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Meetings are held in St. John's. They usually include a guest lecturer, and sometimes take the form of a workshop. The Annual General Meeting is held in the Spring of each year. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the following months: January, February, March, April, May, September, October, and November. Meetings may be held in person and or online and begin at 7:30pm.

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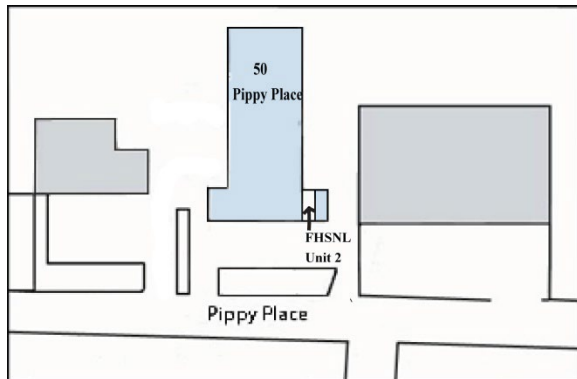


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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Frederick R. Smith

In my last President's report, I noted that we were well into June, and it was still cool and damp. Thanks heavens just after that the weather changed and we had a warm, beautiful summer.

It was a busy summer in the FHSNL office. We, and many similar organizations across Canada, were not awarded funding for summer students this year. That meant we could not have the office open five days a week. But everything went well. We had visitors from across Canada and the USA, and board members and volunteers, helped them find information on their ancestors. These days, since the COVID pandemic, more people are doing research on-line and we were able to help a fair number via email. I guess "you have to go with the times". The draw-back of not having a summer student was the response time. During summer, board members and volunteers are sometimes not available and when a research request came in, it could be a couple of weeks before we could help the researcher. Fortunately people are quite understanding, knowing we have no paid employees.

Thanks to Craig Morrissey, we have a full schedule of speakers for the fall and bookings for the winter are being confirmed. If you have any suggestion for a topic you would like to hear discussed or if you know someone who would be a good speaker, please drop us a line.

Our Cultural, Economic, Development Program (CEDP) was renewed and we thank the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for their support. This summer our landlord installed new windows through the complex and replaced the siding. Everything looks brighter now.

Some people do much of their genealogical research during the fall and winter, others hit the road in summer and visit communities that have a significance to their genealogy. Let us know what you discovered this summer. Did you make any big discoveries? We are always looking for material for *The Ancestor*; it can be a paragraph, photographs, or a longer article. You don't have to be an experienced writer; send us a rough draft of your work and we will work with you to have it published in *The Ancestor*.

Good luck with your research.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY
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There are about 4600 marriages in the Basilica records, sorted by bride's surname, bride's birth name and by groom's surname. There are about 2400 baptisms in the King's Cove records.

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The Ancestor relies on its members and general public to submit articles regarding their family histories, community histories and other historical events related to family history. In order for us to continue to publish the Ancestor we need you to continue to send in articles and pictures. E-mail us at ancestor@fhsnl.ca

If you would like to see an article about a specific topic in the Ancestor, please let us know and we will attempt to find the information for you. Topic suggestions are always welcome.



ACQUISITIONS

Compiled by Rosalind Babb Stokes

We have received the following Acquisitions from Elsa Flack:

TITLE	AUTHOR/DONOR
Your daughter Fanny, The War Letters of Frances Cluett, VAD Beaumont Hamel Trench Map	Frances Cluett, VAD The Rooms
Lieutenant Owen William Steel of the Newfoundland Regiment Known unto God in Honour of Newfoundland's Missing During the Great War	Lieut. Owen Steele Gogos & MacDonald
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Down to Bowrings, a Memoir	Derrick Bowring
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Peace by Piece Quilted Memories of Newfoundland in the Great War	Cabot Quilter's Guild
The Brothers are Coming	William R. Callaghan
Peter Cashin, A Memoir, My Fight for Newfoundland	Peter Cashin
Pirates of Newfoundland, A litany of Canada's most Notorious Pirates	Jason Crummey
A History of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association 1890-1930	Harry A. Cuff
Dictionary of Newfoundland and Labrador Biography	Robert H. Cuff
Fire Upon the Earth, The Life and Times of Bishop Michael A. Fleming O.S.F	Br. J.B. Darcy
Riots and Religion in Newfoundland	David Dawe
Beacons, Women of Salmonier	Joseph A. Dobbin

IN MEMORIAM

Submitted by Pat Walsh

Note: In this and previous issues of *The Ancestor*, I have attempted to pay honour and respect to our veterans of World War II and the Korean War, members of our Armed Forces and also other citizens who have died aged 100 or older. There may be some individuals included who may have achieved some noted degree of accomplishment in their chosen profession. I have relied on the obituary notices in the local *Telegram*. I know there are many other veterans and other noted individuals who have passed away in other areas of our province. More information on these individuals may be found in *The Telegram* - www.the.telegram.com/. Lest We Forget.

Deon, Roderick Joseph, in St. John's on July 19, 2023. Aged 102. Born in Pubnico, NS on July 2, 1921, son of Joseph d'Eon & Evelina d' Entremont. Veteran, WWII, Royal Canadian Navy. He served on the destroyer HMCS Ottawa H31. In 1947, he married Frances Duguay. A long time member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He and Frances moved to St. John's in 2015. Predeceased by his parents & his wife of 76 years, Frances on May 9, 2023 & his brother Father Harland d'Eon & his sister Zelna d'Eon Sharpe. Father of Brian & Jennifer (husband David Walsh). Obit & photo July 21, 2023.

Gillis, Josephine Leila Oct. 23, 1921 – Nov. 30, 2022 in St. John's. Formerly from Codroy Valley, Last member of the large Gillis family (13 children). Predeceased by her father John Gillis of Codroy Valley & her mother Mary Catherine (Jennings) & her brothers & sisters. She was a teacher & also worked at the US Military Bases in Stephenville & Goose Bay. She also worked with the Federal & Provincial Governments. Obit, Caul's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Harris, Gus Sept. 3, 1922 – March 2, 2023 in St. John's. Veteran, WWII, Royal New Zealand Air Force, RCAF & RAF Ferry Command. Predeceased by his parents Victor Harris & Stella Heggulun of Frankton (Hamilton) New Zealand & his wife Mary "Rena" (1917 -2012). Also predeceased by his sister Astrid. Father of Sharon Mason (David), Steven, Susan Tiller, Charles Victor

& Valerie Collins (Stephen). Obit Caul's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Luscombe, Emily Victoria (nee Goodyear) July 16, 1925 – June 20, 2023, in St. John's. Veteran, WWII. Born in St. John's, daughter of Elsie & Valentine Goodyear, of Walsh's Square. She worked at the Royal Stores in St. John's before volunteering to serve with the Canadian Women's Army Corps in Chilliwack, BC. Predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Captain Thomas, St. John's, Albert, Toronto, ON & Douglas, St. John's. Her brother William of Victoria, BC, died just three hours after she passed. Wife of 77 years of Bill Luscombe, Veteran, WWII). Mother of Bill, Hagersville, ON, Rob, Halifax, NS, Deb O'Brien, St. John's & Phil, Cambridge, ON. Member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Obit & photo Carnell's Funeral Home, St. John's.

Marshall, William Walter "Bill" in St. John's on June 28, 2023. Born in St. John's on Aug. 23, 1935, son of Walter Marshall & Gertrude Bolt. Predeceased by his parents & his brother John & sister Anthea. He attended Bishop Field College, Memorial University & Dalhousie University. He was called to the Newfoundland Bar in 1958 & practised law in St. John's. On May 14, 1960, he married Joan Rooney. Member of the Provincial Government of NL, House of Assembly, Progressive Conservative from 1970 to 1986. He served as President of the Executive Council & as a Cabinet Minister responsible

for offshore negotiations with Ottawa. He was named to the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland in 1986. He served as Chancellor for the Anglican Diocese of St. John's for 40 years. He received an honorary

doctorate degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland in Oct. 2016. Husband of 64 years of Joan. Father of Timothy, Valerie & Beth. Obit & photo July 1, 2023.

“I am bound to them, though I cannot look into their eyes or hear their voices. I honour their history. I cherish their lives. I will tell their story. I will remember them.” – Author unknown. From the Newfoundland & Labrador Genealogy Facebook page.



ADAMS FAMILY

By Rosalind Babb Stokes

This quarter I have chosen to introduce the Adams Family from our large collection of family histories.

Earliest records indicate the Adams families apparently went from the lowlands of Wales around the year 1296 into southwest England, mainly Devon, Cornwall and Somerset.

In 1703 Adams the Planter was well established in St. John's, having a wife and family, a plantation (fish room and flakes) with boats, sails and oars, on the Southside of St. John's Harbour. He was brutally beaten by Major Lloyd, Commandant of Fort William and was left by the tyrannical Major in no condition to provide for his wife and family. Then in February 1729 Elizabeth Adams of the Southside dies, leaving her estate to her three children, two married daughters and a son, William Adams. The estate was in dispute for 23 years until 1752 when it was turned over to William. Then in 1792 Thomas Adams was born on the Southside and in 1821 married Caroline Palmer. His son Charles Adams (protestant Charlie, 1834-1917) is listed as a farmer on Old Pennywell Path in 1864 and is the grandfather of the author, Fred Adams. Charles was born in the old family homestead on Pennywell Path and died in the same room he was born in. It was known as Lilac Lodge or Lilac Dell.

It was built in 1819 by James Palmer, their ancestor, and passed down to the Adams family. This family has been in St. John's for over 200 years. There is a family tree in the back of this book. Besides the direct ancestors of the Adams and Palmer Families of Pennywell Road he also lists family descendants of Dr. Samuel Adams and Robert Adams both American.

Fred Adams did not limit his research to his own family, his collection includes stories about Interesting People of Newfoundland, Thomas Coady, St. John's Blacksmith, Oldford's of Musgraveton, O'Gradys, Captain Frank Puddister, Lawrence Cheeseman, Nurses Emma Reid and Mary Southcott and characters such as Johnny Burke to name a few.

If you haven't seen this collection drop by and let the author take you back in time to the neighbourhood around Pennywell Path, known earlier as Branscombe's Ridge, here he shares stories of how Pennywell Path got its name and of the many families who lived there. His keen interest in the history of St. John's is shown through his extensive collection of rare photographs including the early shops and stores, ships, the Newfoundland Railway, and the Great Fire of July 8, 1892.

Continuing with our collections we have the descendants of Llewellyn and Hannah (Mercer) Adams, Arnolds Cove and several generations of the families of Charles Edgar Adams.

In addition to the above we have a very informative talk given to the Newfoundland Genealogical Society on November 29, 1988 "Old St. John's" by Fred Adams. In this talk he mentions some early names of the business community. You will also find much of this speech very entertaining as he shares Rhymes, Ditties and Verses. I will leave you with the following:

Mickie Quinn lived in a molasses puncheon on Hickman's Wharf. One day Mickey went to Mr. Picco's cobbler shop on Queen Street and asked the price of soles and heels for his boots, Mr. Picco said \$1.30. Mickey thought that was too much and inquired about how much for just heels and Mr. Picco said .30 cents. Mickey thought about it for a few seconds and said, "Heel em right out to the toe".

Sources for the above collections are at The Family History Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

1. The Adams Family of Pennywell Path by Fred Adams
2. The Adams and Palmer Family of St. John's by Fred Adams
3. The Great Fire by Fred Adams
4. Potpourri of Old St. John's by Fred Adams
5. Interesting People of Newfoundland by Fred Adams
6. Sunnyside by Judy Snook
7. And They Stayed by Margaret Mullins
8. Adams by Sandra Adams

A HIDDEN SOURCE

Deaths, Marriages and Births

Submitted by Aiden Holden CG(C)

A personal diary comprised of news tidbits and commentary including many deaths, marriages and births was published in daily instalments by the *Evening Telegram* in a column entitled “The Musty Past – A Daily Diary of Great and Little Events – What Somebody Saw and Heard since May 1857.” The first instalment, published on June 15, 1883, provided the following information but did not name the diarist:ⁱ

“While looking over a collection of manuscripts the other evening we were singularly fortunate in turning up a complete diary of daily events from the 3rd of June 1857 right along to the close of 1882. Some of these notes are very interesting and therefore we have decided to publish the whole for the benefit of whom it may concern.”

The author of the diary was very well informed on the comings and goings of ships and passengers; events and their attendees; as well as deaths and the circumstances thereof. He often quoted various newspapers. His earliest entries were terse but as time went on they morphed into sometimes sarcastic commentary. The diarist may have become a newspaper writer himself, as evidenced by his entry for August 4, 1864 wherein he states “I would name some of them but I have too much regard for the paper to disgrace it.” At the least, he was an avid reader who made news incidents the theme of his diary.

The *Evening Telegram* was established by William James Herder (1849–1922) who had previously worked as a printer at the *Courier*. Herder hired Alexander Ainley Parsons (abt 1847–1925) to be his editor and they published the first issue on April 3, 1879.ⁱⁱ Those first issues include a notice that the paper was printed from the *Courier* office at 218 Duckworth Street. After the *Courier* shut its doors in late 1878, Herder acquired one of its old printing machines and appears to have taken over its premises as well. It is possible the “collection of manuscripts” referred to above could have been left behind when the *Courier* abandoned its Duckworth Street premises. Perhaps more likely, the diary was among estate books and papers of a recently deceased person.

By the time the paper stopped running the column on October 20, 1883 it had published the diary contents from June 3, 1857 to December 5, 1864. The following extracts, which include all the deaths, marriages, and births mentioned by the diarist as well as a selection of his commentary, are transcribed exactly as published. My editorializing is enclosed in square brackets. As a source this is very much a derivative record. In fact, it is a partial transcription of published newspaper columns which were transcriptions of an unspecified personal diary, which in turn appears to have been a composite of transcribed newspaper accounts and personal commentary. It is not known if the editor of the *Evening Telegram* edited or embellished the diary before publication

but the diarist appears to have created a timely record of specific events using mostly second hand information.

This extract can be useful to corroborate information from other sources. For example, the diary entry for 6 Jan 1861 states: “Mrs. Holten [Holden]-late Miss Holbrook-died in very remarkable circumstances.” This clip is referring to Sarah Sidney Holbrook (1822–1860) who died on Christmas Eve 1860ⁱⁱⁱ and was buried on 9 Jan 1861.^{iv} The date of death comes from a probate court statement provided by widower Thomas Holden while the burial date is a transcription of the Anglican church burial records. The diarist notes she died in “remarkable circumstances” but it is also strange that sixteen days were allowed to lapse between death and burial. No contemporaneous newspaper story of her death has yet been found.

A reader who wishes to refer to the “Musty Past” column can view online images of the newspaper at Memorial University’s Digital Archive Initiative at (<https://collections.mun.ca/digital>). The table at the end is a finding aid to facilitate searches by matching diary coverage periods to specific newspaper issue dates.

1857

Jun 3, 1857 Miss Ellis came passenger by this vessel [steamer *Circassian*] from Liverpool. Miss Ellis was married today to Mr. Grayburn at 1 p.m. He is an officer of the *Circassian*. She is sister of W. H. Ellis, Esq. Patrick Doyle, Esq., died aged 80 ½ years.

June 12, 1857 The writer sailed for Twillingate to load a vessel with fish for Brazil.

Sep 8, 1857 The writer arrived from Twillingate after loading two vessels for market. [Between these two dates the writer made no entry in his diary.]

Sep 12, 1857 A boat ran down in the Narrows by the schooner *Roderick Random* and three lives lost.

Oct 2, 1857 Wilson, of the firm Wilson & Graham, died yesterday.

Oct 4, 1857 Wilson buried.

Dec 14 1857 Mrs. Geddes died last night.

Dec 24, 1857 W. L. Anthony was buried today with Masonic honors.

Dec 29, 1857 Mrs. Nowlan attempted suicide and died from the effect of the injuries thus inflicted.

1858

Feb 5, 1858 Miss Carter and Lieutenant Mitchell married.

Feb 11, 1858 A man named McCarthy and his two dogs were frozen to death on the road and a boy was killed by a slide load of wood.

Feb 21, 1858 Sunday—Barnes’s watchman was drowned last night in the steamers’ channel while going on board from Brooking’s wharf.

Mar 8, 1858 Old Mr. Scaplin died last night.

Mar 18, 1858 Mr. Goodfellow married to Miss Whiteford.

Mar 26, 1858 Mr. Ellis, MHA, very ill.

Mar 28, 1858 W. H. Ellis, Esq., died at half-past 10 o’clock this morning.

Mar 29, 1858 Mr. Trenaar, painter, died. Mr. John Boyd (brother of Mr. J. Boyd, of the firm of Boyd and McDougall) died today.

Mar 31, 1858 Mr. Ellis buried today and also Messrs. J. Boyd and Trenaar. Mr. Rawlins on the Barrens died.

