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TELEGRAPHY 50 YEARS AGO AND
NOW.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)
For the past half a century I have watched the improvements in telegraphy in this country, and have wondered at the rapid strides made, since I joined up on the 24th June 1870. When Mike Kavanagh, Howell, Hagas, (Jim and Tom), Rube Parsons, G. M. Gaden, John O'Mara, Mort Brien, Geo. Nicholl, A. A. Thompson, Peter Glendinning, Jim Scanlan and some scores of others were initiated, we thought that the crude and massive instruments connected with the working of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Co. were the acme of invention. Then we had the old relay, with a hump on it like a camel's back, which united the sounder and tape in the one instrument. The keys and switches were also of a very crude manufacture, and the batteries were plentifully dosed with sulphuric acid (I forget the proportion) which played sad havoc with the zincs and coppers. Besides it was very expensive, and several years ago was abolished and the evolution continued until the present, almost perfect system carried out in keeping the batteries in splendid working order.

I told my old friend, the late G. M. Gaden, of St. John's Office some years ago, that the day would come, when we would correspond by telegraph almost entirely, that is, as far as mercantile and important business was concerned by letter telegraph; but my old friend only laughed at me. Today, and for some years past, the Anglo-American has established Night Letter Rate, and communication can be kept up at comparatively little cost. My mind could grasp all this, and perhaps many other improvements, but when I received a letter from my young friend, our brilliant and successful Superintendent of the Western Union Tel. Co., of New York, Mr. Thomas Foley, enclosing a photograph (cabinet size) of the Princess Mafalda, daughter of the King and Queen of Italy and the Prince Philip of Hesse, in their marriage costumes, which was transmitted from London to New York, I am not surprised that I am relegated to the Museum, in company with our deceased friend the last of the Boethies, I being one of the few remaining operators of the old New York and London Telegraph Company—the first in Newfoundland.

The photo of Princess Mafalda and Prince Philip was cabled from London to New York by means of the marvelous Bartlane process of picture transmission. It was taken at Raccanigi, Italy, Wednesday, Sept. 23rd immediately following the Royal wedding—rushed to London by train and airplane and cabled to New York.

The Bartlane Process is a method of picture transmission whereby a perfect picture is punched on an ordinary telegraphic or cable tape and transmitted over ordinary telegraph or cable lines. At the receiving station the tape is run through a light projector, producing on a film an accurate reproduction of the original photograph.

Capt. M. D. McFarlane of Pacific and Atlantic Photos, Inc., and H. G.

Bartholomew of the London Daily Mirror are co-inventors of the Bartlane Process, which is controlled exclusively in the United States by P. & A. Photos.

The photos (which I showed to our talented artist Will Parsons, and made him open his eyes, and exclaimed: "Photograph is only in its infancy"), and which I thought "telegraphy is only in its infancy," were not retouched at all in the faces, and only slightly retouched in the background as I said above the photo of the Royal wedding was sent by cable from London to New York—and a very good one it is. In a newspaper clipping it was taken and developed in an aeroplane, then sent by wire over 2,000 miles from the wired negative, and produced in the New York Times newspaper. What a contrast to the days when ships threw their despatches overboard at Cape Race, Newfoundland, and were picked up by the Sealans, Abbot and others to be sent on to Canada and United States, over the old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Lines of the fifties and sixties of the past century! And now I think I will try my mind at prophecy—"If these photographs can be transmitted over the cable from London to New York by punching as the above has been done, why not some present or future Edison, transmit them by flashlight in perfection, without retouching, even as the messages were flashed over the Atlantic Cables on the night of the sixties and seventies in my early days in Heart's Content. If we can transmit sound over thousand of miles, it is in the radius of probability, that the flash light in photograph transmission can be accomplished in the same manner, with, of course, some extra inventions.

To give another example of what has been done by telegraph, I need but mention the test case by a flier in airplane who took a photo of the Baracks at Fort Leavenworth, received in New York in less than thirty minutes, and the photo published in the New York Times.

Twenty and one-half minutes after Lieut. George W. Goddard of the United States Army Service, flying in a DeHavilland plane over Fort Leavenworth, Kan., had photographed the position of a theoretical army, the picture, developed in the air and transmitted by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to its offices at 24 Walker Street, New York, was in the hands of Colonel Berkley Enoch, chief of staff of the Second Corps.

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Area. It was the first time the United States Army had tested the military value of photography and development in the air combined with telephone transmission. The experiment was declared an unqualified success by Colonel Enoch, who was acting for Major Gen. Charles P. Summerale, Corps Commander. Lieut. Goddard is said to be the originator and developer of the method of developing photographs in an airplane within seven minutes after the camera has snapped. At 11:05 1/2 the photograph, fully developed, was put on the wire. It was placed in the hands of Colonel Enoch, who had established his temporary headquarters in the telephone company's Walker Street building, at 11:17 1/2. At 11:18 a message of acknowledgment was handed by Colonel Enoch to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and this was received by the commanding officer at Fort Leavenworth at 11:22. This message read:—"Aerial photograph received at 11:17 1/2 a.m. eastern time. Photograph readily interpreted and of great military value. The co-operation and skill of the air service and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company are worthy of the highest praise."

I wonder what would those great public benefactors Galsborne, Cyrus Field, Peter Cooper, Chandler White, Marshall Roberts, not forgetting Bishop Mullock of St. John's and the rest of those enterprising capitalists who financed the Atlantic cable in the sixties, after repeated failures, think of the conditions of telegraphy today, when the people of the world in their day thought that their efforts to connect the old world and the new, was the greatest mad-cap scheme that was ever conceived in the minds of men. I have seen telegraphy in its swaddling clothes, when there was only one land line "string" from St. John's to Cape Ray, connecting with Assey Bay in Cape Britain, and when there was only one "string" connecting Europe with America across the Atlantic. Now who will perfect the taking of photographs from one hemisphere to the other, by adopting the "flash light" or some other means to accomplish this great invention. I should not be surprised if the honor would redound on our talented and versatile young friend, Thomas Foley, from the historic town of Brigus but now Superintendent of the Western Union Cable Company of New

York, a position he attained wholly by his great natural ability—without friends or assistance from any outside. I shall watch the improvements with the greatest interest, and will keep the readers of the Telegram informed of developments, more especially of the active part taken by any Newfoundlander.

The Halifax Road Race on Saturday will decide the prize winners in the Halifax Marathon Sweep. Total prizes \$6,450. Entries 1, 2, 3 and 4, we feel sure, will be lucky numbers.—oct14.11

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Hobbs addressed the prisoners at Norwich Jail recently and his speech was greatly enjoyed by the inmates. One of them, in moving a vote of thanks to the famous cricketer, said if they all had played the game up to the cricket pitch as Hobbs had done they would not be in prison.

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