Those vessels cost from of containing 3,000 gtls. of fish was £1000 to £2000, in all they cost the constructed. The Emma, a vessel of

at Carbonear for J. and W. Stewart. He was chased by There were over 2,000, those were fishermen may put their money. the firm of Goss, Pack & Fryer. Five a war vessel for sixty hours, called men who were unmamed fisherman Among those who were interested for essels were on sale at the one time the Ino, of eight guns. The Captain who paid for their board. After the the welfare of the fishermen I notice at Bennett's. They were all construct- apologized to the Captain of the Bai- fishing season was over they spent the following: Messrs Brennock, ed out of the country, the Ospray, clutha. He took her to be one of the their hard-earned money in drink and Dunn, Carew, Ryan, Allen, Mealy, Orator and Bloome were built at New enemy's ships. carousing and when they shipped in Martin, Shea, Walsh and Aylwara.

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Glasgow, N.S.; the J. & C. Jost at I wish to inform the readers of the the spring not a cent was left. Even Those were all well to do planters It was said that the battles of the Guysborough, N.S., and the Boston Mail and Advocate that a Fishermen's before the time was half expired the and sealing Captains. Some of the early years of the nineteenth century Lady was built at Armpoles, N.S. In and Shoremen's Association started in previous summer they had to draw merchants also took an active part in the cricket creases or village greens the sixties vessels coming across the St. John's nearly eighty years ago, it money in advance to clothe them- organizing the Association. Among of merrie England, and the same Atlantic were often held up by the had for its object the betterment of selves and to spend for other pur- the most prominent was Arthur Holdswar ships at that time a Civil War the financial condition of the hardy poses. A Savings Bank was what worth Brooking, Esq. A meeting of day if we add the base-ball diamond was on. On Nov. 16th., 1861, Capt. sons of toil. At that time a great the Association were intent on start- all those interested in the movement to the list of training schools. The Hart was in the Balclutha, owned by many fishermen dwelt at St. John's ing where the heretofore improvident took place in the Court House, rules author of "Kitchener's Mob" in the

drawn up and other business London, Eng., Spectator, thus expresshrough, when it was decides the idea -

THE CRICKETERS OF FLANDERS. idence in a chair. That gentleman The first to clim the parapet not caring for such a display took With 'cricket balls' in either hand shelter in the Sheriff's office, but The first to vanish in the smoke the men of those days always carried Of God-forsaken No-Man's-Land. out their intentions, so they boldly First at the wire and soonest through. went into the office, and seizing on First at those red-mouthed hounds of Mr. Brooking, they brought the worthy and generous gentleman from The Maxims, and the first to fall.the Court House through Water St They do their bit and do it well. to his residence in a Chair. After arriving at his dwelling Mr. Brooking Full sixty yards I've seen them throw addressed the many fishermen and With all that nicety of aim sothers assembled and was loudly They learned on British cricket fields. Ah, bombing is a Briton's game! In those years many times a vessel Shell-hole to shell-hole, trench was blown across the Atlantic in a trench. gale of wind and had to make a Nfld. 'Lobbing them over' with an eve port. Thomas Knight and Bros. of As true as though it were a game Green Bay, were noted shipbuilders. And friends were having tea close by. They had a vessel called the Cale- Pull down some art-offending thing donia which left St. John's on the Of carven stone, and in its stead 19th. December for Green Bay. She Let splendid bronze commemorate got half way across to Bonavista Bay These men, the living and the dead when she had to lay to for four days No figure of heroic size, owing to being iced all over. She not Towering skyward like a god: being able to proceed on her way to But just a lad who might have stepped Green Bay bore up and arrived at From any British bombing squad. Liverpool on Feb. 12th. There is an His shrapnel helmet set atilt, account rendered in relation to four His boming waistcoast sagging low fishermen being blown to sea in a His rifle sfung across his back: small skiff who were rescued by a Poised in the very act to throw. ship going to Ireland and afterwards And let some graven legend tell was brought back to Newfoundland. Of those weird battles in the West (To be contigude) Wherein he put old skill to use, And played old games with sterner Stopping His. zest

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Thus should he stand, reminding those "I shall never ask you to promise In less-believing days, perchance, to come home early again," she said How Britain's fighting cricketers sorrowfully when he let himself in Helped bomb the Germans out of at two a.m. France. "Why not my dear," he inquired And other eyes than ours would quietly. see; "It's bad enough to be married to And other hearts than ours' would

a nighthawk and a loafer without thrill: making a liar of you, too," she re- And others say, as we have said:

plied, and he did not come back. 'A sportsman and a soldier still!'