

## From Out the Storied Past.

### BUSINESS 100 YEARS AGO.

(H. F. SHORTIS.)  
ARTICLE XVI.

In article XIV, Mr. Kelson stated that he hoped to have the Alpha loaded for market with new fish by the last week in July. This goes to show that our northern fishermen in those days must have started their work very early in the year, as I am not aware that we ship a cargo of shore fish as early in these days. When I was a boy, the people of Conception Bay were always ready to go on the fishing grounds during the month of May, and they were provided with large boats, styled Jacks, in which they proceeded to Baccalieu Tickle, Cape Ballard, Cape St. Mary's and other places where they invariably secured good voyages. They did not wait for the fish to come to them, but they always went in search of the fish. The same applied to other parts of the island. But now the majority of fishermen seldom think of prosecuting the fishery before the first week in June or later.

#### Three Men Suffocated.

In article XV, Mr. Kelson describes the burning of the schooner Augustus, while lying at Garland's wharf, and the escape that the town of Trinity had owing to the change of wind. I can barely remember a similar case that occurred in Harbour Grace on the night of the 12th March, 1852. About 10 o'clock the alarm of fire was given and the entire population of the town rushed to the waterfront, where it was found that the brigantine Gem, of about 150 tons, owned by Capt. Thomas Green, was in flames. She was lying at the wharf and was able time to forward to the sea. At first it was thought that the full stock of powder was on board, and which was always stowed in the hold, and was not certain whether the powder was there or not, at any rate, the people thought it was, and naturally movements. However, scores of daredevil fellows, assisted by the whole community and the old hand fire engine, managed after some considerable time to extinguish the fire which broke out in the fore-castle, and sad to relate, notwithstanding all their heroic efforts three fine young men perished, being suffocated with smoke. They were part of the crew and were sleeping on board when the fire broke out. Their names were Hogan, Walsh and Knox. The Gem, of course, did not go to the sea, but that Spring as she was burnt to the water's edge forward to a time she was repaired and loaded with oil, skins, etc., and sailed for England. She was commanded by Capt. Frank Pike, of Carboneau, and John Paine, of the South Side, was mate, but I cannot think of the names of any of the crew at present. Harbour Grace had a narrow escape from being destroyed upon that occasion, but fortunately there was little wind blowing at the time. It was only four years previous when the town of St. John's was almost entirely destroyed by what is known as Toussant's Fire in 1858. On that occasion all the houses on the side of Water Street from Victoria Street to LeMarchant Street were swept away. I mention this circumstance because it was similar to that recorded by Mr. Kelson.

#### Rutherford's Rame.

Mr. Kelson also described the Promissory Notes issued by the merchants, and I gave an account of one issued by a tradesman, Mr. Bennett, the blacksmith. There is one instance at least (and I know of no other) wherein a firm issued their own coin, and that firm was Rutherford Brothers, of St. John's and Harbour Grace. The coin issued was larger than our cent piece, but although I have one of each there is no date on the St. John's issue. The Harbour Grace issue is dated 1845, and is a little larger, although somewhat lighter in weight than the St. John's coin. I presume there must be less copper in it. These coins were known as Rutherford's Ram Half-Pennies. They were floating round the country and passing current for many years, but of late they have been preserved as curiosities, and they are very rare. Mr. Andrew Rutherford is still alive in Harbour Grace, and may be seen walking to and from his business premises, although he is now in his ninety-second year, his intellect, as keen and his memory retentive as when the Ram Half-pennies were issued 73 years ago, and long may he remain amongst us, one of our most venerable, highly respected, business men, a link of the past and the friend of all men.

#### High Cost of Living.

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great measure defeated. I expected she would have brought the Remains of the Indent besides what I asked for in June, but I find a deficiency on several principal articles, as stated in the enclosed List Marked (B) and in which List the column left for "quantity remaining" being blank, is a proof that the articles were not asked for unnecessarily.

