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The Parson's Pond Oilfields Described --History of the Development of Our Pet- ed by steam power in any part of the roleum Deposits.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

While it is generally known that lake, which was overhung by the foundland, comparitively few people were but a few hundred feet away. have any real knowledge of either. It is not my intention in this arthe development or prospects of our ticle to attempt a detailed descripin this country.

miles north of the latter place.

from the sea front.

here and there small patches of snow, petroleum obtained. on the highest peaks, with broad ravines, through which rivers, teeming with game fish, ran their winding artist of the wilds

word of my coming, so that he was very large requirements.

petroleum deposits, and I was, for tion of the property of General Oil- ed oil, some say at 700 feet, is to-day this reason, very glad to find that I fields, Ltd., or of the methods employwould have an opportunity to make ed in extracting the oil from the ed down to oil at this part of the a brief tour of the oil fields at Par- depths of the earth. The time at my pond. son's Pond, the centre of the industry disposal for an inspection of the workings was too short to permit of It was my first visit to the West more than a casual comprehension of Ltd., was founded in St. John's by a rearguard—MacDonald's brigade of Coast, and I had a very hazy idea of what I saw. There are four working the location of this settlement, for I wells, each of which is crowned with had never troubled to look it up on a 72ft. derrick, and there is one new had never troubled to look it up on a 72ft. derrick, and there is one new the map, which would have told me that it was midway between Bonne ing wells, one is a "bailer" and the that it was midway between Bonne others are "pumpers." The bailing of conservations of the bailing of the bailin process of extracting oil is very simination in his conversation and reports. He Kitchener pushed on with one bat-I found Parson's Pond, a delight—well, to a depth of several hundred ful spot, situated as it was within a feet, and is then drawn up and its to-day.

Some of the wells drilled by him are ed on the field, besides twice as many wounded and 5,000 prisoners. The small inlet, the freshly painted, clean contents, usually a large proportion small inlet, the freshly painted, clean contents, usually a large proportion looking houses, each with its little of oil, with a little water and soil, is little of oil, with a little water and soil, is regetable garden, crowning the top emptied into a barrel. In the other of the low hill which slopes upward process, the oil is pumped out of the south of Person's Pond. Operations In the background were the tower- slow, it is also very satisfactory from tinued until February, five months ing heights of the Long Range, with the point of view of the quality of later, when oil was struck at between

### BELIEVES IN OILFIELDS.

course, the whole making such a pic- large quantities, although Mr. Henry by later drilling to be the common ture as would charm the eye of any is very optimistic and believes that formation of the petroliferous parts the time will come when sufficient of the territory. The well was aband-I had previously had the pleasure oil will be obtained from the district oned at 1700 feet and is to-day yield of meeting the manager of General occupied by his company, to provide ing a small quantity of oil. Oilfields, Ltd., Mr. J. D. Henry, and the whole of the island with sufficient his charming family, and had sent him petroleum products to supply all its

there, at the entrance to the port, to Sufficient oil is produced at premeet me, with a motor boat which sent to supply the fishermen of the was to take me, with others of the West Coast, and this is sold at a sub- in 1904 the company had failed to is out for the responsibility of trying party to which I was attached, to the stantial reduction on the market price.

Oil of a very good quality was These were about six miles distant struck some 18 years ago on the site from the settlement, at the foot of a of the new well, and great things are

IISTORY OF OIL IN NEWFOUND.

d. I can not do better than qu foundland oil, if its age as an stry is fixed by the first en followed Canada into the industry

ments of 1862-1867 which first direc ed attention to the oil territories the northwest coast of Newfoundland. . . . It is easy to account for the early interest shown in the teritory. The oil and gas indication are found over a vast extent of coun ently convincing and important to start an oil industry in any state in French and British fishermen and tlers collected oil from pits and bays of this part of the coast.