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- Apr 5, 1858 Mrs. Thompson buried.
- Apr 7, 1858 Accounts today of seven persons being burnt to death at Peter's Arm, Green Bay.
- Apr 15, 1858 Right Rev. Dr. Mullock's father died last night.
- Apr 16, 1858 Mr. Mullock buried.
- Apr 18, 1858 Miss Prowse died at half-past 8 o'clock this morning.
- Apr 20, 1858 Miss Prowse was buried at 8 this morning.
- May 1, 1858 Young, the husband of the milliner, out of jail on bail. Report says Captain Terry offered any of his men £50 to shoot him.
- May 9, 1858 P. Tessier, Esq., married on the 6th to Annie Catherine Weston Carter, his deceased wife's sister.
- May 15, 1858 Mr. G. Flood married today to Miss Eliza Merchant by Rev. Father O'Donnell.
- May 18, 1858 Intelligence received today that Captain White of the *Miranda* was washed overboard on his voyage to Brazil.
- May 19, 1858 Birth, at Brigus yesterday, the wife of T. N. Gisborne, Esq., of a son.
- May 31, 1858 Mr. Price of HM Customs has sold his situation for £217 currency to John Winter, Esq., sub-collector at Lamaline.
- Jun 1, 1858 The following appointments have been made: Mr. J. Winter, Second Clerk, HM Customs.
- Jun 10, 1858 Birth, last night, Mrs. Pinsent of a daughter.
- Jun 21, 1858 Birth, on Friday or Saturday last, the wife of the Marquis de Cabellero of a son.
- Jun 30, 1858 Mr. George Rendell was married today to Miss Wood.
- Jul 6, 1858 Mrs. Parsons, sister of Mr. S. Carnell, died last night.
- Aug 18, 1858 Mr. Hugh Roche's wife died today.
- Sep 3, 1858 The *Spray* has arrived from Britain. Mr. A. Hogsett and family came out as passengers by her. Mr. Hogsett died on the passage, six days after leaving Liverpool.
- Sep 10, 1858 Mr. Jabez Finlay married to Miss Smith of Brigus.
- Sep 16, 1858 This evening, about 7 o'clock, a fire broke out at Mr. Jonas Barter's, Lazy Bank. Mr. Barter was burnt to death in his own house.
- Sep 20, 1858 Mr. Jonas Barter was buried yesterday.
- Sep 27, 1858 Mr. Thomas Brace of Quidi Vidi died today aged 57 years.
- Sep 28, 1858 Peter Rogerson, Esq., died this morning, aged 69 years.
- Sep 30, 1858 Mr. Rogerson was buried today.
- Oct 19, 1858 Young, the milliner's husband, ran away.
- Oct 21, 1858 The steamer *Pacific* arrived today bringing an account of the death of John Shea, Esq., Mayor of Cork and brother of A. Shea, Esq., of this town.
- Oct 23, 1858 Miss Simms died suddenly this morning. She arrived a few days ago per *Pacific* from England. Miss Simms was a daughter of C. Simms, Esq., Clerk of the Court.
- Nov 6, 1858 A telegram from New York states that Mr. R. N. Goff died here this morning.
- Nov 9, 1858 Dr. Simms married.
- Nov 12, 1858 Intelligence by telegraph from New York announces the death of Mr. James Prowse on his passage home, three days after leaving St. John's.
- Nov 23, 1858 Mr. Pierce Barron married to Miss Sullivan.
- Dec 7, 1858 Captain Corbin died at Halifax on the 22nd ultimo, aged 51 years.
- Dec 12, 1858 A fire occurred this morning at 4 o'clock opposite the Long Bridge, involving the destruction of fourteen houses, three pigs, and an old man called 'Martin the Cock.'
- Dec 29, 1858 Mr. Scanlan died.

1859

Jan 2, 1859 Mr. John Barter died today.

Jan 3, 1859 The *Emily Tobin* wrecked at Trinity and the master killed.

Jan 16, 1859 Captain James Feehan died on Saturday last.

Jan 19, 1859 Captain Feehan was buried today.

Jan 28, 1859 Mrs. Thomas Bennett died about 7 o'clock this morning.

Jan 30, 1859 Mr. Holden's cottage was destroyed by fire at 2am today.

Feb 4, 1859 Mrs. T. Bennett was interred today.

Feb 13, 1859 Mrs. O'Mara died.

Feb 17, 1859 Steamer *Prince Albert* arrived today. Celebrated Smith O'Brien is one of her passengers.

Feb 18, 1859 Today Smith O'Brien, Esq., delivered a speech from the steps of the cathedral to a very large assembly. He commenced speaking about 1 p.m. A procession, including the Benevolent Irish Society, his Lordship Dr. Mullock and Smith O'Brien passed up and down last night at 9 o'clock and crossed the Long Bridge for the purpose of seeing Mr. O'Brien safely on board the steamer lying at the South Side.

Feb 19, 1859 The *Prince Albert* sailed today for New York.

Feb 24, 1859 Mrs. Withers died yesterday.

Mar 6, 1859 This morning, at 2 o'clock, a fire occurred on Theatre Hill, during which a fireman named Buckley was killed.

Mar 8, 1859 Mr. Robert Thomas married to Miss Crawford and Mr. Anderson united to Miss Quinn.

Apr 4, 1859 Rev. Mr. Wood's son buried.

Apr 5, 1859 Mr. Cook of HM Customs died this morning. Miss Kitchen, 18 years of age, also died this morning. Her father is a passenger on the missing steamer *Prince Albert*.

Apr 8, 1859 Mr. George Winter is dead.

Apr 10, 1859 Three boys—Harvey, Taylor and Keogh—are missing. They were sitting on the rocks at the South Battery when last seen. Adams, a colored barber, died today.

Apr 13, 1859 A man fastened a stone round his neck and drowned himself from one of the vessels in port.

May 13, 1859 A girl drowned in Apple Tree Well.

May 16, 1859 The wife of James Winter, Esq., HMC buried today.

May 19, 1859 The barque *Oberon* has arrived. Mr. M. F. was passenger by her. He jumped overboard the day before she made the land and could not be saved. He was on his way from Australia.

May 22, 1859 McBride's watchman drowned.

May 28, 1859 Mr. John Jackman died.

May 29, 1859 Mr. William Stacey married to Miss Finlay.

May 30, 1859 Mr. J. Jackman buried today.

Jun 1, 1859 Mrs. Gill was buried today.

Jun 9, 1859 Mr. J. McLea married to Miss Phoebe Currie. This is the first marriage ever celebrated in the Scotch Kirk. Mr. Ellis and Miss Pinkham also married today.

Jun 18, 1859 Parson Johnston married to Miss Hanmore.

Jul 1 1879 [1859] Mr. Anderson, Registrar, died.

Aug 2, 1859 The marriage of Mr. Gibson at St. Mary's Church, South Side, was the first ceremony of the kind ever performed in that edifice.

Aug 9, 1859 Miss E. Emerson married to Lieutenant Balfour.

Aug 15, 1859 Lady Day—Miss Stairs died this morning.

Aug 29, 1859 The steamer *Jason* arrived from Galway bringing an account of Mr. Arthur Tobin's death. He died in France.

Sep 25, 1859 Mr. Alexander Chambers, Sr., died at Halifax on the 1st instant.

Sep 29, 1859 Mrs. Jordan died today.

Oct 11 1859 The steamer from Halifax, which arrived at 11 p.m., brought an account of the finding of the remains of Sir John Franklin and some of his companions by the screw steamer *Fox*. From the documents discovered with the skeletons, it would seem that Sir John died in 1847.

Oct 12, 1859 Miss Whiteford married on or about the 10th to Mr. Reynolds, and Miss White married to a Wesleyan clergyman.

Oct 20, 1859 Mr. D. W. Bennett was married today at Shaftesbury.

Oct 24, 1859 Mrs. P. H. Walsh died today.

Oct 26, 1859 Miss McMurdo was married at Perth on the 5th current. Accounts have been received of the death of Mr. Allan Fraser and Mr. Hindmarsh in Australia.

Oct 27, 1859 Mr. Colton and Mr. George Geddes, Jr. died today.

1860

Feb 14, 1860 Captain Callahan's wife died.

Feb 18, 1860 Mr. Thomas Seymour died.

Feb 22, 1860 Mr. Valentine Born died today.

Mar 6, 1860 Mr. Joseph Simms married to Miss Bartlett.

Mar 17, 1860 Mrs. Dearin and Charles Bown, son of Mr. G. F. Bown, died today.

Mar 21, 1860 On 5 Nov 1840 the first steamer ever seen here entered St. John's Narrows. She was a man-of-war called the *Spitfire*.

Mar 26, 1860 The *Ospray* has arrived from Halifax bringing an account of the death of Mr. Avalon Goodridge.

Apr 14, 1860 Miss Cole died yesterday.

Apr 16, 1860 Mr. Alexander Ash died.

Apr 21, 1860 Mr. John Mabin has collected over £20 for the widow of Mr. Alexander Ash.

Apr 24, 1860 Birth, last night, the wife of Mr. J. B. McLea of a son.

May 5, 1860 One of our pedagogues has committed suicide.

May 11, 1860 Percie Johnson born at Fogo. Mr. Condon, the tailor, who had been missing for some time, was found yesterday near Long Pond, dead.

May 30, 1860 Mr. Edward Shea at Mudge's, brother of Mr. Martin Shea of the Post Office, died today.

Jun 1, 1860 Mr. McGrath, blacksmith, and Mrs. Sheehan, wife of Mr. Sheehan, the tinsmith, died today.

Jun 4, 1860 Miss Smith, a daughter of Mr. Smith, the banker, is dead.

Jun 6, 1860 A woman was found drowned at Riverhead this morning.

Jun 17, 1860 The Rev. Mr. Johnston's wife and Mr. Richard Field died today.

Jun 19, 1860 Mr. 'Posty' Ward and his third wife appears to be enjoying themselves first rate. News of the death of Doctor Samuel Carson reached here today. He died last month at Hamilton.

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- Jun 20, 1860 A woman and two children were burnt to death in Patrick's Street last night.
- Jul 16, 1860 The old *Public Ledger* newspaper is extinct, it's last issue having appeared today. The new paper will be called the *Ledger*.
- Jul 17, 1860 First issue of the *Ledger*; Harry Winton, editor.
- Aug 8, 1860 Tossaint's girl drowned at Quidi Vidi. A child was drowned today in a well near Lazy Bank.
- Aug 14, 1860 Births—Mrs. Balfour, Virginia Waters, of a son; on the 9th Mrs. Neville, of a son.
- Aug 21, 1860 Mr. Lorenzo Moore died last night.
- Aug 25, 1860 Mr. Baine was buried today. Mr. T. Brooking has arrived here after an absence of 25 years.
- Sep 3, 1860 Mr. Anderson, late bookkeeper at Messrs. P. Rogerson & Son's died today.
- Sep 11, 1860 Mr. William Coyell is dead.
- Sep 14, 1860 Mr. William Coyell was buried today.
- Sep 17, 1860 A son of Mr. Charles Rankin died yesterday, aged 16 years. He belonged to the No. 3 Volunteer Rifle Company. Between 800 and 900 persons have died in the town since the 1st of June, mostly of diphtheria.
- Sep 19, 1860 Mr. Rankin buried today.
- Sep 25, 1860 A respectable citizen put in the Lunatic Asylum.
- Sep 26, 1860 Mr. Harvey of the South died. Two men killed at the Water Works.
- Oct 8, 1860 The *Caroline Schenk* was lost on Saturday night last and all hands. This was Captain Bond's first voyage in that vessel.
- Oct 19, 1860 Mr. Earle, clerk of the Church for the past 47 years, died yesterday.
- Oct 26, 1860 The *Record* newspaper made its first appearance last Monday. There are 16 papers in circulation here now viz: *The Gazette, Newfoundlander, Ledger, Times, Patriot, Courier, Morning Post, Express, Commercial Journal, Telegraph, Daily News, Record, Weekly Express, Day Book, Bulletin* and *Standard* the latter printed at Harbour Grace. The extinct papers were the *Pilot, Star, Reporter, Sentinel, Vindicator* and *Public Ledger*.
- Nov 2, 1860 Mr. Horatio Sterling has been married to Miss Townsend.
- Nov 3, 1860 Mr. Devlin was married a few days ago. Patrick Tasker, Esq., died at 10 o'clock today. He was Captain of No. 1 Volunteer Company and a thorough gentleman.
- Nov 5, 1860 A post mortum examination has been held on the body of P. Tasker, Esq., the verdict being death from over anxiety. Mr. Tasker was buried today with military honors. His was the largest funeral for years.
- Nov 9, 1860 Mr. John Gearan died at 12 o'clock today.
- Nov 12, 1860 Mrs. Kielly died today.
- Nov 20, 1860 Plenty of small pox and diphtheria in town.
- Dec 4, 1860 Mr. Ancell has received news of his mother's death.
- Dec 5, 1860 Mr. Frank Dickinson died today.
- Dec 15, 1860 Mrs. Duggan died today at the advanced age of 98 years. Had Mrs. Duggan lived til the 16th she would have completed her 99th [98th] year.
- Dec 27, 1860 Mr. William Toussaint and Miss Parsons were married at the Church of England Cathedral this evening

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Jan 2, 1861 A man named Mercer killed at Brigus.

Jan 6, 1861 Mrs. Holten [Holden]—late Miss Holbrook—died in very remarkable circumstances. Mr. William Kielly, late son of Dr. Kielly, died today.

Jan 16, 1861 Mr. W. J. S. has swallowed a large quantity of laudanum.

Jan 18, 1861 Poor W. J. S died at 10 o'clock this morning. He is the first man removed by death from the No. 2 Rifle Company. He died from the effects of the treatment and the prostration to which he was reduced, it having been deemed necessary to beat him all the time and carry him about between two men.

Jan 22, 1861 Mr. Steed buried.

Jan 23, 1863 Mr. Jack of Brown & Co's married last night to Miss Cruet.

Jan 25, 1861 Mr. Philip Duggan died today aged 57 years.

Feb 12, 1861 Mr. Archibald Emerson married to Miss Baily and Mr. George Thompson married to Miss Coyell.

Feb 15, 1861 Captain Boden's daughter is dead at the early age of 21 years. Her father had just arrived in the *Victor*.

Feb 16, 1861 Sickness terribly prevalent and large numbers dying. Captain Price died the other day.

Feb 17, 1861 The idea of chanting the burial service has been introduced by Rev. Mr. Pearson who tried the experiment a few days ago and also at the grave of Miss Boden, who was interred today.

Feb 23, 1861 First issue of the *Sessional* by Winton.

Feb 25, 1861 Mr. Thomas Mallowney, Junior died today. His circumstances for some time prior to the dread event were far from enviable. He had no friends to 'smooth the pillow of death,' his mother being dead and his father in the hospital.

Feb 27, 1861 Dollars and cents first used in Halifax today.

Mar 2, 1861 The wife of Mr. Healy of the post office is dead.

Mar 14, 1861 Mr. William Cowan died at Hall's Bay on the 4th instant. Mr. Henry Gallishew died today.

Mar 23, 1861 Mr. Charles Holmwood married to Miss Edgar.

Mar 30, 1861 Captain Sylvey died on the ice on the 14th instant. Captain Day lost two men and Captain McLoughlan one.

Apr 1, 1861 A daughter of Mr. Felix Dowsley died yesterday aged 16 years.

Apr 3, 1861 Mrs. Tessier buried today.

Apr 10, 1861 Mr. C. T. Bennett married at Bristol.

Apr 15, 1861 Mr. Thomas Spry died yesterday.

Apr 17, 1861 One of Mr. Cormack's children died of diphtheria today. A telegram just received states that war has been declared between the Northern and Southern States.

May 6, 1861 Old Mr. Tucker, the cabinet maker, died a day or two ago.

May 9, 1861 Mr. John Rogerson died at Quebec on the 22nd instant.

May 10, 1861 Miss Mary Hutchings died very early this morning.

May 13, 1861 Today's *Daily News* announces the return of Messrs. Nolan and Burn and alludes to an affidavit of Mr. P. Strapp stating that such is correct, and that he was obliged by threats to declare that Messrs. Furey and Hogsett returned. The tugboat *Blue Jacket* arrived yesterday. She brought 15 men from Harbor Main, all of whom are said to be implicated in the shooting there. The tug landed the men at Quidi Vidi so as to avoid the mob at St. John's and marched them up

to the penitentiary. Mr. F. B. T. Carter was made Speaker of the Assembly ... At last the Governor left the House. Mr. Hogsett was expelled from his seat by force and Mr. Furey followed him. On the Governor leaving the building and proceeding to Government House, large stones were thrown at the carriage ... excitement continued to increase and the crowd became fairly furious. They demolished Mr. Nowlan's premises ... they made a complete wreck of Mr. Kitchen's premises. Evidently Major Grant and his troops were too few to be effective. The Major went back and forth on horse back trying, with Father O'Donnell, to disperse the people. Major Grant was struck on the head with a stone ... one man while trying to unhorse the Major was caught by two or three soldiers and was dragged up the hill to the Police Office ... then the trouble commenced in downright earnest. The troops were ordered to fix bayonets ... they fired into the mob and many fell on Church Hill. Three men were shot dead.

May 16, 1861 The three men who were shot on the 13th were buried today.

May 22, 1861 Miss Warren, daughter of Mr. John H. Warren, died yesterday aged 10 years.

May 24, 1861 Died on the 5th of April in Mexico, Wm. Alexander, Esq., MD

May 31, 1861 Mrs. Elizabeth Andrews died on Sunday last, 25th inst. [Sunday was 26th] aged 90 years. She leaves 8 children and 54 grandchildren.

Jun 11, 1861 Two men named Manning and one called Neyle were lost by the capsizing of their boat the other day.

Jun 12, 1861 Mr. Graham, bookseller, has been married to Miss Hanrahan, daughter of Captain Hanrahan, Royal Newfoundland Companies. Mr. Robert Grieve was married today at Sydney to Miss Poole.

Jun 13, 1861 Mr. William Bowring was married today to Miss Jarvis, daughter of E. L. Jarvis, Esq.

Jun 15, 1861 Mrs. Cleary died yesterday.

Jun 19, 1861 Mr. N. Stabb, Jr. was married today to Miss Ann Smith. Captain Jackman and Miss Woodley have also been married.

Jul 5, 1861 At Bonavista, early on Saturday morning last, while a man named Brown and his sons were out fishing, their house took fire and five daughters were burnt to death. The mother narrowly escaped through the window.

Jul 8, 1861 Miss O'Mara died this morning. An old soldier named Lannen fell over the stairs the other day and killed himself. He was one of the heroes of Waterloo.

Jul 9, 1861 Father O'Neil, of Trepassey, died on Sunday last.

Jul 17, 1861 A man has died suddenly at the Water Works, Twenty-Mile Pond. They call his death a case of sunstroke.

Jul 20, 1861 Birth yesterday, the wife of Mr. James Eddie, of a daughter.

Jul 28, 1861 Married on Saturday last, 27th instant, by the Rev. Father Vereker, Mr. Thomas Mabin to Miss Annie Merchant.

Jul 31, 1861 Bird, a young man well known in St. John's, having been in the telegraph office here for some time, was killed in the Battle of Manassas.

