

### The Regatta at Harbor Grace

In 1859 a challenge race took place in the port of Harbor Grace, between a crew selected by Edward L. Oke, Lighthouse keeper at the Island and a qualified pilot, and a crew from a vessel skippered by Captain Walsh, for a prize of \$25. The race was run over a three mile course, from the Point of Beech to a buoy off Long Beach at Riverhead, and return. Mr. Oke's crew consisted of four fishermen from Hr. Grace Island and himself as Coxswain. The race was won by Mr. Oke's crew, consisting of William C. Snow, William J. Snow, Thomas Snow, and Charles Ash. There was much interest throughout the town and also from people outside Harbor Grace. That was the introduction to this wonderful sport - the Harbor Grace Regatta!

The Volunteer Fire Brigade, organized on September 4, 1860, took charge of the Regatta, and on Tuesday, July 22, 1862 the first one took place; and it was continued the next day, Wednesday. The scene was Lady Lake, a magnificent stretch of water on the outskirts of the town. The firemen met at their Engine House in the town at 9 in the morning, and, dressed in full uniform - blue with red facings - and headed by a band, marched to Lady Lake.

At the first Regatta, four whale-boats were used. Their names were: Test, Weasel, Hawk, and Medlock. The race was over a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mile course. The winner was the Test, and the Hawk came in second. The four boats were crewed by members of the Fire Brigade. In the second race, the Weasel and Medlock were rowed by members of the public; the other two boats by the Firemen.

The second race was a challenge for the sum of ten dollars for the first boat to finish; six dollars for the second. The Hawk arrived first, followed closely by the Test. This race created extreme excitement.

The third race consisted of fresh crews of firemen. The prizes were eight dollars for the first to arrive, and four dollars for the next boat. It was won by the Weasel and Hawk respectively. The fourth race was a Juveniles, the prize being a watch and chain for the winners. The Test came in first, followed by the Hawk. The fifth race was a challenge between the Hawk and Makinson's gig, noted for its speed. Makinson won, the boat's name being "Nelly". The last race on Tuesday was between the Test and the Hawk, with crews of fishermen. It was won by the Test.

In concluding this all too brief account of a wonderful event, it may be of interest to many to know that Ambrose Shea, one-time Speaker of the House of Assembly was among the many notables in attendance, while the Regatta of 1865 was honored with the presence of Governor Anthony Musgrave, and suite.

A NEW CEMETERY

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(From the St. John's "Times" of November 19, 1864, as reported in the  
Harbor Grace "Standard"  
November 23.

Wednesday, November 10 - The Bishop, accompanied by Mr. Blackmore,  
the Rural Dean of Conception Bay, went to Harbor Grace, and after morning  
Service in the Church, consecrated the new Cemetery outside the town.  
The day happily was very fine - bright and mild - and a very large number  
of the inhabitants attended the Service. The members of the British  
Society led the procession from the Church to the Cemetery, and were  
followed by the Rural Dean, and the Rector of Harbor Grace (the Rev.  
Mr. Jones) and the Bishop in their robes; the Church wardens, Choir,  
and parishioners in the rear. It was calculated that a thousand persons  
were present and joined the procession. In walking the bounds of the  
Cemetery, the Psalms were chanted, alternated by the Bishop and Choir  
of the Church. A tent was placed in the center of the ground, at which  
the usual prayers were said by the Bishop, and the sentence of Consecration  
read by the Rural Dean. The behavior of all present was orderly and  
reverent. The Bishop read a short address, insisting, among other things,  
on the great need of a Chapel (in consideration of the distance of the  
Cemetery from the Parish Church) for the due performance of the Order of  
Burial. The procession returned with the Bishop and clergy from the  
Cemetery, to the Church. In the evening the Bishop and Rural Dean were  
forwarded to Carbonear.

(The Rev. Mr. Taylor was the resident Missionary at Brigus, the first  
port of call of the Bishop in his visit to Conception and Trinity Bays.)

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Appointment

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to  
appoint the Rev. R.H. Taylor and Mr. James Tarrahan to be Com-  
missioners of the Commercial School at Brigus.

-- Hr. Grace "Standard",  
November 9, 1864.

Editorial, Harbor Grace STANDARD, November 1, 1873.

Monday next, the 3rd of November, is the day appointed for the nomination of candidates for the honors of Legislation in our House of Assembly. The contest will be a keen one, as so many of our prominent politicians are arranged on both sides. What the ultimate fate of the different aspirants may be, another short week will determine. We know of no new names to be added to the list of candidates as before published, with the exception of Alexander A. Parsons, Esq., one of the Editors of the Harbor Grace STAR, who has determined to contest this district with the Hon. Mr. Carter and W.O. Wood, Esq.

