

## Romance of the Pioneers

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## NEWFOUNDLAND'S CLAIM TO FAME.

No survey of the Empire would be complete without some reference to the ancient Colony of Newfoundland, and to the part it has played in British History. The story of the island since its discovery by John Cabot in 1497, is one long romantic tale full of incident and adventure. The West of England sailors who accompanied Cabot on his voyage of discovery opened up the way to the New World and sowed the seeds of Empire in North America. For several hundred years sailors from the West Country used to cross the ocean in the fragile craft of that period, to gather the codfish that abounded in such limitless quantities in the waters around the island's coasts.

Not only were there British sailors trading in this way, but French, Portuguese, and Spaniards all alike took part in the early expeditions which set forth across the North Atlantic in search for food for their peoples. It was in these early days and amid such adventurous surroundings that the men of Devon and Dorset developed their prowess at sea and prepared themselves and their descendants for the great navy which is the proud boast of the English-speaking race.

It is not difficult to conjure up in one's mind the adventures and perils of these early voyages, and it is to them that we owe the first settlement of Newfoundland. Their grandchildren and great grandchildren are on the island to this day, practising the same hazardous calling, enduring similar hardships as did their forebears in ages long ago.

"SAILORS—AND SOLDIERS TOO." That the people of the island are great sailors none will deny; the Colony's record in the War is sufficient to prove that. The dangers of the sea have no terrors for the redoubtable people, who have a supreme contempt for the danger which they have vanquished in a life-long struggle against the elements. It is necessary to reflect upon the place that Newfoundland occupies in the Empire; it has an acknowledged position as one of the self-governing Dominions, but more than that it has an historical record to which none of the other Dominions can lay claim.

In the development of overseas communications the island has rendered a signal service to the world, for it was here that the first submarine cable was laid and the first wireless messages received, and it was the jumping-off place for the first trans-Atlantic flight. Although sparsely populated, Newfoundland is a country covering a considerable area—42,000 square miles—and its dependency, Labrador, under the jurisdiction of the Colony, has wider territory still, covering 129,000 square miles of country.

Those who were privileged to see the Pageant of Empire will have memories of the various historic events in the story of the island; the landing of Sir Humphrey Gilbert with a Charter from Queen Elizabeth, in 1553, the period of rule (or mis-rule) of the Fishing Admirals and the Naval influence until the grant to the Colony of Responsible Government in 1855. This event marked the beginning of progress in the island's history, and while the development of the country's resources and the opening up of its lands do not increase with the same rapidity as in the larger and richer territories in the overseas Empire, there is nevertheless a definite policy of progress in operation. Great mines are working and pulp and paper mills established, in addition to the myriads of fish and seals that are the chief product of the country, and the future is rich with the promise of prosperity.

## "WORTHY OF THE RACE."

The ex-Service men will remember the part that was played by Newfoundland in the Great War. The young men of the Colony, born to the sea and trained in the Naval Reserve of the country, came forward without hesitation to defend their native shores. The mettle of the pastures of these men was displayed in all the principal sea actions and in the various mine-strewn areas; and the large numbers who lost their lives as a striking testimony to the valor and loyalty of Newfoundland.

With similar gallantry the men of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment won for themselves a name that will pass down to history as equal to the bravest and most heroic record in the annals of fighting men. All readers of this journal will remember the 1st of July, 1916; let them remember also the following words, written by the General Officer Commanding, about the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and the part they played that day:—

"The Battalion covered itself with glory by the magnificent way in which it carried out the attacks entrusted to it. It went forward, when two other attacks on that same part of the line had failed, and by its behaviour on that occasion it showed itself worthy of the highest traditions of the British race. There were no waverers, no stragglers, and not a man

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## Wholesale Thefts

Pianos, Thousands Of Artificial Teeth, Tons Of Waste-Paper, And A Third Table, Have Been "Removed" By Enterprising Burglars.

A railway policeman stopped a chair woman leaving the hotel attached to a London terminus, and she produced a piece of cake and three eggs. It was her bulky appearance which aroused the official's suspicions, and later a woman searcher got to work and her find was a surprising one.

In the top of the suspect's stockings were two pieces of chicken, a portion of ham and three pieces of soap. Confessed about her were three more eggs, two tomatoes, a pound of butter, some cooked fish, three kippers, and some matches. A new bed sheet was found wrapped around her. She had also a hoard of stolen goods at home.