Aug 5, 1861 Mr. James Tobrid was buried today.

Aug 7, 1861 A man was killed today at Mr. Thomas' archway by a load of barrels.

Aug 14, 1861 Mrs. Joseph Bacon died last week.

Aug 20, 1861 Old Mr. Furlong died at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at the patriarchal age of 97 years. The *Record* of today handles Messrs. Noland and Kitchen without gloves.

Aug 21, 1861 Miss Liddy was married on the 15th of August to Mr. Albert Alhert.

Aug 24, 1861 Today's *Record* contains a letter from Dr. Cahill on Cavour's death.

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- Sep 4, 1861 Last night a rumbling noise was heard just like the roar of artillery. Everything seemed to tremble for an instant. It turned out to be a large meteor of great brilliancy. About 1 a.m. the explosion was heard and immediately the whole sky was brilliantly illuminated.
- Sep 16, 1861 Mr. William West died yesterday.
- Sep 20, 1861 A boy fell over one of the wharves today and lost his life.
- Sep 22, 1861 The death of Mr. Peter Cowan has just taken place.
- Sep 23, 1861 Mrs. Smythe died this morning. She was a daughter of the late Adam Hogsett.
- Sep 26, 1861 Mr. Keefe was married to Miss Merchant on Thursday last.
- Oct 1, 1861 The other night a shot was fired through a window at the residence of H. O'Donnell, Esq., commonly called the Irish lawyer.
- Oct 2, 1861 A terrible accident occurred here today. While a hearse was being driven from a funeral the horse took fright and ran away. During the animal's flight the hearse capsized and the man in charge fell under it and was dragged along the street until literally torn to pieces. Death took place shortly after the accident.
- Oct 5, 1861 The *Record* of today is very wrathful. Bishop Field and his clergy are getting a rough handling because they called on Prince Napoleon on his recent visit.
- Oct 7, 1861 St. Thomas' Church was first opened on 28 Sep 1836.
- Oct 10, 1861 Died, on the 26th of April last at sea on board the *Anglesey*, while on a passage from England to Australia, Wm. O'Grady Haley, Esq., aged 40 years, fourth son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Haley of Newfoundland. Died, this evening, from an illness of more than three years, W. L. Solomon, Esq., aged 50 years. He was son of old Mr. Solomon, the person who first introduced the postal system into Newfoundland.
- Oct 12, 1861 Mr. W. L. Solomon was buried today. His funeral was not well attended considering that he was such an old and respectable inhabitant.
- Oct 15, 1861 Old Mr. Kelly, bachelor, died yesterday.
- Oct 17, 1861 A telegram was received this morning by Mr. H. Hoyles informing him of the death of his daughter in London. Mr. Kelly was buried today. A man dropped dead near the cemetery while attending the funeral.
- Oct 21, 1861 Vandenoff, the celebrated tragedian, is dead at the advanced age of 72 years.
- Oct 24, 1861 Mr. Vincent Costigan died on Saturday, the 19th instant six hours after leaving Indian Tickle. He was only 34 years of age.
- Oct 25, 1861 The grand jury have found 'True Bills' against Mr. George J. Hogsett, late Attorney General, and four other instigators of the political riots in May last. Mrs. McNeily, relic of the late Captain McNeily, and daughter of Mr. Alexander Whiteford of this city, died today.
- Oct 28, 1861 Mrs. McNeily was buried this afternoon.
- Oct 29, 1861 One of the police was killed at Harbour Grace a day or two ago.
- Oct 30, 1861 Mr. W. G. Flood died at 8 o'clock this evening.
- Nov 3, 1861 Mr. W. G. Flood was buried at 2 o'clock today.
- Nov 5, 1861 Today's *Gazette* contains the Governor's address to the people of Harbour Grace on riots.
- Nov 14, 1861 Birth, yesterday, the wife of Mr. W. C. Toussaint of a son.
- Nov 17, 1861 A vessel called the *Salmah* was wrecked inside Cape Spear today and three hands lost.
- Nov 20, 1861 Mrs. Rowe, sister of Mr. H. W. Hoyles has died at Aberdeen aged 43 years.
- Nov 24, 1861 The grand jury found a 'True Bill' against the Cat's Cove prisoners indicted for manslaughter.

Nov 26, 1861 Mrs. Devalon died on Sunday last at Bally Haley. Mr. George Neil, late of this town and a member of No. 2 Rifle Company's band, died on the 31st ultimo. He was a native of Devon, England.

Nov 28, 1861 Mr. Charles Rankin was married a few days ago to Miss Houlihan, and Miss F. Marriott went across the Bay this morning to be married to Rev. Mr. Gardner. Miss Ellen O'Neill will be married this evening.

Dec 2, 1861 A vessel which arrived here this morning reports the death of a young man named Facey by an accident on board during the night of the gale. He fell from aloft and struck with fatal effect across the rail.

Dec 19, 1861 Mrs. Ryland died about daylight this morning. She was the wife of Mr. J. Ryland, late of Mr. H. Thomas & Co's concern. Mr. G. F. Tyrrel died at New York a short time ago. Mr. George Bennett, Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, died at half-past six o'clock this evening, aged 39 years.

Dec 22, 1861 Mr. George Bennett was buried today. None of the Custom's department, strange to say, were invited. It is stated that forty-six applications have already been made for the vacancy.

Dec 27, 1861 A man named Congdon, missing since Tuesday, was found today floating in Rogerson's Cove. Mr. Thomas Horwood was married yesterday to Miss Maggie Duggan.

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Jan 1, 1862 Lieutenant C. Mesham, of the 62nd Regiment, has been married to Miss Jarvis.

Jan 16, 1862 Mr. Thomas Coyle, of the South Side, died this morning.

Jan 20, 1862 Great commotion and talk in the town about the release of the Cat's Cove men. Some folks are very much dissatisfied with the conduct of the authorities in the matter.

Jan 21, 1862 A vessel called the *Ada* ran ashore at Come By Chance the other day and became a total wreck. She was laden with flour and bound for St. John's.

Jan 23, 1862 Mr. Alexander Chambers, Jr., died at Burgeo on the 29th ultimo, aged 32 years.

Jan 25, 1862 Mr. Charles Stabb died at his residence, Cochrane Street, yesterday, in the 29th year of his age.

Feb 1, 1862 Mr. Theodore Salter, of this city, was killed at the Battle of Bull Run. He was an ensign in the Northern army. Father Phripps died at the Palace this morning.

Feb 6, 1862 Father Phripps was buried today.

Feb 10, 1852 Mr. James Branscombe has been married to Miss Shawe. Gloomy intelligence reaches us from Placentia Bay – it is stated that the people are starving. Mr. Patterson, storekeeper at Alsop's, was buried yesterday.

Feb 17, 1862 A fire took place at Bond's farm on the Portugal Cove Road at 6 o'clock this morning. The man living in the house went out to milk the cows after making in the fire. A few minutes later the house was discovered to be in flames. The wife, four children and the wife's father were burnt to death.

Feb 23, 1862 Mr. Elias Rendell died this morning on this way to church. He was Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Assembly.

Feb 24, 1862 Mr. Oke, light-house keeper at Harbour Grace, and his assistant were drowned last night.

Mar 4, 1862 Mr. Baird, shopman at Baine Johnston & Co.'s was married at 6 o'clock this evening to Miss Bella Hutchings.

Mar 10, 1862 Miss Augusta Gill was married a short time since.

Mar 20, 1862 Birth, this morning, the wife of Mr. Ehlers of a son.

Apr 4, 1862 A man was found dead at Bennett's Grove, Quidi Vidi today. He had been missing since the 1st instant.

Apr 5, 1862 A young man named McGill, shopman at Messrs. J. & W. Stewart's, has been missing for some days past.

Apr 9, 1862 About 3 o'clock this morning a man named Tynan shot another called Manning and killed him on the spot with a horse pistol loaded with buck shot. It seemed that Manning was stealing wood from Tynan's yard when he was followed and killed. They both resided near the Maggoty Cove Bridge.

Apr 15, 1862 The body of the missing man McGill was found today a little inside of Chain Rock. The scissors remained in his pocket and he was easily recognized.

Apr 17, 1862 The Rev. Father Coady is dead.

Apr 19, 1862 Father Coady was buried today.

Apr 25, 1862 The three Winton newspapers are constantly blackguarding each other. What a strange proceeding for three brothers to be engaged in.

Apr 29, 1862 Birth, yesterday, the wife of Mr. Robert Grieve of a daughter. Mr. William Parker was married last night to Miss Margaret Bray.

May 7, 1862. A young man named Chalmers, who was agent for Messrs. J. & W. Stewart's house in this city in 1857 or thereabouts, died at Greenock a short time ago under very peculiar circumstances.

May 13, 1862 About half-past 1 o'clock today the house of Mr. Wm. Knight, a short distance from Monkstown, took fire from the sparks emitted by a chimney in rear of the building. Mr. Knight's house was entirely consumed. During the fire, a house on the street below caught – one next door to the residence of Mr. Edward Moore and formerly occupied by Mr. Joseph Templeman. At the time of the accident this house was owned and occupied by Mr. William Calver. A large quantity of furniture of very ancient pattern and workmanship was saved. Fortunately the fire occurred early in the day, otherwise Mr. Calver would have lost many valuable articles.

This day, however, is not near so memorable as the same date last year. About 12 o'clock on the night of the 13th of May 1881 [1861]. Poor Judge Robinson's stables were burnt down, for which he has claimed compensation from the Commonwealth, the same to be deducted from the public road grant. According to such a precedent any man may witness the conflagration of his stables and at the same time enjoy the inward consciousness that all must be paid for out of the vote for roads and bridges. I wonder would they compensate Martin Haley or Bat Sullivan if either of these poor but honest men had had a stable burnt down on that occasion. Of course not. They would be scoundrels and schemers if they dared even an attempt to hint at such a thing. But there seems to be a nice distinction here between honest industry and bloated official indolence and arrogance.

May 16, 1862 Mrs. Redmond Brine died suddenly at 12 o'clock last night of heart disease.

May 18, 1862 Mrs. Redmond Brine was buried at Belvedere Cemetery at 4 o'clock this Sunday afternoon. E. L. Moore, Esq., and Miss F. Moore stood sponsors at a christening at St. Thomas' Church this afternoon.

May 29, 1862 Young Arnott is missing and men were dragging for him today near the Galway Wharf.

- Jun 2 1862 Mr. John Robinson, tailor, was married a few days ago to Miss Rowe, late of Warrington's.
- Jun 4, 1862 One of the late Mr. Richard Perchard's daughters has died at Harbor Grace. She was at Toussaint's.
- Jun 7, 1862 Captain F. Bradshaw was married a short time ago at Burin to Miss Ellen Hooper.
- Jun 9, 1862 Mr. Stephen Knight's Mill in Green Bay was destroyed by fire some time last week and a Miss Ebsary, 21 years of age, burnt to death.
- Jun 10, 1862 Mr. William Walsh is to be married today to Miss Ann Lynch.
- Jun 12, 1862 Rev. Mr. Wood and son were making the rounds of the city yesterday. Young Mr. T. Wood is wishing his friends goodbye. He is bound to Montreal in company with Mr. Thomas Dougall, a fellow clerk at Messrs. J. & W. Stewart's. They intend going to Vancouver's Island. The *Elizabeth Brown*, White, master, sailed yesterday for Montreal. Messrs. Thomas Wood and Dougall took passage. They will proceed to their destination via New York and across the isthmus of Panama.
- Jun 13, 1862 The young lad Arnott, missing the past fortnight, was found today by Mr. Walsh, the boatman, on the bottom near the Galway Wharf.
- Jun 24, 1862 Tynan, who was charged with the manslaughter of a man named Manning, is out on bail. Messrs. Lyons, watch-maker, Charles Rankin, and Horwood are his bondsmen. Mrs. Clarke, wife of Commissary Clarke, died on Wednesday last.
- Jun 27, 1862 Kenneth McLea, Esq., died today about 3 o'clock, aged 62 years. His son Robert is absent in Halifax.
- Jun 28, 1862 A young man named Kielly died yesterday in Boston. He left St. John's in the *Protege* on the 12th of May. Crowley, a young man who went passenger by the same vessel, telegraphed the sad intelligence today. The deceased belonged to Petty Harbour.
- Jun 30, 1862 Mr. McLea was buried today at 3 o'clock.
- Jul 3, 1862 Mr. George Hooper was married to Miss Simms at 11 o'clock this morning at the Cathedral. Old Mr. Charles Simms gave the bride away.
- Jul 4, 1862 Mr. W. Ward, editor of the *Morning Post* wished to erect a costly monument of some height to three or four wives whom he has interred there [Church of England cemetery Riverhead]
- Jul 5, 1862 Birth, on Wednesday or Thursday last, the wife of Mr. J. J. Graham of a son. Tynan was put in jail again today. He tried to get away in some vessel but was taken from the vessel outside the heads. He was out on bail, his bondsmen being Lyons, Parsons, Horwood and Rankin. He very nearly tricked them.
- Jul 12 1862 Mr. McLea left £800 to each of his three daughters, Mrs. Prowse, Mrs. Walbank and Miss McLea.
- Jul 20, 1862 Mr. Thomas Selby died yesterday. He was agent at Isle of Valen, Placentia Bay for Messrs. C. F. Bennett & Co., before Mr. G. LeMessurier got the situation.
- Jul 28, 1862 Mr. Thomas Selby, who died a few days ago, was lawful heir to the estate of the Earl of Selby but was dishonestly prevented from taking possession and had not the means to bring his claim into court.
- Jul 30, 1862 Mr. Tillman died about 5 o'clock this evening of typhus fever 'tis said.
- Aug 1, 1862 Mr. W. J. Ward, editor the *Morning Post* newspaper died at 8 o'clock this morning. Mr. Tillman was buried today at 5 p.m.
- Aug 4, 1862 Mr. W. J. Ward was buried today. The deceased gentleman's wife has been at Topsail all the time in poor health and unaware of the melancholy event.

Aug 12, 1862 Mr. Arthur Stewart died on the 31st ultimo, of yellow fever, while on his way from New Orleans to Halifax as paymaster on board the ship *Rinaldo*. His death occurred only half an hour before arriving at Halifax. Poor Stewart was well known in this city having served his term in the dry goods store of Messrs. Job Brothers & Co.

Aug 26, 1862 HMS *Vesuvius* arrived today from Labrador bringing an account of the death of Mr. Perley, Fishery Commissioner. He left St. John's for Forteau a short time ago in HMS *Cygnat*. His remains were interred at Forteau. Doctor Tasker died today in his carriage while on the way to town from Topsail. He appeared to be in a hopeless stage of consumption for some time. Dr. Tasker was only a short time in the country having arrived from the United States [Cincinnati]. He was quite a young man and possessed all the characteristics of a true gentleman.

Aug 30, 1862 Mr. Prime, a colored man, is now in town teaching "the noble art of self defence."

Sep 2, 1862 Rev. Mr. Phelps is to be married today to Miss Robinson. Mr. Lush's schooner has just arrived with the dead body of her owner on board. It seems that he was suddenly taken sick at Caplin Bay and obliged to return to his bed. He died early this morning. Mr. Duffy's newspaper, the *Morning Advertiser*, made its first appearance today. A report reaches us today by telegraph that the Southern armies in the United States have captured Washington, that drafting has been resorted to, that many of the Newfoundlanders in New York have been taken into the service and that large numbers are trying to get home again. The Northerners have lately met with a series of misfortunes, disasters and defeats.

Sep 4, 1862 Mr. Joseph Lelland, bookkeeper, late of Messrs. Bowring Brothers, died a short time ago in England. He had been home about two months.

Sep 5, 1862 Mr. Charles Reynolds died today.

Sep 7, 1862 Mr. Devalin and Miss Cassidy were married yesterday.

Sep 11, 1862 Accounts have been received of the death of Mr. Charles Blackman. He was a soldier in the American service and died lately of his wounds.

Sep 17, 1862 Today the tugboat *Blue Jacket* started from Portugal Cove for Brigus ... fifteen of the passengers got into "the ship's boat," the captain and boy taking the *Rodney* ... Mrs. Foley and the engineer Henderson, however, remained on board ... the *Blue Jacket* blew up shortly after the boat shoved off, the cries of the lady left behind ringing out over the water with terrible distinctness.

Sep 20, 1862 Mr. Richard Hamlin died today.

Oct 21, 1862 Mr. William Freeman died this morning, aged 78 years.

Oct 22, 1862 Mrs. Nugent died about noon today.

Oct 23, 1862 Mr. W. Freeman was buried today.

Oct 25, 1862 Mrs. Nugent was buried at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Kelly, butcher, died today.

Oct 26, 1862 Visited Virginia Lake this morning in company with Mr. R. Hayward and went for the first time to hear the Baptist minister, Mr. Turner preach.

Nov 2, 1862 Mrs. Kelly died this morning at the advanced age of 92 years.

Nov 5, 1862 Mr. George James was married today to Miss Foote.

Nov 8, 1862 Last night a man named William Blundon, belonging to Bay-de-Verde, was fatally injured while coming down the back way leading from McBride's office. He was 38 years of age.

Nov 17, 1862. Mr. Charles Stacey died today.

Nov 18, 1862 The mail steamer from Halifax has just arrived bringing the remains of Captain Clunn, who died on his passage from Halifax. He was master of one of the first packets between this port and Halifax before the introduction of steam.

Nov 19, 1862 Mr. Albert Sterling was married yesterday afternoon at the South Side Church to Miss Susan Payton, daughter of John Payton, Esq., Twillingate.

Nov 25, 1862 Birth today, the wife of Mr. J. Baird, of a son.

Nov 28, 1862 The prisoner Tynan has been found guilty of manslaughter.

Dec 3, 1862 Mr. John Colton, of Job's, has been married to Mrs. Fisher; also Mr. Wm. Boag to Miss Ashman.

Dec 5, 1862 Intelligence has been received of the death of Mr. Sweetman at Placentia on Thursday last.