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Requisition

Alexander A. Parsons, Esq.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned Anti-Confederates of the District of Harbor Grace, knowing you to be a good Anti, and a supporter of the present Government, request that you will allow yourself to be put in nomination at the next General Election, and we pledge ourselves to use all our influence to return you as Representative for the District of Harbor Grace.

We are, Sir,  
Yours respectfully,

John Squires  
William Butt, Sr.  
Charles Taylor  
Michael Fitzgerald  
Ambrose Parsons  
Richard Fleming  
Patrick McGrath  
William Wells  
James Bolger  
William Butt, Jr.  
Daniel Fitzgerald  
George F. Barnes  
John Lynch  
Thomas Strapp  
Abraham Northcote  
Michael Hickey

Edward Vass  
Garrett Wall  
Patrick Ronan  
John Barry  
Tobias Parsons  
Patrick Prendergast  
Maurice Connell  
John Farrell  
David Goff  
Maurice Murphy  
Michael Jones  
Joseph Butt  
William Spencer  
Augustus Taylor  
John C. Parsons

and others too numerous to mention.

November 1, 1873

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Extract from his letter of Acceptance:

"It is scarcely necessary for me to say that I am diametrically opposed to Confederation, and shall never consent to that measure, unless demanded by the unanimous voice of the people. I am of opinion that, in view of the general prosperity of the country, it would be highly detrimental to our interests to allow ourselves to be forced into union with a country from which we have nothing to gain, but a great deal to lose. If you want a proof, look to unhappy Poland! that speaking monument of "legitimate robbery"."

-- Alexander A. Parsons

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Exports of oils from St. John's and Harbor Grace, for the year 1875, were: From St. John's, 65 tons seal and cod oil; from Harbor Grace: 230 tons seal and cod-liver oil, and 15½ tons cod oil.

--House of Assembly, April 6, 1876.

(Reported in the Harbor Grace STANDARD, April 22.)

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A Visit to Victoria Street School, May 4, 1876.

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Dear Sir,

Having heard a good deal said as to the Superior Excellence of the Nova Scotian or Normal system of education which is carried on in this school at Harbor Grace under the charge of Miss Archibald - a trained teacher of the Normal College, Truro, I took advantage of a recent visit to Harbor Grace to go to see the working of this System, accompanied by a friend - one of the founders of this school, and one who is very zealous in the teaching of the young. We entered the school about 11 a.m., and were courteously received by Miss Archibald. Our presence caused not the least commotion among the pupils. . . .

-- A Visitor

Harbor Grace STANDARD, May 6, 1876.

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Bishop Edward Field (sic) of the Anglican Diocese of Newfoundland, whose death has been recently announced, was a man of great originality of character as well as of unsparing devotion to Christian work. It was his habit to make his diocese in a schooner, which had been presented to him by a friend. This episcopal vessel cruised yearly along 1200 miles of coast, the bishop often taking the helm, or pulling an oar, when he ran into little creeks and inlets. He had gathered about him in his diocese a company of clergymen who shared largely his spirit. So thoroughly had he trained himself to self-denial, that he hardly felt it. "What does Mr. -- want of an outfit?" he once asked. "I really don't know what an outfit means; I can only say, I had none. I bought a new portmanteau because my former one was a very bad one, and a few pairs of socks because my others were worn out." The Bishop lived to the ripe age of 75, and had held his episcopal office 22 years.

-- Harper's Weekly

(Harbor Grace STANDARD, May 26, 1876)

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During the past few days (the wind being favorable), several of our Labrador fishing fleet have arrived home - amongst them our old friends Captain S. Gordon and Captain John Strapp. The latter, we are pleased to notice, has succeeded in bringing safely into port the three masted vessel "Pet", which as noticed last week, grounded in Brig Harbor in September. The familiar faces of Captains Patrick Kelly, Thomas Green, H. Thomey, T. Fitzgerald, Mark and Azariah Alcock, and others too numerous to mention, once more appear among their friends.

--STANDARD, November 4, 1876.

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#### NOTICE

A Fancy Fair will be held about the end of the present year for the purpose of liquidating the debt on Christ Church, Harbor Grace.

--J. W. Crane, Secretary

STANDARD, January 12, 1877.