#### Half Cash—Half Trade.

I here also as in my last number enclose you a copy of List of Bills drawn, and I expect to keep it within these bounds say—half Bill for the Newfoundland amount of the merchantable fish already shipped off, making the other expenses, including the remainder of the fish and all the oil and servants wages—all goods. The Swallow is not yet returned from St. John's, the weather being extremely bad for handling fish. The Mary is up the Sound for firewood and the Cosmopolite waiting for a wind for the same place. I don't know what I shall do for carpenter. Our Joiner (Collins) a handy fellow as a shipwright also, looks for too high wages. The George must have some little repairs before she can go to sea and I don't know how soon a vessel may drop in also in need of a carpenter. If you can ship a blacksmith, a steady hand, in the Spring it will be a good plan to send him out as the one I have requires too much wages. Two of our youngsters (Kinchley and Holland) deserted some time since, and one also that we let go (Bernard Bestone) whose name is Reuben Warren. You will please observe the enclosed copy of a Public Notice which I took from a St. John's paper.

#### Clerks Become Independent.

The enclosed copy of list of goods wanting per first vessel has several additions to it since my last, I therefore request you will give this the preference. I am sorry my time will not permit my making it out more particularly, with respect to size and quality of articles, etc. The general indent shall be more attended to in that respect than it has been hitherto agreeably to your request and also to my former proposal. From the time the Planters begin settling till the Books are closed, I have not a moment to spare, everything and even every servant requires a constant inspection, and every account of course with respect to the moneying and casting of it up passes through my hands. Our clerks times are drawing near to an expiration, and as it generally happens, with such persons when they begin to become a little useful they assume a vast deal of consequence and hint at making forays in new places. I can't say that this is exactly the case with all ours, but two or three of them I expect will look too high to remain with me on anything like reasonable terms. I enclose you a copy of List of Bills received from sundry persons to be placed to their credit on your books at Poole and also Bills to the amount of \$220.

#### Pleased With Prices.

The average of the cost of the Alpha's first cargo of fish last summer was rather better than 24 per qtl, but I hope the difference she made in arriving at market so early has more than made up for the extra expense here. It was unfortunate the John and Elizabeth having had such a tedious time on the latter part of her voyage to Lisbon, and that the Active did not call at that place instead of Cadiz. It was impossible to foresee which would be the best market, and in order for the Active to be directed Captain Roalins to make in for which ever of those two ports the winds might be favorable for, to prevent his losing time. I fully expected that Hamilton would have reached Lisbon before the Convey from St. John's as they did not sail for several days after him, and was therefore in great hopes that he would have done well. Before the Gannet gets there I hope the market will be improved. If the Active arrives here it is very likely I shall send her with the fish for Poole. By my last letter from Lisbon I am not informed whether the Active would discharge in Cadiz or whether the John and Elizabeth would discharge in Lisbon. Shortly after the John and Elizabeth arrived here last summer there was a public talk in the Harbor of your having charged one of Mr. Garland's servants (young Jones) an exorbitant price for his passage, say \$10, which when I heard of it (on the authority of your remark in No. 3) I contracted and positively stated it to be only \$5.50. As I thought I was doing myself and he declared to me that he paid you \$5 in Poole besides the order which was sent out here. If this was the case I shall be much surprised at your writing me that "Jones" note on Dr. Kitts for five guineas (only) for his passage was in consideration of his being unfortunately a long time in French Prison." Begging reference to the enclosed particular list of youngsters wanting. I remain, sir,

Your humble servant,  
WM. KELSON.

Mrs. Clench desires me to make her respectful compliments to Mrs. Slade and to return thanks for the present of a shawl. I feel great pleasure in saying I consider myself better off for supplies of every description than any of my neighbors. If the Active should not come with salt this Fall, I hope we shall have an early cargo in the Spring. The Nelson being still here affords me the opportunity of advising you of the Swallow's safe return yesterday. She carried 714 qtls. of Madeira and West India fish besides hogs, etc., and it was sold by Messrs.