Dec 9, 1862 The *Busy* has arrived bringing an account of the death of Alfred Brine, aged 18 years, while at Demerara for the benefit of his health. He was a son of Mr. J. M. Brine. Tynan has been sentenced to 11 months' imprisonment but Judge Robinson says the sentence is too heavy.

Dec 16, 1862 Mr. Whiteway married to Miss Lightburn.

Dec 17, 1862 The well-known bullseye woman, old Mrs. Power, died last night at the advanced age of 99 years.

Dec 24, 1862 Mr. Bernard Duffy died early this morning.

Dec 27, 1862 Mr. Bernard Duffy was interred today.

Dec 29, 1862 Kelly, of the Canadian Rifles, died last night. This gallant fighter fought at Inkermann, Balaklava, Sevastopol and Alma.

1863

Jan 4, 1863 Miss Stephens went away with Captain Fox in the *Stella*. She was married the day before.

Jan 6, 1863 The second mate and carpenter of the *Runnymede* were drowned while endeavoring to get on board their vessel last night.

Jan 20, 1863 Thomas Job, Esq. has been married to Miss Agnes Brown.

Jan 26, 1863 Mrs. Robert Alsop died suddenly last night. Apparently she retired in perfect health. Mr. Nelson, teacher of St. Andrew's School, went home a short time ago for the benefit of his health and died a few days after his arrival.

Jan 28, 1863 Mrs. Alsop was buried today.

Feb 14, 1863 On Monday last 3 suns were seen – 2 of them mock suns. It was a very hard day. Almost 24 years ago the same phenomenon was observed. I remember the circumstances quite distinctly.

In 1852 I saw the sun, moon and one star at noon.

Feb 25, 1863 Mrs. Brooking has died in England in the 78th year of her age. Mr. Stark, for many years Clerk of the Peace at Harbour Grace, recently died in England.

Mar 17, 1863 Mr. Vinicombe, the pilot, was buried today.

Mar 24 1863 Mrs. Howley died this morning.

Apr 5, 1863 Mrs. Balfour, wife of Lieutenant Balfour and daughter of Mr. Emerson, died about 8 o'clock this morning.

Apr 7, 1863 Old Mrs. Paddy Robinson on the Cove Road died this morning at 6 o'clock.

Apr 9, 1863 Mrs. Balfour was buried today at 11 o'clock.

Apr 13, 1863 A certain prominent clerk has absconded, going direct for Boston. It is said that his liabilities are over £200. He has left his wife and children here. Rumour has it that Parson McRae and Miss McLea are to be married by Bishop Field.

Apr 14, 1863 A Corporal of the Royal Artillery was married last night to Miss Hawkins. Major McRae and his officers were present. Mr. H. Thomas has two young ladies to attend his dry

goods shop, in the ladies department. This is the first attempt to introduce female help in the larger shops of the city. Messrs. Steer and Ayre are the only gentlemen who employed young ladies in their establishments before this time.

Apr 23, 1863 Married today in the protestant cathedral, by the Right Reverend Doctor Field, Reverend Mr. McRae of the established Church of Scotland to Miss McLea, daughter of Kenneth McLea, Esq.

Apr 27, 1863 The steamer *Anglo-Saxon* ran into Clam Cove, near Cape Race, last night and became a total wreck.

May 2, 1863 The actual loss from the *Anglo-Saxon* has now been correctly ascertained. She had 445 persons on board, all told, 207 of whom were saved. From this it appears that 238 perished.

May 6, 1863 The body of Captain Burgess, of the steamer *Anglo-Saxon* recently wrecked near Cape race, has been picked up and brought on here.

May 8, 1863 Today's *Ledger* announces the death of Christopher Steed at Melbourne, Australia. He belonged at one time to the shop of Messrs. Thomas & Co., of this city. Captain Burgess was buried today at 4 o'clock at the Scottish burying ground, Riverhead. He had a large and respectable funeral.

May 12, 1863 A man named Coyle, belonging to St. Mary's, was drowned last night off McBride's wharf.

May 18, 1863 A lad named Tracy was killed this afternoon at Mr. Wood's slip. The chain broke and inflicted a fatal wound on the side of the head.

May 19, 1863 Captain Stoddart of the Sixtieth Rifles, who was lost in the *Anglo-Saxon* at Clam Cove, was buried today with military honors at the cemetery near Quidi Vidi. The remains of the deceased officer were brought here this morning ... having been buried at Cape Race for nearly a week. The clothes he wore at the time of the disaster were interred with him. His wife left this a short time ago.

May 29, 1863 Some years ago we had packed juries selected from a shoddy aristocracy who treated their employees as if they were mere serfs. It was useless to go to law in those days with a master, especially if he belonged to the upper stratum of society here. Everything was in the hands of a few. No one need look for justice unless he claimed kindred to some family inside that little "circle of the exclusives." But Responsible government has "put their pipe out."

Jun 6, 1863 Mrs. John Goodridge died today. Mrs. Buchanan will be interred tomorrow.

Jun 8, 1863 Rev. Mr. Pedley is writing a *History of Newfoundland*. He has access to the Colonial Archives which contain the records of the colony for the past 50 or 60 years.

Jun 18, 1863 This morning Miss Kate Emerson was married to the Doctor of HMS Vesuvius. She is now Mrs. Doctor Grieg.

Jun 19, 1863 James Winter, Esq., brother of Doctor Winter, died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He removed from Fogo about twelve months ago where he had been ... sub-collector and took a similar situation in Fortune Bay.

Jun 20, 1863 Last night or early this morning James Cantwell, son of Mr. John Cantwell of Tizzard's Harbour, Green Bay was accidentally drowned. It is believed that he got out of his berth and walked overboard.

Jun 21, 1863 Mr. James Cantwell was interred today at Belvedere. His father, brother and sister were present, having arrived here from Green Bay on Thursday.

Jun 30, 1863 Today's papers announce the death of Lieut. Charles Hunt Bindon on the 21st of February on his voyage from Calcutta to Portsmouth. Lieutenant Bindon was in the employ of George F. Bown, Esq., as clerk in 1852.

- Jul 6, 1863 A child named Cramp was accidentally killed yesterday.
- Jul 17, 1863 It is said that our old schoolmaster Mr. Jos. Bacon is to be married today to Mrs. Vandenhoff.
- Aug 1, 1863 Married at Brigus last week, Mr. T. D. Scanlan to Miss Kate Nowlan.
- Aug 5, 1863 Mr. John Fleming, saddler, was buried today. He died suddenly on Sunday afternoon.
- Aug 14, 1863 Lieutenant Colonel Grant is about to leave the colony. His household effects are up for sale.
- Aug 18, 1863 Several vendors of woollen goods arrived here from Sydney yesterday, and at 6 o'clock this morning one of them named Nicholson jumped from the attic widow of a house on Water Street and received serious injuries.
- Aug 20, 1863 A wedding in high life is announced for today. Mr. J. H. Tobin of the firm Messrs. Tobin & Co., Halifax, to Miss Cormack, daughter of J. Cormack, Esq., of Bay Roberts.
- Aug 24, 1863 Captain Jordan Pike died this morning. Nicholson, the man who jumped out the window, died today. An inquest was held and a verdict returned in accordance with the evidence.
- Aug 27, 1863 The funeral of Captain Jordan Pike takes place today. Birth, this morning, the wife of Mr. Archibald Emerson, of a son.
- Sep 2, 1863 A soldier last night took the liberty of putting his arm around the neck of Mrs. R. who was in company with Lady Brady near her own house. He was brought before the magistrates today when it came out that Mrs. R's husband and the insolent soldier had had a regular pitched battle about the matter. The offender was sentenced to two months imprisonment.
- Sep 5, 1863 A child belonging to Mr. J. G. Pennycook died yesterday.
- Sep 8, 1863 A few days ago a servant of Mr. J. B. Bulley, while filling a lamp with fluid, allowed the oil to catch fire and in a few minutes her clothes were in flames. She was much injured and is still in a dangerous condition.
- Sep 11, 1863 It is reported that the girl who got burnt by the ignition of fluid at Mr. Bulley's has since died.
- Sep 22, 1863 Birth, last week, the wife of Rev. J. Phelps, Portugal Cove, of a son.
- Oct 7, 1863 Birth, on Monday, the wife of Mr. W. V. Whiteway, of a daughter.
- Oct 10, 1863 A boat belonging to Mr. Badcock of Brigus was run down last night by a steamer on Cape Ballard Bank, and one man, a poor fellow named Lynch, of this city, was drowned.
- Oct 13, 1863 The Cunard steamer *Africa* has just put in here leaky having failed in an attempt to demolish Cape Race, upon which all the ocean steamers seem to have an evil design.
- Oct 16, 1863 The steamer *Africa* which put in here a few days ago in a leaky condition having struck on Cape Race is found to be badly damaged.
- Oct 17, 1863 The steamer *Alpha* has arrived from Halifax to take the passengers and cargo of the 'Africa' which must undergo repairs before leaving this port.
- Oct 19, 1863 The steamer *Merlin* arrived from Halifax at ten o'clock last night bringing six divers...to examine the hull of the steamer *Africa* and to discover the whereabouts of the leaks.
- Oct 25, 1863 The body of a child was picked up in Rennie's River this afternoon.
- Oct 26, 1863 Four divers are now at work on the steamer *Africa*. They are receiving £5 per day. The ship is nearly ready for sea.
- Oct 27, 1863 Mr. Whiston, the humorist connected with the War Show, has been married to a young lady of the city.
- Oct 29, 1863 A man fell dead in the street yesterday from disease of the heart.
- Oct 31, 1863 Mr W. O. Wood has returned from Portugal via Harbour Breton.

- Nov 8, 1863 Mr. Thomas Westcott was buried today.
- Nov 9, 1863 Mr. Patrick Kough died this morning, aged 77 years.
- Nov 13, 1863 Mr. P. Kough was buried today and his funeral was a very large one.
- Nov 16, 1863 Mrs. Clift died last night. Birth, on Sunday, the wife of Robert Grieve, Esq., of a son.
- Nov 19, 1863 Mrs. Clift was buried today.
- Nov 20, 1863 Mr. Prescott Emerson has been admitted as a barrister.
- Nov 23, 1863 Married last week, Mr. Murphy, Captain of the Associated Press Boat at Cape Race, to Miss Wills of this city.
- Dec 1, 1863 A telegram from the United States reports a serious defeat of the Southerners.
- Dec 12, 1863 Intelligence has been received of the death by drowning of two young men at Brigus—one named Bartlett.
- Dec 17, 1863 The mail steamer *Hibernian* arrived from Galway last night bringing intelligence of the death of William Thomas, Esq. of the firm of Messrs. Thomas & Co.
- Dec 19, 1863 Messrs. Thomas & Co's shop has been closed for the past three days. They are taking stock.
- Dec 23, 1863 Henry Clift, Esq. of Harbour Grace is advertised to lecture tomorrow on "Our Country and How to Improve its Condition." Later—the lecture turned out a complete failure, only four persons being present. The examinations today at the three educational institutions—the Roman Catholic College, the Church of England Academy and the General Protestant Academy—passed off in a very satisfactory manner. Three young men were drowned at Carbonear yesterday by falling through the ice.
- Dec 31, 1863 Died yesterday, the wife of Mr. Nathaniel Hill.

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- Jan 5, 1864 Mr. Luke Ryan, J. P. of Carbonear died a day or two ago.
- Jan 7, 1864 Mr. John O'Donnell, who resided near the custom house on Duckworth Street, fell dead yesterday while on his way to church.
- Jan 11, 1864 A very respectable person has just died in the Lunatic Asylum.
- Jan 12, 1864 Affairs are looking gloomy at Messrs. Thomas & Co's. They are selling of the stock. Mr. Thomas is going by the next Galway boat to settle the business on the other side.
- Jan 16, 1864 Old Mr. Vinicombe, of Quidi Vidi, died two days ago. He was one of the oldest Free Masons in the country.
- Jan 25, 1864 Mr. William Bradshaw, a young man recently appointed to the office of sub-collector at Placentia, died a few days ago after a brief illness.
- Feb 1, 1864 The Currency Act, passed last year, has received Royal assent and is now the law of the land. Public accounts (and probably very soon the merchant's accounts) will now be kept in dollars and cents.
- Feb 5, 1864 Miss Duder, sister of Edwin Duder, Esq., died two days ago.
- Feb 6, 1864 Miss Duder was buried today.
- Feb 11, 1864 Immense hauls of stone are being made by societies and private persons for a chapel about to be erected at River Head and to be called St Patrick's. A Miss LeGallais, sister of the school mistress and nearly 17 years of age, died of consumption this afternoon. She arrived here from Jersey about two months ago.
- Feb 16, 1864 When I arrived at Burin it was raining in torrents ... on landing I called at the house of the Collector. It was after official hours – about 4pm. I waited to see him about a matter

relating to the payment of duties ... Many of them were strangers to me ... A man-of-war arrived at Burin while I was there ... I spent some time at Mr. Benning's house – a fine, well-furnished old mansion of some 70 or 80 years standing ... I spent six or seven days there before starting for St. John's.

Mar 7, 1864 Mr. Stephen Richardson was found dead on Friday last at Mr. Rendell's farm-house door.

Mar 17, 1864 Mr. James Woods died this morning.

Mar 20, 1864 Mr. James Woods was buried today.

Mar 22, 1864 Mr. Frederick Wyatt, for many years an employee of Messrs. Brooking & Son and now a partner in that concern, is to be married to Miss Sarah Bennett on the 10th of June next. The young lady is a daughter of Thomas Bennett, Esq., magistrate.

Mar 26, 1864 This evening at St. Thomas' Church, Mr. Wood said that in future the collections will be made in the church as collections at the door only cause confusion; and apart from the confusion, the result is invariably small. Now, I cannot think why the door collections should cause confusion but, nevertheless, such is the case.

Mar 27, 1864 Messrs. J. & W. Stewart's blinds are down in consequence of the decease of Mr. Donnelly of Spaniard's Bay. It is said that he was worth £90,000.

Mar 30, 1864 Mr. James Matthews, aged 23 years, died on Tuesday afternoon [29th]. He arrived here only the day before in the *Dante*, from Greenock, where he had been for the benefit of his health. He had a situation for some time in the shop of Messrs. Baine Johnson & Co. of this city.

Apr 2, 1864 Mr. James Matthew, sergeant of No. 2 Volunteer Rifle Company was buried yesterday.

Apr 5, 1864 Mr. Charles Lang was buried today. The Fisherman's Society walked in procession.

Apr 12, 1864 Miss Mary Brennan was married this evening to Mr Thomas Farrell.

Apr 23, 1864 Mrs. Brazil, mother-in-law of the Hon. L. O'Brien, died this morning.

Apr 26, 1864 This day 1861 was the never-to-be-forgotten day of nomination, in which Mr. K. McLea stood as a member, and the day on which Messrs. John and Robert McLea narrowly escaped bodily annihilation and Messrs. Fred Bowden and W. Murray got a jolly good kicking. It was a terrible day—the forerunner of the celebrated 13th of May of the same year.

May 1, 1864 Mr. Crosby, mate of the steamer *Merlin*, died in Halifax a few days ago from the effects of a scalding he received by the bursting of the old boiler they were testing on the wharf there.

May 3, 1864 Today a public notice is up signed by John H. Warren, Esq., Surveyor General and Chairman of the Board of Works stating that persons erecting porches before their doors thereby interfering with the public convenience will be prosecuted to the extent prescribed by law.

May 5, 1864 Mr. Cook, of the Southside, is to be buried today.

May 7, 1864 Married this evening about 6 o'clock at the Palace, Robert Alsop, Esq., merchant, to Miss Mary Ann Lucas, both of this city.

May 13, 1864 This is the anniversary of the terrible day on Church Hill in 1861.

May 17, 1864 Mr. Neil Shannon is to be married to Miss Hutchings. He came here by the steamer for that purpose. A young man belonging to the *Arrow* died at the ice. He was a fine, hearty, young fellow about 26 years of age named James Cashin. Mr. Alexander Bown, brother of Mr. C. F. Bown of this city, was drowned at Sydney a short time ago.

May 23, 1864 Married this evening, Mr. Neil Shannon to Miss Clara Hutchings. The wedding took place at Springfield.

Jun 1, 1864 Mr. Brown, of Baird's, was married a few days ago to Miss McPherson.

Jun 2, 1864 Married today, Frederick Wyatt, Esq., agent at Messrs. Brooking, Son & Co.'s and a Member of the House of Assembly, to Miss Bennett, daughter of Thomas Bennett, Esq., magistrate. Mr. Neil Shannon and wife sailed last evening in the Florence. Mrs. Shannon had not time to wait for her cousin's wedding this morning. Mr. Edward Bennett went to the altar with his hat on.

Jun 22, 1864 A once much-respected citizen was today taken to the lunatic asylum. He amassed a snug fortune but lost it all in trade. This change in his circumstances so unsettled his mind that he has now lost his reason altogether.

Jun 26, 1864 The foundation stone of St Patrick's Chapel, Riverhead was laid today by Bishop Mullock. There were three bands of music present.

Jun 29, 1864 Mr Pedley took passage today in a vessel bound to Quebec. It is stated that he intends to reside there. This is the gentleman who compiled the *History of Newfoundland*. It is made up of facts taken from the records now lying in the vaults at Government House and is a true and impartial history of the country.

Jul 1, 1864 The bodies of two children were found today and, after examination, it was feared that foul play had been employed in causing their death. A young clerk at Mr. Sclaters died this morning after two or three days illness. His name was Forbes.

Jul 3, 1864 Miss Kate Goodridge, daughter of John Goodridge, Esq., died this morning.

Jul 4, 1864 The young man Forbes was interred today. Nearly all the clerks in town attended his funeral.

Jul 5, 1864 Miss Kate Goodridge was also buried today in the churchyard near Quidi Vidi.

Jul 7, 1864 Mr. John Kinsella, an old and respectable servant of Messrs. W. H. Thomas & Co., died suddenly this morning. I saw him yesterday at Thomas' gate as I passed up. At that time he appeared to be in perfect health. Almost all the effects of Messrs. Thomas & Co. were sold by auction yesterday. The concern is being "wound up."