Recently, too, another wholesale theft occurred. The thieves hid themselves on the premises of a dentist, a large way of business, before early closing. They then sawed through the hinges of a safe and stole 20,000 artificial teeth and a quantity of gold and platinum valued at 400 pounds.

## Stolen From A Show.

The men who stole a piano from a suburban house lately, and got clear away, although the owner saw them going, are matched by the robbers who got away with a full-sized brilliant table from a billiard saloon, and also by the thieves who stole a whole collection of orchids from a flower show.

A very remarkable theft took place during the war, when waste-paper became quite a valuable article of commerce. From a Chancery Lane office thieves stole three tons of legal documents contained in two large cellars, the accumulation of twenty years. They used a two-horse van for the job.

A woman, lately arrested in a big London store, was found in illegal possession of a hatpin, two bracelets, a metal clock, a paper-weight, two pairs of scissors, six hair ornaments, and two bottles of scent. They cost her five months' imprisonment.

Some time ago a well-known detective met two men in a public-house. One of the men's pockets bulged considerably, and on being searched they were found to contain three silver cups and five chalices, stolen from a famous cathedral.

## Walking Pawnshops.

Three men, who aroused a considerable amount of suspicion by their bulky appearance, were stopped at Croydon, and, on being taken to the police station and searched, the following articles were found upon them:

Three silver candlesticks, two silver cups, a gold mounted cane, a secret bottle, a silver pencil case, two umbrellas, five coats, four vests, two pairs of trousers one pair of boots, a silver tray, a tobacco pouches, three briar pipes, seventy-five cigars, a jewelry box, three boxes of matches, a dark lantern, a centre bit, two knives, a chisel, an oil can, a pocket knife, two pieces of candle, and a revolver cartridge.

At a recent football match, one of the players gave the ball a tremendous kick, close to the touchline, and, instead of the ball travelling towards the goal, it hit a spectator with such force on the nose that he was stunned, and fell as though shot. A policeman searched the man's pockets for some indication of his identity, and found twelve gold and silver watches. He was a well known pickpocket!



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## More Appendicitis

50,000 SERIOUS CASES A YEAR.

In some districts in and around London appendicitis is unusually prevalent. There are large numbers of cases in all the great hospitals. The disease is steadily increasing year by year.

"There are more deaths now than ten years ago," said a surgeon. "In the past ten years 25,000 people have died of this disease. We have no means of knowing how many people are attacked, but calculating from the deaths there must be more than 50,000 serious cases a year."

Dr. James Sherrin, surgeon to the London Hospital, said that a sudden severe pain in the abdomen is nearly always the first symptom of appendicitis. The need for submitting to instant surgical treatment is shown by results at the London and St. Thomas' Hospital published by Dr. Joseph E. Adams, in the British Medical Journal.

In cases operated on immediately mortality was less than 1 per cent; when the inflammation extended and became local peritonitis mortality after operation was 1 per cent; when there was further extension to general peritonitis mortality ranged from 20 to 25 per cent.

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## Ceremony

Upon the arrival of the Governor and Mrs. Greenspond on Tuesday, May 19th, accompanied by Hon. W. S. Monaghan, M.P., Hon. J. B. Barty, M.P., and Major J. B. Barty, M.P., were given a hearty welcome by the residents of the city, who were gathered in front of the City Hall, consisting of J. W. Magistrate, Messrs. Wornell, Justice, G. L. Mercer and J. Keeping, S.A., Dr. Crumney and J. B. Crumney, M.P., and a large number of school masters. A band composed of the school children, under Capt. Frank G. the school children, formed up to receive the Governor and his party. The party then proceeded to the City Hall, where the Governor was presented to the Mayor of the city.

ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR.  
To His Excellency, Lordom Alford, Governor of the Order of St. George, Governor in-Chief in and for Newfoundland and Dependencies.

May it please Your Excellency, We, the undersigned, have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., tender to Your Excellency, King George, and the occasion of the celebration of the centenary of the birth of His Majesty King George the Fifth.

Some fifteen years since we were honored by a representative of which period the celebration of the centenary of the birth of His Majesty King George the Fifth was not only a great honor, but a great privilege.

We gratefully acknowledge the services which have been rendered to the different Colonies since your appointment, and we are sure that you have been a most energetic and efficient representative of the Crown.

We regret that we are unable to present you with a more substantial token of our appreciation, but we would be pleased to have you accept of this small offering.

Yours faithfully,  
SARAH