USED AS MEDICINE. In 1812, a Mr. Parson's found an the first well and it is claimed on his l behalf that it was the first hole drillworld. Silver, a mill owner, and not soon as it was light. Our forces were led to start operations by the exudation of gas and oil and other indications noticed by trappers as they made their way inland from the Gulf oil is found in certain parts of New- Long Range, whose nearest hills of St. Lawrence shore to the Long pond. They worked a primitive drilling outfit, and their well, which reach-

ed in St. Paul's Bay, two miles well, and while the production is were started in September and con-700 and 800 feet, and again at 900 feet, the drill passing through 48 feet of oil bearing shale alternating with Oil has not been struck in very thin bands of limestone, discovered

## LATER DEVELOPMENT.

At that time the Parson's Pond territory was controlled by a company

count of the industry as it is to-d and of its development during rec ears, and the limited time at my d osal when I visited the wells caus

ne to curtail an interesting convers on on the prospects of the fields with Mr. Henry. I hope to visit the distri again in the near future, and wil the industry, which I shall pass on to the public through the medium of the

## The Battle of Omdurman

On Jan. 26, 1885, General Gordon vas killed at Khartoum by followers of the Mahdi and for the next 13 years Upper Egypt was cut off from British rule. But punishment, if slow, was sure, and the army which there was an oil industry in America. at last set out to destroy the Khalifa who had succeeded the Mahdi, and to there are references in French works a little army as ever was formed. It to oil soum found on the streams and consisted of only 8,200 British and 17,600 Egyptian soldiers, and was ommanded by Sir Herbert (afterwards Earl) Kitchener, or as he was tian Army. It advanced steadily towards Khartoum, overcoming many a century the splendid fishermen of difficulties by the way, and after many medicinal properties of local crude other side of the river. Here, on oil. The pioneer of the field was a September 1, 1898, Kitchener found the army of the Khalifa advancing to an oil man, and his associates, were ranged in a semi-circle, 3,000 yards long, with field guns and maxims at intervals. A little after 6 o'clock the Dervish Army came under fire. rushing straight for the lines of death dealing rifles which very few some Arabs in a side valley and charged them, cutting their through but not without loss. The enemy then strongly attacked our ple. A long iron vessel, about six in-ple. A long iron vessel, about six in-struck oil in large quantities, and talion into Omdurman Dervish bodies ches in diameter, is lowered into the some of the wells drilled by him are to the number of 10,563, were countwounded and 5,000 prisoners. The

### Gloucester Fishermen

General Gordon.

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GLOUCESTER, MASS., Aug. 28.

wounded. On the following Sunday an

impressive thanksgiving service was

held at Khartoum, for its restoration

to British rule and in memory of

Five fishing schooners are seeking the honor of representing Yankee fishermen in the race for the International the other Gloucester entrant, Eliza-Fishermen's Trophy late in October at St. John's. My records show that Point. The vessels which will fight arrive at the productive stage, "al- to regain the trophy won last years by though," it was reported, "there is the Halifax fisherman Bluenose are every reason to hope that ere long expected to be Mayflower, Elizabeth petroleum will figure largely in the Howard, Yankee, Henry Ford and L. annual mining statistics of the is- A. Dunton. Puritan, the pride of and." The reports for the year show Gloucester, on which many a deep-sea that only one hole was put down to fisherman pinned his faith in the great a depth sufficient to tap the petrolifer- race this fall, lies piled up on the eus strata. When it reached 1204ft., treacherous shore of Sable Island. a good flow of oil, the best yet met Along the water front the old sea dogs with, was encountered. Two unfinish- say that the reason for Puritan's average cost of a Gloucester fishered holes reached 600 feet, and although no oil was struck at this shallow depth an abundance of gas was on board realized and fetched up on considered evidence of the existence Sable Island long before she was supof oil lower down. At that time six posed to be near it. Now Gloucester flower's entry, as she has made a num holes had been completed, two were folk are turning to Henry Ford, which ber of fishing trips. Although her prodrilling, and the reports show that all, with the exception of the last two, were oil producers. These reports were not considered discouraging, and in that year. 50 barrels of oil were

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3.—Cricket Ball Throw.

4.—100 Yards.

5.—Hammer Throw.

8.—High Jump. 9.—½ Mile.

-220 Yards.

7.—1 Mile Walk.

10.—Broad Jump. 11.—School Relay (under 15). ole Vault.

legram Marathon.

Mile Junior (under 15). otball Place Kick.

17.—1/4 Mile Senior. 18.—Club Relay.

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