Jul 10, 1864 Mr. John Kinsella was buried today at Belvedere.

Jul 14, 1864 The celebrated Irish Patriot, Mr. Smith O'Brien, died at Bangor on the 16th of June of disease of the heart. He was in his 61st year. Mr. O'Brien visited Newfoundland by the steamer *Prince Albert* on the 17th of February, 1859.

Jul 19, 1864 Mrs. Howe, wife of Mr. Howe, agent for Messrs. Stabb, Rowe & Co., and sister of Mr. J. L. Scaplin, commission merchant, died today.

Jul 20, 1864 Married today, Mr. Thomas Birkett, sub-collector at Harbour Briton, to Miss Trepkina Gaden, daughter of Mr. Thomas Gaden of HM Customs, St. John's. The marriage of Mr. Brennan and Miss Maden this evening was the occasion of a grand turn out.

Jul 21, 1864 Buried today, old Mr. Fraser, the Scotch sexton or rather the sexton of the Riverhead cemetery. Mrs. Howe was also buried today.

Aug 1, 1864 Messrs. Prowse and Pinsent, two prominent lawyers, were brought before the Magistrates today charged with driving furiously through the streets of the city. The case has not yet been disposed of but it is to be hoped that Mr. Carter will do his duty in the matter and punish the offenders with the utmost rigor of the law.

Aug 4, 1864 The merchants took an interest in athletic exercise some twelve or fifteen months ago and got a gymnasium built, Professor Prime being engaged as instructor. The man was thoroughly competent ... however, he got very little thanks for his painstaking. He was sick and in a starving condition for nearly ten weeks ... during which time not one of his pupils came forward to assist him with a shilling. I would name some of them but I have too much regard for the paper to disgrace it with the autographs of such ingrates.

- Aug 8, 1864 Mr. Walters, head shopman at Philip Hutchin's, who left this by the *St. George* to purchase fall goods, died suddenly at Glasgow a few days after his arrival there.
- Aug 16, 1864 Intelligence of the death of Mr. Andrew Grieve has just been received.
- Aug 18, 1864 Mr. Edward Meehan was married on Tuesday last to Miss Allen.
- Aug 31, 1864 Mr. James Murray, a much respected citizen, died this afternoon.
- Sep 8, 1864 Mr. Ross of the employ of Bowring Brothers was killed a day or two since by the bursting of a gun while shooting in a punt, the charge having entered his breast. The poor fellow, it seems, did not survive more than ten minutes after the accident. A wife and three children are left to mourn their loss.
- Sep 12, 1864 An old man strayed away from Mr. Reardon's some time ago and was found dead yesterday on the Petty Harbor Road. He was 76 years of age and worth a considerable sum of money. An intense love of lucre, it is said, deranged his mental faculties.
- Sep 14, 1864 Mr. Jackson, the watchmaker, was interred yesterday. He died of consumption.
- Sep 15, 1864 Mrs. Brown, daughter of Walter Macpherson, Esq., is dangerously ill.
- Sep 23, 1864 It is reported today that the children injured by lightening yesterday on Signal Hill and the Mate of the *Nine Sisters*, now lying in port, have since died after much suffering. Captain James Hartery of the *Henrietta Grieve* died four days after leaving Jago. His wife was on board at the time.
- Sep 28, 1864 Mrs. Harding died yesterday or today aged about 81 years.
- Oct 6, 1864 Died at Burin at the 1st instant, in the 77th year of his age, Mr. William Hooper, J. P. of that place, an old and much respected inhabitant.
- Oct 19, 1864 Miss Hoyles, daughter of H. W. Hoyles, Esq. Attorney General and leader of the Government of this colony was married today at the Episcopal Cathedral to Lieutenant Taylor, Royal Artillery. Mr. Augustus Harvey has been married to Miss Walker.
- Oct 21, 1864 Mr. John Little died about 8 o'clock this morning and intelligence has been received of the death of Mr. Scaplin at Labrador. His remains will be brought here for interment.
- Oct 22, 1864 Messrs. Edward Scaplin and James Ross were buried today in the same cemetery. The former died at Labrador, the latter was accidentally shot at Catalina. Mrs. Jackman also died at Labrador.
- Oct 24, 1864 Mr. John Little is to be interred today.
- Nov 7, 1864 The sad intelligence has been received here of the loss of Capt. James Glindon and all his crew at Labrador on or about the 20th of September. Mr. William Shea died this morning. He was outdoor agent on the premises of Messrs. C. F. Bennett & Co. for many years.
- Nov 16, 1864 The steamer *Ariel* has sailed for the westward. She was detained by the death of Mr. Horation Reed.
- Nov 21, 1864 The Supreme Court opened today and Mr. Prescott Emerson was admitted as a Barrister. Mr. H. T. Wood has passed for the 'attorneyship.'
- Nov 24, 1864 Mr. R. J. Parsons, junior has been admitted an attorney of the Supreme Court.
- Nov 27, 1864 The steamer *Ariel* has arrived from the westward. Her passengers include two men named Poole to be tried on a charge of shooting a man in Fortune Bay. The latter is in a dangerous condition. Religion seems to have been the cause of the unfortunate affair.
- Nov 28, 1864 Mrs. Stephen March died today.
- Nov 30, 1864 A man named Clance was drowned in Job's Cove last night.
- Dec 5, 1864 It is rumored that Mr. Kenneth McLea, Jr. is about to close business.

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Source: Data from the *Evening Telegram*, “The Musty Past: A Daily Diary of Great and Little Events,” as published in instalments from June 15 to October 20, 1883.

- i. “The Musty Past: A Daily Diary of Great and Little Events,” *Evening Telegram* (*St. John’s, NL*), 15 Jun 1883, p. 4, col. 1; image copy, *Memorial University of Newfoundland-Digital Archives Initiative* (<https://collections.mun.ca/digital/collection/telegram18> : accessed 20 Jul 2023).
- ii. Centre for Newfoundland Studies, “Historical Directory of Newfoundland and Labrador Newspapers S–W,” see *Telegram*, database, *Memorial University of Newfoundland-Digital Archives Initiative* (<https://www.library.mun.ca/cns/nlnews/title/s-w/> : accessed 20 Jul 2023).
- iii. Newfoundland Supreme Court, “Estate files, 1824–1930, Index to Estate Files, 1830–1996,” database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSRN-WQQ4-D> : accessed 9 Apr 2023), profile 872 of 1133, petitioner Thomas Holden states his wife Sarah Sidney Holden died 24 Dec 1860; citing FHL microfilm 8,301,622.
- iv. “St John the Baptist Anglican Cathedral, Burials 1856–1879,” typescript, *Newfoundland’s Grand Banks* (<http://ngb.chebucto.org/>: accessed 20 Apr 2023), 9 Jan 1861 Sarah Sidney Holden 35; citing Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STRAYS DEATHS AFAR

Compiled by Pat Walsh

What is a Stray? A Stray is defined as a person who is described in a record of an event as being from or connected with a place outside the area in which the event took place. For example, someone born in one place dies in another and the event is reported in a local newspaper. I do take most of our strays from *The Telegram*, as noted below. Thank you to The Ontario Genealogical Society for this definition of a Stray.

Strays from Bell Island appear on the **Historic Wabana Nfld** Facebook page. It is a website celebrating the history, culture & people of Bell Island, NL with particular emphasis on the Wabana iron ore mining operation. Thank you to Gail Hussey-Weir. This public group page has over 4,000 members.

The obituary information which follows has been taken from past issues of *The Telegram*, a daily newspaper published in St John's, NL unless another newspaper has been noted. For more detailed information, please research the newspaper for the dates listed.

Abbott, Mary Bernadette in Ontario, April 9, 1930-Jan. 14, 2023. She completed her nursing training at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital in St. John's, serving as a RN for 40 years. Predeceased by her son Robert Christopher, Mother of Murray, Rose De Luca, Sean & Lisa. Obit & photo Ridley Funeral Home, Etobicoke, ON.

Bennett, Paul Joseph, aged 62, on July 25, 2023 in Kentville, NS. Born in Mundy Pond, St. John's, son of Patrick & Isabella "Patricia" (King) Bennett. Predeceased by his parents & brother, Robert. Long-time member of the Iron Workers Union, Red Seal Fabrication. Member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Kings Branch, No. 6, Kentville, NS. Husband of Patricia. Father of Anthony, Brandon & Melissa Lahey (Rick). Brother of Mike, Patsee, Daphne, Sharon, Mary Lou, Perry & Jason. Obit & photo July 28, 2023.

Boland, Herbert "Herb" Joseph of Summerside, PEI, on May 30, 2023, aged 71. Formerly of Mount Pearl. Born in Calvert on May 28, 1952. Predeceased by his parents Ernest & Ethel (Meaney) Boland, Husband of Diane (Maher). Father of Krista Lynn. Brother of Sandra. Former employee of Canada Post. Obit & photo June 10, 2023 & tributearchive.com.

Bruce, Maurice Francis, on June 1, 2023 in Ottawa, ON. Born in St. John's in 1953, he had a successful career with Canada Post. Predeceased by his parents Maurice & Margot (Pike). Husband of Mary (Ralph). Father of Noelle & Maurice. Brother of Debbie, Craig & Margot. Obit & photo June 10, 2023.

Butler, Dallas Estelle (nee Courage) Nov. 7, 1935-April 16, 2023 in Ottawa, ON. Born in Port Union, daughter of Lloyd & Gertie Courage. Predeceased by her parents & her husband of 62 years, Thomas Boyd Butler,

July 12, 2022. Thomas was the son of Harold & Agnes Butler. Mother of Susan, Robert & Christopher. Sister of Lloyd. A graduate of Memorial University, she began her teaching career at Curtis Academy in St. John's & coached a number of sports teams. Obit & photo April 26, 2023.

Butt, Cynthia (nee Parsons) on July 24, 2023 in ON, aged 63. Formerly from Bell Island. Predeceased by her parents Yvonne Parsons, 2016 & Chauncy Parsons, 1996. Wife of 43 years of Glen Butt (married on Feb. 29, 1980). Employed for a number of years in Cambridge, ON. Mother of Glenda & Billie Jean. Sister of Dave, Corina, Jerome, Glen, Keith, Donna & Kim. Obit & photo www.tricitycremations.com & Historic Wabana Nfld. Facebook page.

Dawe, Minnie Alecia (nee Parsons) of Ingersoll, ON, aged 95 on May 17, 2023. Born in St. John's, daughter of Hector Parsons & Emma Pearl, on Feb. 12, 1928. Predeceased by her parents & her husband Lloyd Dawe, 2008. They married in 1952. She served on the CNIB Advisory Board for Oxford County for twenty years. Also predeceased by her brother Hector & her sisters Theresa Lorraine, Roberta & Pamela. Obit & photo May 24, 2023.

Eaton, Darlene (nee Cofield) in Edmonton, AB on March 12, 2023. Born in St. John's on March 12, 1954. Predeceased by her parents Mary & Harold Cofield, & her in-laws, Cam & Ruth Eaton. Wife of Sandy. Mother of Sarah & Karen, Sister of Charlie, Ruth & Dan. Obit July 5, 2023.

Elliott, Theresa Marie (Tracey) (nee Broundridge), on May 12, 2023, in her 91st year, in Ontario. Born in St. John's on June 18, 1932, daughter of Patrick Broundridge & Marie Josephine Baron. Predeceased by her parents & her brothers & sisters, Lar, Mike,

Lena, Maime, Ann & Bonnie & her husbands , Edward Patrick Tracey, 1958 & Gerald (Jerry) Brown Elliott, 1977. Mother of Darlene & Rick. A 1949 graduate of St. Patrick's Convent School in St. John's & a long-time employee of the Federal Government in NL & ON. Obit & photo at Coutts Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON.

Hammond, Paula M. June 7, 1960 – May 2, 2023 in Attica, New York Born on Bell Island, daughter of Herbert Hammond of Batavia, NY & Lucy Hammond. A registered nurse for many years, she retired from Orchard Heights, Orchard Park. Predeceased by her mother. Sister of Gary, Corfu, Glenn , Batavia, NY. See Gilmartin Funeral Home & Cremation Company Inc., Batavia, NY & Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Hillier, David George June 30, 1938 – May 25, 2023, in Whitby, ON. Born in Grand Falls, son of George & Patricia (Griffin) Hillier. Predeceased by his parents & his wife Veronique (Walsh) (May 3, 2018), his sister Catherine & brothers Donald & John. Father of Stephanie Prest (Warren) & Jason. Brother of Terry & Patricia. He retired in 1997 in St. John's following a 35 year career with Scotia Bank in NL & ON. A long-time volunteer & active member of the Kiwanis Club of St. John's & the Kiwanis Music Festival. Inurnment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Topsail Road, Mount Pearl. Dave was a former Strays Editor with *The Ancestor*. Obit & photo Caul's Funeral Home.

Jones, William Reginald "Bill" on June 29, 2023 in Smiths Falls, ON. Born in Brigus, on Aug. 29, 1935. Life long career as a banker. Husband of Georgina (Pike) Father of Gina Kristan Ploughman, Lisa Ferguson (Patrick), Vanessa Shipowick (David), Carolyn Stevenson, Kenneth Ploughman &

William "Billy" Ploughman. Obit & photo July 7, 2023.

Lang, Helen Mary Elizabeth (nee Tisdale) of Lyndonville, Vermont, on May 30, 2023, aged 78. Born in St. John's on Oct. 10, 1944, daughter of William Tisdale & Eileen Frances (Glynn). Predeceased by her parents & her stepfather, Patrick "Paddy" O'Leary & her brother Neil Francis Tisdale. She married Sherburn F. (Sam) Lang on Jan. 30, 1965. He served in the United States Navy, stationed in Argentia, NL. Wife of Sherburn. Mother of Christopher, Gregory & Sherburn. Obit & photo June 10, 2023.

MacNeil, Major (Ret'd) Donald James, Sept. 4, 1954 - June 2, 2023 in Ontario. He served in the Canadian Military for 35 years. He was a member of the 12e Regiment Blinde du Canada. Born in St. John's. Predeceased by his father Warrant Officer Earle MacNeil & his mother Margaret (Aylward) & his brother Patrick. He attended Brother Rice High School & Memorial University, in St. John's. Burial in the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood, Ottawa, ON. Obit & photo June 21, 2023.

Moore, Elaine (nee Davis) June 4, 1950 - April 10, 2023 in Ottawa, ON. Predeceased by her parents Raymond & Marion Davis. Wife of John. Mother of John Edward & James Adam. Funeral service held in Orleans, Ottawa, ON. Obit & photo April 15, 2023.

Murphy, Rita Elizabeth (nee Moore), of Erie, Colorado, aged 84, on July 11, 2023. Formerly of St. John's, Sauk Village, Illinois & Crown Point, Indiana. Born on July 1, 1939 in St. John's, daughter of Samuel & Ethel (Pope) Moore. She married P. Myles Murphy in 1962 in St. John's. They moved in 1967 to Sauk Village, Illinois. In 2018 she

moved to Colorado. Predeceased by her parents & her husband P. Myles, & her brothers & sisters. Mother of Peter, Illinois & Daniel, Colorado. Obit & photo July 21, 2023. See also www.allnuttl Loveland.com

Neary, Bernard Joseph on April 4, 2023 in Hamilton, ON. Born on Bell Island in 1947. Predeceased by his parents Gerald & Irene (nee Farrell). Brother of Gerald. He was an itinerant welder. Obit April 15, 2023.

Newhook, Peggy Louise, in Nice, France on Feb. 1, 2003. Wife of Lionel Brisson. Predeceased by her parents Frederick W. & Evelyn S. Newhook & her brother-in-law, Austin V. Sheppard. Sister of Roberta Sheppard, Diane Martin (Kevin), Julie Newman (Harry) & Derek Newhook. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, St. John's. Obit & photo June 30, 2023.

Power, Walter Patrick, Oct. 6, 1940 - July 23, 2023 in Cambridge, ON. Formerly from Murphy's Lane, Bell Island. Predeceased by his parents James & Kathleen & his brothers Raymond, Milton & Hubert. Husband of Mary. Father of Katrinia, Scott, Jim & John. Brother of Yvonne, Dianne, Louis, Neil & George. Employed for 40 years at Canadian General Tower. Member of the Knight of Columbus. Obit & photo Corbett Funeral Home, Cambridge, ON. Historic Wabana Nfld Facebook page.

Roberts, Joan Lorraine of Moncton, NB. Feb. 7, 1949 - July 2, 2023. Formerly from Mount Pearl. Wife of 55 years of Randy, Former employee of Royal Bank of Canada. Mother of Jennifer & Mark & stepmother of Corey. Sister of Shirley & Pam. Obit & photo July 5, 2023.

Taylor, Ross George, in Vancouver, BC. Born in Woody Point, Bonne Bay in Oct. 1951. Predeceased by his parents George &

Alma. Bother of Brian & Patricia. Obit & photo June 14, 2023.

Vaughan, Randolph Seymour “Randy” Aug. 25, 1960 June 13, 2023, in Kellowna, BC, formerly from St. John’s. Predeceased by his parents Chesley & Violet (Seymour) Vaughan, Husband of Joanne (Sheppard). Father of Bobby. Brother of Paula, Dolores, Renee Brazil (John, deceased) & Rick. Obit & photo June 21, 2023.

Ward, Dr. David Christian, in Oregon, on Jan. 12, 2023. Born in St. John’s in May 1941, son of Frank & Marion Hue. Husband of Patricia Bray-Ward. Father of Tanya, Sarah & Nick. He received a PH. D in 1969 from Rockefeller University. He joined the Yale Faculty in 1971. Obit & photo April 15, 2023.

“It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end”.

- Ernest Hemingway



Brigus South Cemetery and iceberg. Courtesy The Rooms



**John Thomas Dennyhy, Bell Island, previous to his enlistment at CLB Armoury,
St. John's, 15th of May, 1916. Age at enlistment: 19 years 10 months.**

(Picture Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci, Middle Island, N.Y.)