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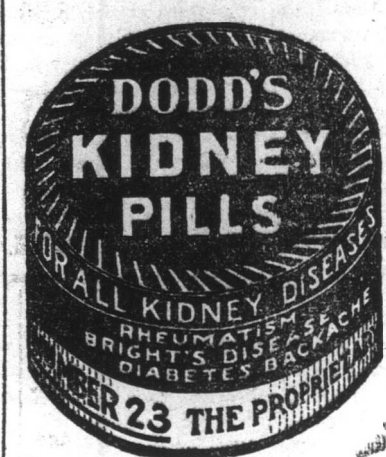
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Ship Teed Up.  
Since writing the foregoing the Active has reached this place, the men I sent by land with the letters having passed their way and returned for Catalina. She came in here on the morning of the 27th inst., after having worked the Bay the day before in my surprising manner. I fully forward she appeared like an island of ice, and on getting into the harbor next morning her anchors, etc., were frozen to her bows so that it was impossible to let them go. The blocks and rigging and everything else were in the same state and nothing could prevent her from driving ashore in the harbor but a warp which was quickly got out from the John and Elizabeth and which held her until by the assistance of a number of hands from the Room the ice was cleared and the anchors and cables cast loose. The masters of the Active and John and Elizabeth certainly deserve great credit for their perseverance, although in this instance it is rather unfortunate and would have been much better had one of them taken a freight from Spain or Portugal for England instead of coming here at this late season. However, this was all my fault. But at the time I was writing to leave it to the discretion of the masters and our correspondents abroad, respecting the vessel's returning again or taking freights. I considered that if it should so happen that they might all return, and that I should fall short of a cargo for me, in that case I thought it very likely that that might obtain a freight in St. John's, as I wrote you in my letter No. 18, but then I did not consider their arriving out so late a season like this, and I therefore blame myself for not having limited them to a certain time for returning. Had they been here three weeks earlier there is no doubt but one of them might have proceeded and got a freight in St. John's, but now it is too late to attempt that place, and I have just been informed that fish is rising there to 28 per qtl, which seems to indicate that they are not in want of vessels. I shall put into the John and Elizabeth what merchantable fish we have, about 2,300 qtls., and send her to Lisbon or Poole, and I hope to have her ready by the 15th of January. Capt. Roalins shows that the Active wants to be caulked nearly all over, that her masts are bad, that she is otherwise much out of repair and that it would be a great risk to put fish into her even if we had it. I shall endeavour to get them away as quick as possible and with extreme sorrow for having drawn them into such unpleasant circumstances. I remain (begging to refer you to the following list) with hopes of being able to prevent the like from happening again, sir.

Your humble servant,  
WM. KELSON.

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One filling of the torch, if it is a good-sized one, is generally enough. After the machine has become dry, it is a good plan to spray the working parts with a good lubricating oil. Needless to say, cleaning with a gasoline-torch should be done in the open air, and one should not smoke. Popular Science Monthly.

### A Chiropodist.

Two Yorkshiresmen who were visiting London for the first time noticed a doorknob on which was engraved the word, "Chiropodist." "Hi Geordie," said one, "what is a 'churropodist'?" "Why," was the reply, "don't you know that a 'churropodist' is a man that teaches canaries to whistle?"

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When we were talking over the high cost of living the other day a man who is making a salary far above the average said to me, "T h e r e hasn't been a piece of steak in our house this winter. No sirree, we can't afford it. I like a good thick juicy steak as well as the next man but you've got to cut down somewhere and pot roast is just as nourishing." Then he added an illuminating sentence, "Of course we buy chops or a little piece of steak for the children now and then."

Isn't that perfect? A Perfect Description of the Child's Position.

Could a single sentence give you a better picture of the way the average middle class family of to-day centers around the child, immolates itself on the altar of the child's most scientific nourishment, best education and greatest happiness? There was something to me infinitely touching about the matter of fact way in which the father made that statement.

He Would Say He Only Does What His Friends Do.

Of course, the children must have the best. That went without saying. He himself never went beyond the grammar school, but he is already planning that his son shall go to the Technical College in the land and that his daughter shall go to the most conservatory of music. He can get away only two weeks in the summer but his children must have country life to make them strong and happy so he lives for six weeks in a deserted house getting his own breakfast and picking up a dinner wherever he can. If you praised him for his self sacrifice he would be embarrassed. He would say he is only doing what the other fathers of his group do. And he would tell the truth. Do you know what day to-morrow

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