**Dedicated to the loving memory of Pte. John Thomas (Jack) Dennyhy of
Pilley's Island and Bell Island, N.L., Canada, and Brooklyn, N.Y., USA.**

ONE SOLDIER'S STORY

by Paul J. Dwyer

**Based on family memories, research, and reflections of Eileen (Byran) Pucci, Wading River
Hollow Road, Middle Island, N.Y., granddaughter of John Thomas (Jack) Dennyhy and
Catherine (Kit Melee) Dennyhy.**

Since its formation in August 1914, much has been written about the First Newfoundland Regiment in WW1 (later named the Royal Newfoundland Regiment).

This real-life story is dedicated to John Thomas Dennyhy, or simply Jack Dennyhy, a quiet young man with a slight build, wavy hair, penetrating eyes - one brown one grey - emanating from a warm, friendly, innocent face; born a Newfoundlander at Pilley's Island, moved to Bell Island as a boy of 11, became an electrician, enlisted as a volunteer in the Great War, a Royal Newfoundland Regiment soldier, a Prisoner of War, a married man, a husband, a father, an American, a family man who loved his children but would not live to see his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a man with a wounded heart, living and struggling with nightmares and images of WW1 that would not stop and from which he could not escape.

The story of John Thomas Dennihy begins on Pilley's Island, a community surrounded by the smaller islands of Sunday Cove Island, Long Island and Triton Island in the scenic, coastal region of Newfoundland called Green Bay South. It was here that he was born on July 14th, 1896, (although always celebrated and understood his birthday to be August 14, 1896) and baptized in the Roman Catholic faith on July 15, 1896, by Rev. Fr. Stephen O'Flynn. (Source: NL GenWeb, Civil Births Registration: Notre Dame Bay, Part 5, 1895-1897). John Thomas was the first son of Daniel J. Dennihy (Baie Verte) and Mary Margaret (Walker) Dennihy, daughter of George Walker and Sarah (Burke) Walker of Brigus, Conception Bay, the famous birthplace and home of the great Newfoundland master mariner and arctic explorer, Capt. Robert A. "Bob" Bartlett.

Previous to working and living at Pilley's Island, Daniel Dennihy, a miner by trade, was born at Baie Verte on the Baie Verte Peninsula, White Bay, in January 1864. His father, John Dennihy (1839 -1918), was a fisherman of Baie Verte, and later, a miner at Little Bay with his sons Daniel and Thomas Dennihy. (Source: Nfld Grand Banks Genealogy: McAlpine's Directory 1894 – 1897, Twillingate – Twillingate District, Denniby (Dennihy) John – fisherman – Little Bay Harbour). They found their way to Pilley's Island, along with hundreds of other men and families, when a pyrite mine opened there in the late 1880s. In the beginning it looked quite promising for many families as the community flourished with development. John Thomas 'Jack' Dennihy spent his early years growing up on Pilley's Island. He always had a love for the ocean and the many islands that he could see as he spent his summers playing with his friends and exploring the coastline with his creative imagination. When he was ten (1906), he most likely heard his parents discuss the unfortunate news that had been sweeping through the community at the time, rumors that the mine would soon close after discovering that a large fault had displaced the main body of ore. There was little hope that the mine would continue. The Dennihys' waited as long as they could during the summer of 1907, finally leaving Pilley's Island for another island to the south and east in Conception Bay, where a promising discovery of iron ore was found at Bell Island in 1895. Many families of Pilley's Island saw it as their best opportunity to acquire good paying, long term jobs, and a better future for their children.

Before the discovery of iron ore deposits at Bell Island in 1895, the island was a quiet, unassuming place comprised of a population of about 800 people who sustained themselves through fishing and farming. By the time the Dennihys' arrived, in 1907, the island was abuzz with new opportunities for work and the economic benefits that would come from the discovery of iron ore. Daniel Dennihy, his wife Mary, and their three children, Emma Frances (Oct. 20th, 1894), John Thomas (July 14th, 1896), and George (May 1907), were happy and relieved they had moved to Bell Island during the summer of 1907, none too soon as the final closure of Pilley's Island mine came in 1908. Emma Frances, fondly called Ellie and Nell, being 12 at the time, would later become post-mistress at Bell Island. And, of course, John Thomas would have celebrated his 11th birthday there that summer. Leo Dennihy, their fourth child, was born there in Oct. 1911.

Many families who knew the Dennihy family at Pilley's Island left a few years earlier and were settled and working at Bell Island by 1900. One family, in particular, was that of William Pitts Stone and Frances (Fanny) Donahue. William (Bill) Pitts Stone was born at Fogo on Jan. 26, 1868, and baptized into the Church of England faith. On August 18th, 1895, he married Frances (Fanny) Donahue,

a staunch Roman Catholic, at Little Bay. Fanny was born at Tilt Cove in June 1871. Witnesses at their marriage were William and Cecilia Melee. (Source: Nfld Grand Banks ngb.chebucto.org: Part B: Civil Registration of Marriages for Notre Dame Bay 1891-1901). Frances (Fanny) Donahue (Stone) was the sister of Sarah Donahue (Melee), born at Tilt Cove (1866-1943), and Thomas Melee of St. John's (1861-1941), whose daughter Catherine (Kit) Melee would marry John Thomas Dennihy at Bell Island in November 1919. The Stone residence in 1891 was given as Pilley's Island where their first three sons were born: George Lawrence (1896), Harry Joseph (1897) and John (Jack) Stone (1899). Other families to leave Pilley's Island for Bell Island about the same time were those of Stephen and Mary Blackmore, William and Livinia Spencer, Charles and Salome White, John and Emmeline Dawe, and William and Catherine Conway. (Source: Nfld Census 1921 for Bell Island).

The Stone and Dennihy families knew each other well at Pilley's Island in the 1890s, and most likely earlier at Baie Verte and Tilt Cove. In 1907 William Stone and Daniel Dennihy worked for Dominion Iron and Steel Company, William as a mechanic and Daniel, as a miner, and later foreman. They renewed their friendship and raised their families with the hope of new beginnings and prosperous times ahead. George Stone, age 4, Harry Stone, age 3, and John (Jack) Dennihy, age 4, may very well have played together in their developmental years growing up on Pilley's Island and later, when the Dennihys' moved to Bell Island, the boys renewed their friendship there while attending St. Michael's R.C. Church and School.

When war was declared in August 1914, Jack Dennihy, an electrician, and George Lawrence Stone, a machinist, were both working long hours as seventeen-year-olds with Dominion Iron and Steel Company. Harry Stone, a year younger than his buddies, was employed there as a mechanic. Little did they know then, that they would enlist in the Newfoundland Regiment as #772 Pte. George L. Stone on Dec. 16, 1914, height 5' 8 ½", weight 122 lbs, age 18 years 4 months; #2756 Pte. John Thomas Dennihy, height 5' 7", weight 128 lbs., age 19 years 9 months, (not 18 years 9 months as indicated in his attestation and medical information given at the time); and Harry, as #2755 Pte. Harry Joseph Stone, height 5' 4 ¾", weight 112 ½ lbs., age 18 years 6 months. It is interesting that Harry Stone and Jack Dennihy enlisted together, as their numbers would indicate, Jack behind Harry, at the CLB Armoury, St. John's, on May 15, 1916. Harry was so determined to join the Newfoundland Regiment that he was finally accepted after his third try, being rejected in both August and December 1914 for not meeting the minimum age, height and weight requirements which in August 1914 were: age 19; height 5' 4"; weight 140 lbs; in December 1914, age requirement remained the same at 19, height was reduced to 5' 3" while weight requirement was reduced to 120 lbs. In March 1915, in order to improve enlistment numbers for the war in Europe, requirements for enlistment were further reduced: age was reduced from 19 to 18, height was lowered to 5' 0" and weight was lowered to 112 lbs. When Harry Stone enlisted in May 1916, he barely made the weight requirement. His medical examination profile indicates that, at enlistment, he was 5' 4 ¾" and weighed 112 ½ lbs. Nevertheless, Harry was one, happy, young man now that he was a private in the Newfoundland Regiment. He would train in St. John's with his close friends from Bell Island before heading overseas to the United Kingdom and the war in Europe. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Newfoundland Regiment).

Going to War

Jack Dennihy and Harry Stone were joined by other young men they worked with at Bell Island. Included were Pte. John Thomas Dwyer #2725, age 19 years and 7 months, enlisted May 10th, 1916, Died of Wounds (DOW) Broembeek, October 10th, 1917, service: 1 year, 154 days, remembered at Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Belgium, reference location: X1.J.18; Son of Robert and Jane Dwyer, Bell Island, Conception Bay, Newfoundland, Personal Inscription: REST IN PEACE.

Pte. Samuel Normore #2735, born at Pilley's Island, age 16 years 7 months, joined May 11, 1916, service: 2 years 324 days, Discharged Medically Unfit (DCH MU) 24/03/19. Pte. Wallace Rees #2773, age 19 years 11 months, enlisted May 18th, 1916, service: 2 years 342 days, DCH 24/04/19. Pte. Peter Somerton, #2779, Portugal Cove, age 18 years 1 month, enlisted May 19th, 1916, DOW Mesnieres, France, December 4th, 1917, service: 1 year 210 days; remembered at Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, France, reference location V111.B.2. Son of Richard and Elizabeth Ann Somerton, Bell Island, Conception Bay, Newfoundland. Native of Portugal Cove, Newfoundland. Personal Inscription: FOND PARENTS GRIEVE FOR YET ARE PROUD OF A NOBLE AND DEVOTED SON. (Source: (1) Military Service Files of the First Newfoundland Regiment). (Source: (2) Commonwealth War Graves Commission: cwgc.org).

These soldiers and hundreds of others trained together for two months at St. John's before embarking with Draft #9 on S.S. "Sicilian" for the United Kingdom on the 19th of July, 1916. Before Pte. Dennihy left St. John's, he completed his allotment papers on the 6th of June, 1916, making an allotment of 70 cents of each day's pay of \$1.10 to be paid to his mother, Mary Dennihy, every two weeks for her use commencing on the 21st of July. Having disembarked at England in early August, they were sent to the 2nd Newfoundland Battalion at Ayr, Scotland, for extensive training before being called to serve in a theatre of war in France or Belgium. During their first few days at Ayr, the new recruits would certainly have heard of or were informed about the tragic events which had occurred on July 1st at Beaumont-Hamel, France. The new recruits would not forget their comrades' sacrifice as they prepared for their own battles. That call would come much sooner than anyone had anticipated. On the 11th of October, 1916, just over two months after they had arrived in Europe, the new recruits embarked Southampton, England, to meet up with the British Expeditionary Force in France. Capt. R. H. Tait and 226 other ranks joined up with the First Newfoundland Battalion on Sunday, the 22nd of October, 1916, near Gueudecourt, France. Pte. Jack Dennihy, of "D" Company, Pte. Harry Stone and many of their friends from Bell Island and Portugal Cove were amongst the 226 other ranks. The following day, Brigadier. Gen. D. G. Cayley, C.M.G. Commanding 88th Brigade, inspected the two new drafts of Newfoundland soldiers. (Source: The Royal Nfld Regiment War Diary Sept. 1915-Feb. 1919, p. 18). It must have been quite an overwhelming two days for the young Newfoundland Regiment recruits. It didn't take long for the novice, front line soldiers to experience, first hand, an introduction to warfare that they would not soon forget; for many, impossible to forget, as the realities of life at the front, its physical discomforts and hardships, as well as its emotional and psychological consequences, would take many of them to very dark places in their future lives when they returned to their families in Newfoundland.

As the new year 1917 began, the 1st Newfoundland Battalion marched from Camp en Amienois to Airaines, about 10 kilometers, where they would entrain to Corbie as they prepared to join the rest of the Brigade at the front. On the 16th of January, 1917, the Battalion marched from Corbie to billets in Meaulte. On the 19th of January they were back in the trenches replacing the First Border Regiment of the British Army. They would remain at the front until early February and were relieved by a battalion of the 59th Brigade and transported to Coisy by bus for rest and more training. The War Diary of the Newfoundland Regiment indicates that from February 6th to February 18th, “nothing of military importance was happening. Battalion training daily”. (Source: The Royal Nfld Regiment War Diary, p. 26).

Trench warfare and shelling continued through February, March and into April in northern France at Sailly-Saillisel and Vignacourt with many casualties of wounded and killed Newfoundland Battalion soldiers. From April 5th to April 10th, the Battalion marched to Ivergny a distance of 8 ½ miles, then to Coullemont, a distance of 5 miles and finally to Gouy-en-arts, a march of another 8 ½ miles in preparation for an attack at Monchy-le-Preux on the 14th of April. (Source: The Royal Nfld Regiment War Diary, p. 34).

The following letter was most likely written by Pte. Jack Dennihy of “D” Company at or near Coullemont as the Newfoundland Battalion readied for its engagement at Monchy-le-Preux. Like many other soldiers, they knew they were soon going into battle and took some time to write letters to loved ones at home. For many it would be their final letter. Pte. Joe Vaughan, a friend of Jack's, did not return home after Monchy. For most of the other Newfoundland soldiers who were captured at Monchy-le-Preux on April 14, 1917, it would be long, tormenting months before anxious parents heard from their sons again.

France

April 7, 1917

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that I received your kind and welcome letter of Mar. 9th. I was glad to hear from you and find you all well. You say you have not heard from over a month. I don't know what the trouble is. I have written about every two or three weeks and I also sent some field cards. The last letter I wrote is about a week ago. I have received your last two parcels of tobacco. I had to give it nearly all away. Joe Vaughan from Leslie Street is a friend of mine, he is a fine chap. Lynard Burke went away sick about two months ago. I haven't heard from him since. I haven't wrote to Sr. Bridget yet. I must try to get a letter off soon. We were to confession and Holy Communion yesterday morning. Father Nangle is still with us, he is quite well. It is to bad about Jim Bennett. I know his people must feel bad about it. We had a hard winter out here. The only thing we never had was heavy snow storms. I suppose ye had lots of them home. Something strange if ye dident. When you are sending a parcel don't send any tea, we have lots of it, and also oxo, anything else will do. When ye adress a letter, put

1st Newfoundland Regt.

D. Company

B.E.F.

France

That is sufficient. Don't put Division. I have not any more news to tell you. Remember me to all friends, Father, Ellie, George and Leo. I remain your loving son

Jack Dennihy

(Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci)

Pte. Jack Dennihy referenced his friends Joe Vaughan, Leonard Burke and Jim Bennett. These young Newfoundland comrades were friends he met during his time in the Regiment. Joseph (Joe) Patrick Vaughan, #800, lived on Leslie Street, St. John's. He declared that he was 19 years of age at enlistment but was actually 17. The Newfoundland Regiment requested and received permission from Joe's parents, Henry and Ellen Vaughan, to enlist in the Regiment. Joe was of average height at 5' 6" and weighed 120 lbs. He worked as an office clerk. He enlisted at the CLB Armoury, St. John's, on December 23rd, 1914, and embarked S.S. "Dominion" five weeks later on February 3rd, 1915. He was admitted to 26 CCS (Casualty Clearing Station) with Frostbite on December 1st, 1915 and later transferred to England where he was admitted to the 3rd LGH (London General Hospital), Wandsworth, on January 3rd, 1916. Pte. Vaughan rejoined his battalion on June 20th as they prepared for their battle at Beaumont-Hamel. He was wounded in action at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1st, 1916, suffering from gunshot wounds to both legs. He was transferred to England on July 4th and admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth on July 5th. Pte. Vaughan was discharged from hospital on Sept. 12th, 1916. He once again embarked Southampton to rejoin his unit on February 14, 1917. On April 14th, 1917 at Monchy-le-Preux, Pte. Joe Vaughan was missing in action and presumed killed in action. He served 2 years 113 days with the Royal Nfld Regiment. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Nfld Regiment, #800 Pte. Joseph (Joe) Vaughan). He was 20 years of age and is commemorated at the Beaumont-Hamel (Newfoundland) Memorial, France. (Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission: Beaumont Hamel).

L/Cpl. Leonard Patrick Burke, #2759, lived at 126 Military Road, St. John's. Leonard was 22 years and 4 months when he enlisted, 5' 9" in height and weighed 125 lbs. He was employed as a clerk in a drug store. Leonard enlisted at the CLB Armoury, St. John's, the day after Jack Dennihy on the 16th of May, 1916. Jack Dennihy and Leonard Burke trained at St. John's together and went overseas on the S.S. "Sicilian" in July 1916. They trained together at Ayr, Scotland, and became good friends throughout their time in the Newfoundland Regiment. Jack, Leonard and Harry Stone were together as friends from the time they enlisted at St. John's. Leonard was admitted to 38 CCS (Casualty Clearing Station) with diphtheria on the 23rd of February, 1917. He was transferred to England a month later and admitted to the 3rd LGH (London General Hospital), Wandsworth on the 24th of March, 1917. After his recovery, he rejoined the Battalion in France where he was wounded in action in the Battle of Cambrai, on the 21st of November, 1917. Leonard suffered gunshot wounds to his face and left eye and was transferred to England and admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, on the 26th of November, 1917. After his second recovery he was returned to Newfoundland where he was discharged medically unfit on the 5th of March, 1918, having served in the Regiment for 1 year 294 days. His parents were Patrick & Alice Burke, 126 Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Newfoundland Regiment, #2759 L/Cpl. Leonard P. Burke).

The third young Newfoundland volunteer mentioned by Pte. Dennihy was #2866 Pte. James (Jim) Bennett of Bell Island. James was 24 years and 8 months when he enlisted at the CLB

Armoury, St. John's, on the 9th of June, 1916. Pte. Bennett embarked St. John's for the United Kingdom on the S.S. "Sicilian", on the 26th of August, 1916. He embarked with the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) on the 30th of November, 1916, and joined the Newfoundland Battalion in the field on the 12th of December, 1916. During his time at the front he was severely wounded on the 1st of March, 1917, and admitted 2/2 London Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) France. The following day, the 2nd of March, 1917, Pte. James Bennett, 1st Battalion Newfoundland Regiment, died of wounds, at 25 years of age. He served 267 days with the Newfoundland Regiment. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Newfoundland Regiment, # 2866 Pte. James (Jim) Bennett). Pte. Bennett was buried at Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France, reference location III. C.18. He was the son of William and Mary Bennett, Bell Island, Conception Bay. The family honoured him with their Personal Inscription at his gravesite: *LORD WHEN THY KINGDOM COMES REMEMBER ME*. (Source: Commonwealth War Graves Commission, #2866 Pte. James Bennett).

Preparations were now underway for the battle at Monchy-le-Preux. The Newfoundland Battalion formed up in Assembly Trench which was dug out by the 2nd Hampshire Regiment during the night of April 13th. The attack commenced during the early morning hours of April 14th. They moved forward and gained ground. By 5:30 am, Monchy-le-Preux was being heavily shelled and the Battalion was subjected to very heavy machine gun fire. By 9 am., although some ground had been taken, "... the enemy in large numbers advanced mostly from the left front. About 500 to 1000 came onto D Company, ... practically surrounding D Company. D Company fought until surrounded at close range (about 50 yards) ...". From that point on many of the Newfoundland Battalion were forced to surrender and became German prisoners of war and taken to prison camps in Germany. (Source: The Royal Nfld Regiment War Diary, pages 36-38.)



POW Pte. John (Jack) Thomas Dennihy
First Newfoundland Regiment, D Company
 (Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci)

The following selected excerpts are taken from the war statement of Cpl. Arthur Jesseau of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, Newfoundland. It is one account of over 50 soldier war statements that were taken down by Captain R.H. Tait concerning the circumstances of their capture at Monchy-le-Preux and their treatment after their capture. It clearly reflects what occurred on that day. As a preamble to Cpl. Jesseau's war statement, the following paragraph from the website of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment indicates the heavy losses incurred that day: (Battle Honour: Arras 1917 - Monchy-le-Preux, April 14, 1917): *“Later that day the Battalion counted its losses. The fatal casualties were exceeded only by the number of those who fell at Beaumont Hamel; and one-quarter of the Newfoundland officers and men who went into action at Monchy-le-Preux became prisoners of war. The Newfoundland losses incurred from April 12 to 15, 1917, based on existing information, total 460 all ranks. Seven officers and 159 other ranks were killed (or died of wounds), seven officers and 134 other ranks were wounded and three officers and 150 men were taken as prisoners of war. Of these 28 died from wounds or other causes while in captivity”.*

Statement of Prisoner of War #249 Cpl. Arthur Jesseau, Woods Island, Bay of Islands.

Place and date of capture: Monchy-le-Preux April 14th, 1917:

Circumstances of capture: I was a sniper attached to Headquarters and during the attack four of us were left together in a shell-hole. We were awaiting orders from Sergt. Hoddinnott who was killed on the way back to hand them over to us. In the big German counter-attack we found ourselves surrounded on all sides by the enemy, and they came right in on top of us, and we were taken prisoners. I was wounded in the back at the time.

Details of life and treatment under capture. We went to Douai for three days, and then on to Fort McDonald for 5 days. I can make the same statements about our treatment there as all the other prisoners of war have made. The treatment was very bad. We were then shifted to Marquion just behind the Germans where we had to work for nine weeks in a refusal camp under our own shell fire. We had no blankets or greatcoats and the weather was bitterly cold. We had to drink our daily portion of watery soup out of any kind of a tin can or vessel that we could pick up. We had a small loaf of bread between four men for a day's ration...

... From here we shifted back for a month to Millenfosse (Millonfosse, northern France) where we worked at building railway sidings. We had a hard time of it here; the officer in charge was very cruel to us and was always finding excuses to punish us for the least thing. Except for the parcels of food, I don't know how we could have stood it. The sentries did not hesitate to use the rifle-butts and bayonets, and even fired upon our party on several occasions when we attempted to pick up raw turnips or cabbages close to the side of the road along which we were marching. Many of the men were knocked and cuffed about. On one occasion when an English soldier failed to stand at “Attention” to a German corporal, he was rushed into “clink” and I saw a German officer and a sergeant-major deliberately punch him with their fists until he was knocked out unconscious. This camp had a very bad name amongst the prisoners of war.” ...

Taken down by: R.H. Tait Capt. Forwarded to D.O.C.: March 20th, 1919.

R.H. Tait Capt., O.C. Discharge Depot (Source: Military Service Files of the First Nfld Regiment, #249 Cpl. Arthur Jesseau).

It was not until the 11th of May, 1917, five weeks after the battle that Jack's parents received a telegram from the office of Newfoundland's Colonial Secretary, the Honourable J.R. Bennett, that their son Pte. John T. Dennihy was missing in action at Monchy-le-Preux on April 14th. Almost 7 weeks later, on the 30th of June, 1917, a second telegram was sent from Mr. J.R. Bennett confirming that their son, Private John T. Dennihy, was a prisoner of war at Dulmen, Westphalia, Germany, where he would remain until November of 1917 when he was again transferred to POW camp numbered 253536 Heilsburg, East Prussia, Germany, until his release in December, 1918.

June 30, 1917.

Mr. Daniel Dennihy

Wabana, Bell Island.

Have pleasure in informing you that Record Office, London, today reports No. 2756 Private John T. Dennihy, prisoner of war at Dulmen, Westphalia, Germany, May twentynine.

**J.R. Bennett
Colonial Secy.**

Letter of response to the Honourable J.R. Bennett, Colonial Secretary, St. John's, from Daniel Dennihy, Wabana, Bell Island, July 2, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your kind message informing me of my son being a prisoner in Germany for which I thank you sincerely. I was also informed by Lieut. L. Murphy who was wounded at Monchy, that my son was attached to Headquarters and was a scout.

Sir, I hope I will not trespass on your valuable time if I ask you for a little information as to sending parcels to prisoners of war in Germany as we hear all kinds of rumors about sending parcels. Hoping to hear from you at your leisure, I remain

*Yours truly
Daniel Dennihy*

The response of the Colonial Secretary to Daniel Dennihy below, explains that German authorities prevented parcels from being sent to individuals who were prisoners of war. The letter further indicates that Newfoundland POWs were regularly given parcels of food and clothing every two weeks by the Newfoundland War Contingent Association and other organizations. The Colonial Secretary did not mention in the letter the reference to Pte. Dennihy being a scout. Generally, a scout was trained in reconnaissance, using a compass, map reading and sketching; a soldier who went out on night patrols with other small groups (sometimes referred to as raiding parties) in advance of the main party to locate the position of the enemy, number of troops, artillery and the like; to get as much detailed information as possible and report back.

Letter to Daniel Dennihy, Wabana, Bell Island, from the office of Colonial Secretary Mr. J.R. Bennett, St. John's, Nfld., July 6, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and in reply beg to say that according to information I have received from the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, London, the German authorities will not permit the sending of parcels by private individuals to Prisoners of War in Germany, except in the case of Officers. The wants of the Newfoundland Prisoners are, however, well looked after by the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, and by other organizations, and I am assured that three parcels of food or clothing are sent fortnightly to each prisoner. Letters can, however, be sent by any person to prisoners of war, but they must be addressed in care of the Newfoundland Pay and Record Office, 58 Victoria St., London, S.W.

Money can also be remitted through the same channel.

Yours faithfully
Colonial Secretary

The following letter from POW Pte. John Dennihy explains to his mother that he was receiving parcels of food and clothing regularly from the Newfoundland War Contingent Association in England. He was quite specific in clarifying to his mother that he would receive 5 or 6 parcels a month and 4 bread parcels from Copenhagen. He wanted to reassure his mother and family that there was no need to worry about him as he was being treated all right by his German captors.

*Kriegsgefangenenlager
Heilsberg, East Prussia, Germany
Dec. 29, 1917*

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know I received your letter written Oct 22nd and one from Father Oct 14th. I received them both today. I was glad to hear from home as it was over a month since I heard. Glad to know ye are all in good health. I had a letter from George Conway and a post card from Har (Harry) Eagan not long ago. They are all well.

Well Mother you can send a little money but send it in small quantities, say \$2.50, that is enough. As for parcels, I know you cannot send any. We get them from the Newfoundland War Contingent Assoc. I get 5 and 6 a month from them and 4 bread parcels from Copenhagen, 5 loaves in each so that helps me along fine and I get treated alwright by the Germans so you have no need to worry about me. I wish the war was over, the sooner the better for us all.

Well, I haven't any news to tell you. Remember me to all my friends if I have any left. I hope you all have spent a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. I must close now, wishing you all a Happy Easter. Give my love to Father, Ellie, George, Leo and a big share for yourself.

*I remain your loving son
John Dennihy*

(Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci)

Jack Dennihy, in a letter to his mother on the 11th of March, 1918, almost a year after his capture and his friend Harry Stone being killed at Monchy-le-Preux, noted he was sorry to learn that Harry had been killed and how difficult a time it must be for Harry's mother. Pte. Harry Joseph Stone, was killed in action on the 23rd of April, 1917, at Monchy-le-Preux; nine days earlier Pte. Jack Dennihy was captured as a prisoner of war. It is interesting that Pte. Dennihy had not heard or was even aware that his friend Harry had been killed until almost a year after it happened. It clearly demonstrates the slow pace of communication to and from prisoner of war camps at that time. Jack also referenced Harry's brother John (Jack) Stone, the youngest of the Stone boys who left Bell Island in 1922 to find employment at Manhattan, New York. Jack Stone and Jack Dennihy would eventually renew their friendship at New York, where they would remain friends until Jack's passing in 1937.

***Heilsberg, Germany
March 11, 1918***

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well, hoping that you are all the same. I had a letter from Nell (Emma) a couple of weeks ago. I did not have one from you or Father for a long time. I am hoping to get one soon. I am getting my parcels regular from the Newfoundland War

Contingent Association. They run about 6 a month from their and I bread parcel a week from Copenhagen. The last letter I wrote I asked you to send some money. I don't know if you have received yet or not. I write every week. I had a letter from John Stone, it was very cheery one. I was sorry to hear poor Harry was killed. I know his mother must feel bad over it.

I suppose I would not know hardly any of the boys now. I know if the war last much longer I will not. Where is Gus Delaney and Ambrose Hickey. Are they still at home. Well I have not anymore to tell you this time. I will write again next week as Sunday is my day for writing. I have the piece of ribbon you sent me last St. Patrick's and today I am wearing it in my cap. I must close now with best wishes to Father, Ellie, George, Leo and yourself.

I remain your son

Jack Dennihy

(Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci)

Jack's letters home continued to be written to his family in April and October of 1918. They were often brief, without much information. Letters were carefully examined by prison authorities before they were released to ensure POWs were not sending secret messages home in family letters.

April 1, 1918

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know I am well. I am receiving parcels regular from the Newfoundland War Contingent Assoc. I wrote a card to Nell last week. I have not had any letter from home for over two weeks. I wrote some time ago for some money. I hope you will soon get it as a few cents will be very handy. I have no more to say for this time, so good (bye) from your son.

Jack Dennihy

(Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci)



Oct. 10, 1918
Heilsberg, Germany

Dear Parents

Just a line to you to let you know I am well, hoping to find you the same. Received a letter from you last week. Glad to know you are all well. I also had a card. I had a photo taken today of myself and a chap named John Gellert. He is an Australian. I will send you one when they are finished. I would like to get one from home, would like to know how ye all are. Well I have no more to say this time, will write again next Sunday.

best of love

I remain your son

Jack Dennihy

(Courtesy: Eileen Bryan Pucci)

Pte. John Gellert, mentioned by Jack in the letter, was a fellow POW he met in a Heilsberg German prison camp. Jack was quite proud that he had his picture taken with the Australian. No. 3772 Pte. J. Gellert was 23 years of age, born in Gisborne, and joined the Australian Imperial Force when he enlisted at Melbourne, Victoria, on the 19th of July, 1915. Before he enlisted Pte. Gellert was a labourer who stood 5' 2 ½", weighed 126 lbs, had blue eyes, flaxen hair, and was orphaned as a boy when he was 8 years of age. He joined the 8th Australian Infantry Battalion and was missing in action on the 11th of April, 1917. He and others of his unit were captured at Reincourt, France, and interned at DulmenCamp, Wesphalia, Germany, 16A, Group111, Barrack

26B, on the 4th of June, 1917. On the 29th of July, he was transferred to Heilsberg, East Prussia, where he met Jack Dennihy. After the war ended, Pte. Gellert was repatriated from Germany and arrived London on the 12th of December, 1918. He was discharged at Victoria, Australia, on the 6th of May, 1919 and returned to civilian life. (Source: National Archives of Australia: John Gellert SERN 3772).

For Dennihy, Gellert and millions of others, the war was finally over. It was a wonderful Christmas present for all soldiers. What better time, than Christmas, to celebrate going home to loved ones and families. Pte. Jack Dennihy was released as a prisoner of war and arrived at Ripon Camp in North Yorkshire, England, on the 9th of December, 1918. The next day he proceeded to Winchester, England, and was posted to the 2nd Battalion H Company.

Jack Dennihy, along with hundreds of other Newfoundland soldiers embarked Liverpool on the 30th of January, 1919, aboard the S.S. "Corsican" heading for St. John's, Nfld., arriving there a week later on the 7th of February, 1919. He was demobilized and returned to civilian life on the 21st of March, almost three years after he enlisted. Pte. Jack Dennihy completed 2 years 311 days of active service with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, of which 576 days were as a Prisoner of War in German prison camps. There are no written records, accounts, or any memoirs of his time as a POW, except from his personal letters home to his family. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Nfld Regiment, #2756 Pte. John T. Dennihy).

After the War

Jack was relieved to be back in St. John's, knowing he would soon be home on Bell Island to see his friends, siblings, and loving parents, all of whom he missed dearly. While in St. John's, Jack met with the Civil Re-Establishment Committee which helped returning soldiers prepare for civil work through its educational programs. Jack decided that he would resume work as an electrician once he was home on Bell Island. More importantly, it was time to celebrate with his comrades in a few downtown bars and attend local dances where they could meet new friends and have a good time. Family rumors had it that this was where he may have met his future wife, Catherine (Kit, Kitty) Melee, of St. John's. Others made the case that they met on Bell Island after Catherine returned from New York and stayed there with her younger sister Sarah and her husband John Kent. Little did John T. Dennihy know then but eight months later he and Catherine would marry at Bell Island on November 27th, 1919, and eight months after that, in July 1920, they would be migrating to Brooklyn, N.Y, to seek promising opportunities and a new life together, far from war, and far from their loved ones at Bell Island and St. John's.

After Jack was demobilized in March of 1919, he returned to Bell Island and his previous job as an electrician with Dominion Iron and Steel Company. Now that he was working and had some security, he had more time to pursue his other interests. One being a young lady he had met by the name of Catherine (Kit, Kitty) Melee. Her birth and baptism were registered at St. Patrick's Church, St. John's: ***"Catharine Milley, born 21 January 1894. Parents: Thomas Milley and Sarah Donagh, Flower Street, St. John's. Baptized 22 January, 1894, by Rev. Edmund Crook. Sponsors: Patrick Kavanagh and Ellen Stapleton. Father's occupation: Labourer."*** (Source: Roman Catholic Church St. Patrick's Baptisms, 1884-1895; page 125 #168. The Rooms Provincial Archives, St. John's.) Catherine was the daughter of Thomas Melee of Southside, St. John's, and Sarah Donahue of Tilt Cove, on the Baie Verte Peninsula, in Notre Dame Bay. Sarah

Donahue was the sister of Fanny (Donahue) Stone and Great-grandmother to Eileen (Bryan) Pucci of Middle Island, N.Y. Thomas and Sarah Melee had 10 children together, five boys and five girls. The boys were William (1890-1962), Michael (1892-1958), Thomas (1897-1916), Phillip (1902-1970) and John (1910). The girls were Mary (Mame) (Hennessey) (1889); Catherine (1894) (Eileen's grandmother); Bridgid (Bride) (McGrath) (1900-1944); Sarah (Sade) (Kent) (1898-1970); and Anna (1905-1940) (Dwyer). (Source: Courtesy Eileen Bryan Pucci). Eileen Pucci continues to maintain communication with her Melee relatives at St. John's.

Sarah and Thomas Melee of 129 Southside Road, St. John's, had 3 sons who enlisted during WW1. The oldest boy, William (1890), enlisted with the First Nfld Regiment on the 20th of February, 1915. Pte. William Melee, #1173, fought at Gallipoli until he became sick with rheumatism and frostbite. He was wounded in action at Beaumont-Hamel on the 1st of July, 1916, and transferred to the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England, on the 3rd of July. He rejoined the Newfoundland Battalion on the 5th of February, 1917. Pte. William Melee was demobilized at Hazley Down Camp, Winchester, on the 5th of March, 1919, having served 4 years and 14 days with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. He arrived in St. John's on the 1st of June, 1919. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Nfld Regiment, #1173 Pte. William Melee).

Their next boy, Thomas, enlisted in the First Nfld Regiment on the 28th of September, 1915. He was reported missing in action at Beaumont Hamel on the 1st of July 1916. Pte. Thomas Melee, #1877, was 19 years of age and served 277 days with the Regiment. He is remembered at Beaumont-Hamel (Newfoundland) Memorial Park, France. (Source: Military Service Files of the First Nfld, #1877 Pte. Thomas Melee). The 3rd brother, Michael Melee (1892), joined the Royal Newfoundland Navy, #1304X. After the war, William and Michael Melee moved to Scotland, where they married and settled.

Eileen (Bryan) Pucci, granddaughter of Jack and Catherine Dennyhy, learned of many conflicting stories about her grandmother, Catherine, when she was a teenager in the 1960s and later when she was nursing in a New York hospital. Catherine left home fairly early in her life, about the age of 17. It is thought that she went to Bell Island where she lived with her younger sister, Sarah, who had married John Kent, a miner, and remained there until she went to Montreal, Canada, in 1914, to seek employment as a domestic. Catherine was a courageous and adventuresome young woman. It would be a fresh start, away from her loved ones, friends, and Newfoundland. Going to Canada was an opportunity to search out new experiences in a different country and to work diligently to become a more confident, independent person capable of making it on her own. Catherine, on leaving St. John's for New York on July 10th, 1920, gave her age as 24, as she had done in other documents, (her actual age was 26, date of birth Jan. 21st, 1894). The S.S. Rosalind arrived Halifax on July 12th. (Source: Manifest list of passengers S.S. Rosalind, passenger #14, p.2). Catherine declared that she had previously been to Canada in 1914, specifically, Montreal, where she had planned to stay for eleven months and work as a domestic. Instead, she remained there for three years which was not uncommon for young Newfoundland women to do at the time. After leaving Montreal in late December or early January 1917, Catherine, now 23, went to New York for the first time where she continued to work as a domestic for 2 ½ years before returning home to St. John's in July 1919.

Upon returning to St. John's in the summer of 1919, Catherine (Kit/Kitty), now 25, may have stayed with her parents briefly before going to stay with her sister Sarah and her husband John Kent on Bell Island. It was speculated that it was either at St. John's or a Bell Island dance that she most likely met her future husband John Thomas Dennihy. However, it would have been at Bell Island where she would first meet John Stone, the youngest of the Stone boys and friend of Jack Dennihy. Catherine was at Bell Island when Jack returned there after he was demobilized at St. John's in March of 1919. Jack's return to Bell Island would certainly have been cause for celebration at the homes of the Dennihy and Stone families. Whatever the facts of their first meeting are may never be known. What is known is that Catherine Melee and Jack Dennihy dated on Bell Island and were married there on Nov. 27th, 1919. They were happily married at St. Michael's R.C. Church, their witnesses being Jack's sister, Emma (Nell) Dennihy, and good friend, John (Jack) Stone, whose friendship would continue in New York. (Source: Nfld Grand Banks: St. John's Marriages 1919-1920, St. John's City District). After living away from Newfoundland for 5 ½ years, it was most likely Catherine who influenced her husband to leave Newfoundland for better work opportunities in New York, a place she knew well and from which she had recently returned.

The newlyweds, Catherine and Jack Dennihy, left Newfoundland for Brooklyn, N.Y., during the summer of 1920, but not together. Jack was the first to go, in June of 1920, followed by Catherine, on July 15th, 1920. It was at Brooklyn in the late 1920's that Jack Dennihy's anxiety, depression, drinking, along with their unsettling consequences, became more agonizing and troubling for the remainder of his life and that of his immediate family and friends.

The S.S. Rosalind of the Red Cross Line sailed from Newfoundland to the port of New York quite often. According to its passenger manifest, John Dennihy, age 24, one of 85 passengers aboard, embarked St. John's on the morning of June 26th, 1920, arriving Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 28th at 6:30 A.M., and landed at 7:00 A.M. His passenger information indicated that he worked as an electrician and that he could read and write. He declared that he had not been to Canada before and was intending to stay in Halifax for a two week visit. For reasons unknown, but possibly connected to knowing war veterans there, the two week visit turned into a five week visit. His wife, Catherine, age 26, soon followed.

The S.S. Rosalind sailed St. John's on the morning of July 10th arriving Halifax, Nova Scotia, on July 12th landing at 9:30 A.M. Catherine Dennihy's passenger manifest indicated that she was a housewife who could read and write and that she was meeting her husband at Halifax. It was not indicated whether the stop at Halifax was for a few hours or an overnight stop. Whether it was for just a few hours or an overnight stay, Catherine and John did get to see each other at Halifax before the ship embarked for the port of New York. Catherine continued on her own and arrived in New York three days later on July 15th, 1920. John would follow three weeks later on August 7th embarking Halifax aboard the S.S. "Rosalind" arriving Ellis Island, New York, on August 12th. (Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Naturalization, Certificate of Arrival No. 2-167596, New York, Aug. 12, 1920, S.S. Rosalind).

Catherine and Jack Dennihy chose Brooklyn, New York, as their preferred place to grow their family as well as increase their opportunities for employment. It was the beginning of the 'Roaring Twenties' in New York and Brooklyn contributed a major part of the massive influx of migrants from many countries, along with new industrial growth adding to the "Boom" of

economic opportunities, development and prosperity. By June of 1925 Catherine and Jack Dennihy had added two daughters and a son to the family. The 1925 Census for Brooklyn indicates they took up residence in an apartment building at 186 Franklin Street. Jack, now 28, worked as a helper on an express truck delivering various cargo in the city of Brooklyn. Catherine, 30, was classified, not as a housewife, but worked cleaning houses or doing "Housework". Their first daughter, Marie, arrived on March 23rd, 1921, followed by Helen, (mother of Eileen Pucci) on April 27th, 1922, and John Jr. on January 4th, 1925. (Source: State of New York, June 12, 1925 Census, King's County, Brooklyn, p.3). No doubt, Jack had been thinking about becoming a citizen of the United States for some time, especially now that all the children had been born in Brooklyn. They, of course, were U.S. Citizens by birth. However, both parents were identified as Alien, being from another country. On April 1st, 1925, Jack declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States of America and to be a permanent resident there.

In his resolve to become a U.S. citizen, he had to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to a foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly to George V, King of Great Britain and Ireland. Further to those conditions, he was required to declare that he was not an anarchist, nor a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy. He signed his statement of intention believing this was the place that would give his children the best opportunities to succeed in life. (Source: Declaration of Intention, April 1, 1925, Brooklyn, N.Y., Court of Brooklyn, #87923). While living at 634 - 11th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., John Thomas Dennihy received his official Certificate of Citizenship on June 7th, 1932. (Source: United States of America, Petition of Citizenship, Eastern District of Brooklyn, N.Y.). After her husband's passing in 1937, Catherine, while living at 136 - 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., applied for and officially became a citizen of the United States on March 7th, 1939.

During the depression years the family had moved to another apartment building at 522 4th Ave, Brooklyn. For those living at the time, particularly in large cities, jobs were quite scarce, life was difficult, and the acquisition of food was often difficult. The 15th Census of the United States was completed in Brooklyn on the 2nd of April, 1930. It showed that John Dennihy and family were paying \$30 monthly for their rental accommodations. John was now working as an oiler at Sheffield Milk Plant while Catherine was taking care of the family at home. Marie (9) and Helen (8) were now going to school, while John Jr. (5) was at home with baby Lorretta who was 7 months old, born September 27, 1929. Baby Loretta died just two months after the census was taken, on June 6, 1930, at 8 months 9 days. (Source: 15th Census of the United States, Borough of Brooklyn, Kings County, New York State, April 2, 1930). Her death certificate indicated that she had died from convulsions, malnutrition, and endocarditis. She was buried at Calvary Cemetery, 49-02 Laurel Hill Blvd., Woodside, NY, 11377. To lose one so young and so loved, as baby Loretta, would have been quite upsetting and devastating for the entire Dennihy family. Daniel (Danny) Dennihy, named after his grandfather, was born November 25th, 1931, followed by Margaret (Peggy) on October 22nd, 1933, both of whom lived into adult life and had families of their own. Patrick Dennihy, the last of the Dennihy children, was born in June 1935 but lived only a day or two. After the depression years the family moved to 258 7th Avenue, Brooklyn. Catherine passed away at Smithtown, New York, in 1976, at the age of 82 and is buried next to her husband John Thomas Dennihy at St. John's Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Amongst all the difficult family moments, there were moments of light, happiness, and laughter. Eileen loved hearing stories from her mother, Helen, and close relatives about her grandparents. They warmed her heart knowing there were many wonderful moments in their lives and that it was not all negative, sad, and depressing. Eileen remembered her grandfather worked as an electrician at Bell Island and, as far as she knew, he never worked in that field after his arrival in the United States. Jack was skilled at anything electrical and built himself a crystal radio sometime in the mid to late 1920s. Eileen remembers being told by her mother that she would lay on the floor, on her stomach, with her aunt and her father listening to that radio. Another time he built a bookcase and drove them crazy as he constantly asked them if the shelves were straight as he put them on. He'd ask, "Is this shelf straight?" And if they answered, "No, Daddy, it's crooked", he'd get up, step back and look for himself and say, "Ah, your arse is crooked", and they would all laugh. Her grandmother, Catherine, had that bookcase for years. Eileen believes one of her cousins has it to this day.

On occasion, when Eileen's mother and aunt had friends over, Jack was always welcoming and friendly. One story told to Eileen, by a childhood friend of her mother and aunt, was that Jack would sit on the windowsill with a broom pretending he was rowing a boat while singing a song.

Eileen learned that her grandfather had many skills and was a creative person who could think outside the box. Her grandfather, being employed as an oiler at Sheffield Milk Plant, worked on large machines which used leather belts to drive the machines. He would bring home the used leather belts, cut the leather from the belts and use it to resole the families' shoes.

At Christmas time they couldn't afford to buy the best tree but would get something they could afford that Jack would fix up. He would get his children (Marie, Helen, and John) to pick up the branches of trees that had fallen on the sidewalk to take home. He would drill holes in the tree trunk where the branches were sparse and fill in the areas with the extra branches. The family always loved and cherished their beautiful Christmas trees.

During the depression years, times were hard for most people. The events of this story took place about 1934 or 1935. Eileen's grandparents had 5 children and were living in a tenement building in the historic Park Slope area of Brooklyn. In an apartment above theirs, lived twin boys about 15 years of age and their widowed mother. The mother was an alcoholic, rarely home, and often left the boys to fend for themselves. It was a difficult family situation. On many occasions her grandfather would set aside a portion of the family dinner and send the supper upstairs for the needy boys.

Jack Dennihy completed 8th-grade education at Bell Island, and Catherine had 4th grade at St. John's. In their married life, she was the one, however, who managed household expenses and ensured there was always food to eat, particularly during the bleak years of the Great Depression. Catherine's early life challenges and experiences contributed significantly to her resilience and gave her the confidence she would need to get her through the more difficult times of her marriage with Jack.

When the children were young, family pictures from the 1920s illustrate happier, fun-filled days. They would spend summer days with their parents at the beach, playing in the sand, running into the water, and having fun. There were other loving moments when their father held them closely

and hugged them. On the lighter side of his complex personality, Jack had a sense of humour and was an avid reader. He often shared his love of reading the classics to Catherine when they sat together in the evening. He would read newspapers to her daily, from beginning to end. Catherine loved the attention and the sound of his voice as he read her the news. On occasion, when she would let him, he would sing his favourite Irish ballad to her, "I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen", as they danced around the dining room table. These were wonderful family moments and happy family times.

Reading newspapers to Catherine was not just for her. Jack was always interested in news events occurring in the US and overseas in Europe, particularly Germany.

Eileen Bryan was the eldest child, born in 1946 to Helen Patricia (Dennihy) and her husband Vincent Bryan, about 9 years after her grandfather's passing in 1937. (Source: Brooklyn Daily Eagle (Brooklyn, New York) Wednesday, 29 Sept., 1937, page 15, Obituary of John T. Dennihy). She and her siblings (Kenneth, Michael, Stephen, Philip, Kathryn, and Joseph) never knew their grandfather and only heard about his debilities when they were well into their teenage years. Her mother Helen, aunts and uncles, described him as a very kind man and a loving, patient, and understanding father.

Now in her mid-seventies, Eileen is still trying to come to grips with who her grandfather was. From memories and stories that she had accumulated from family members, she believes that he was a wonderful man who had acquired Post Traumatic Stress Disorder during his time as a soldier at the front and as a POW. After the war, the traumas of these events were constantly lived by her grandfather as they were by thousands of returning soldiers. As a granddaughter, Eileen often reflected on her grandfather's life, in particular, as well as her grandmother's life, which had its own challenges and traumatic outcomes. Eileen believes it wasn't just personal for her, and surmised that she was just one of many, many, thousands of grandchildren who deeply feel the loss of their grandfathers as well as their struggles to maintain their sanity after the war.

Today, the descendants of WW1 soldiers, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, have that compelling desire to learn more about their grandparents' life experiences. They want to understand and appreciate why things turned out the way they did for their families. Their hope is that the men and women who comprise the armed forces and engage in armed conflicts today get every opportunity to recover from their physical and psychological wounds. They know, only too well, what happened to their grandfathers and believe traumatic events like those experienced can be treated successfully, if they get the necessary medical intervention, care and attention to become functioning members of society. They could begin to enjoy a quality of life with their families, without the pain, suffering, and debilitating effects that consumed and dominated the lives of the soldiers and their families who came before them. Eileen, her family today, and many others with similar stories believe those who serve and who risk their lives daily for their country deserve an unwavering commitment from governments and military leaders to be there for their fathers, mothers, sons and daughters. Families depend on it!

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NICKNAMES OF SOME OF THE GOSSE MEN.
ANSWERS TO LAST ANCESTOR QUIZ

1. Richard Gosse 1782-1863 (Spurs)
 2. William Gosse 1787-1865 (Old Rodney)
 3. Richard Gosse 1784-1863 (Buddle)
 4. Moses Gosse 1824-1893 (Rump)
 5. Stephen Gosse 1831-1906 (Fox)
 6. Bartholomew Gosse 1834-1917 (Batt)
 7. Robert Gosse 1835-1899 (Anti Bob)
 8. Nathaniel Gosse 1839-1886 (Old Vic)
 9. Josiah Gosse 1840-1890 (Big Si)
 10. Stephen Gosse 1840-1909 (Funnners)
 11. William Henry Gosse 1845-1908 (Bill Chook)
 12. Richard Gosse 1846-1906 (Black Dick)
 13. William Gosse 1846-1904 (Ballou)
 14. Frederick William Gosse 1846-1931 (Wedger)
 15. Horatio Gosse 1848-1927 (Raish)
 16. Joseph Gosse 1852- 1937 (Fiddler Joe)
 17. John Gosse 1859-1942 (Pinhook)
 18. Henry William Gosse 1861-1953 (Fish)
 19. Josiah Gosse 1871-1938 (Long Josiah)
 20. William Gosse 1874-1964 (Punk)
 21. Solomon Gosse 1879-1955 (Coppercock)
 22. Albert Gosse 1881-1957 (Mudhatchet)
 23. Samuel Gosse 1894 -1959 (Scrump)
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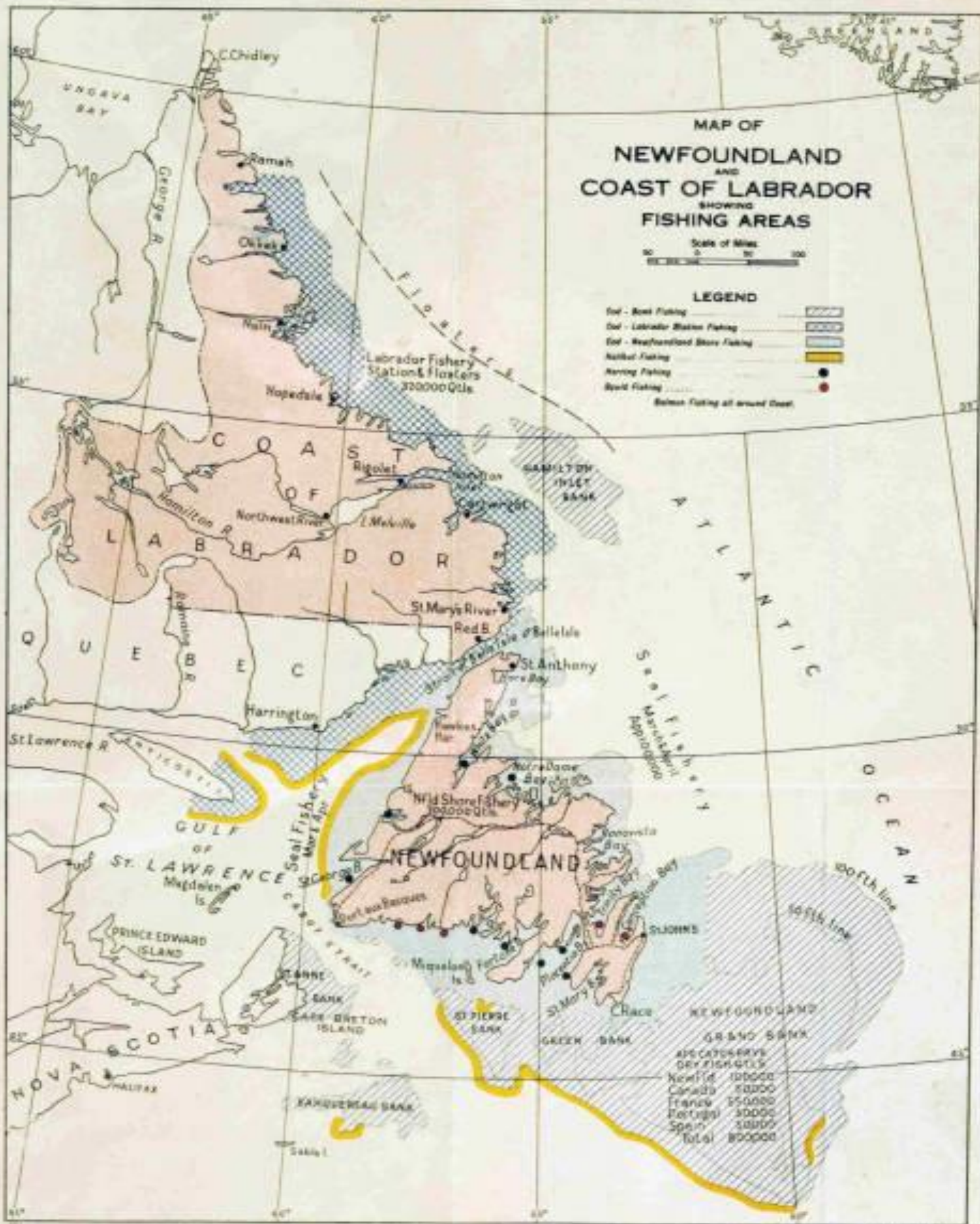
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