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Fancy Fair  
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The Ladies of Christ Church Congregation intend holding a Fancy Fair about the latter part of next November.

The proceeds of the Fancy Fair are to be applied to liquidating the debt on Christ Church.

Contributions of money and articles are earnestly requested, and may be sent to any of the undermentioned Ladies:-

Mrs. S.S. Andrews	Mrs. Henry Davis
" Joseph Godden	" J.W. Crane
" Azariah Alcock	" William Tapp
" Joseph Russell	" Captain Gordon
" Captain Elliott	" N. Sheppard
" H. Hiscock	" Samuel Lilly
" Josiah Parsons	" Reuben Sparks
" William Godden	" George Sheppard
" George Barnes	" M. Sheppard
" Thomas Hawkins	" William Sparks
" John Tapp	" Henry Alcock
" James Davis	" Fred Martin
" William Andrews	" Silas Rogers
" George Barnes	" John Sparks

January 20, 1877

-- STANDARD

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Died

On Saturday, the 27th ult., after a short illness, Captain Samuel Gordon, in the 64th year of his age.

February 3, 1877

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Why does not a dentist pay Harbor Grace a visit occasionally? is a question which more than once has been put - sometimes perhaps wrung from some fair one suffering from toothache, unwilling nevertheless, to part with her dentals. We do not know. One would imagine that the experiment would be a paying one. Perhaps Doctor Burnett or Doctor Burns may feel inclined to take a run over bye-and-bye.

-- STANDARD, March 17, 1877.

Dentistry

Charles A. Moody, L.D.S., D.D.S., Fellow of the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, and Member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Canada - Surgeon Dentist.

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Dr. Moody begs to inform the citizens of Harbor Grace and vicinity that he has established his office in the house on Water Street, occupied by Mrs. William Hanrahan, and is now prepared, for a few weeks, to give his attention to the different branches pertaining to his profession.

Early engagements requested.

May 19, 1877

--STANDARD

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Dentistry

As Dr. Moody, Surgeon Dentist, will end his stay in Harbor Grace on the 15th July, parties desirous of availing themselves of his services, will see the necessity of so doing at once.

Teethe extracted without lancing. Teeth with the nerve exposed, treated and preserved for years. Broken sets of teeth renewed on a new system.

June 30, 1877

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NOTICE

T. L. Hallett, Dentist, will remain in Harbor Grace for a fortnight or 3 weeks at the residence of Mrs. Gordon.

July 5, 1879.

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DENTISTRY

Dr. Burnette will arrive in Harbor Grace on July 12, 1879, and will remain one week. Residence - Mrs. Capt. George Brown's, St. John's.

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FOOTNOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, the reference to happenings since 1870, have been borrowed from the STANDARD, a weekly, printed and published at Harbor Grace.

ANNUAL REPORT

St. Vincent - De- Paul Society, for the Year 1877

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Excerpt: 74 families, representing 310 persons, were visited during the year, and the amount distributed in our door relief and work done in the Net Factory, reached the sum of 110 pounds, 19 shillings and 10 pence.

The Society would again thank the public for their liberal contributions towards the funds, and will endeavor to distribute the means entrusted them in relieving only the deserving poor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.T. Drysdale, Pres.

John Cody, Secretary.

The Treasurer was Thomas Strapp.

Harbor Grace, November 25, 1877.

The following is a partial list of Subscriptions:

	Pounds
Apsey, John F. . . . .	0 - 10 - 0
Allan, Selby G.	0 - 10 - 0
Allan, Dr. William M.	0 - 5 - 0
Bennett, Thomas R. (Judge)	1 - 0 - 0
Bemister, John (Sheriff) . . .	1 - 0 - 0
Bailey, Captain Henry	0 - 10 - 0
Brien, Captain Michael	0 - 10 - 0
Brown, Captain James	0 - 5 - 0
Barry, Captain John . . .	0 - 5 - 0
Carfagnini, Most Rev. Dr.	3 - 12 - 0
Cody, John (Water St. )	0 - 5 - 0
Connell, Mrs. Maurice	1 - 0 - 0
Devereaux, Patrick . . .	0 - 10 - 0
Devereaux, Mrs. Patrick	0 - 10 - 0
Dove, Rev. James	0 - 5 - 0
Drysdale, A.T.	0 - 10 - 0
Drysdale. Mrs. A.T.	0 - 5 - 0
Drysdale, Miss Anastasia	0 - 5 - 0
Drysdale, Miss Janet	0 - 6 - 0
Dunn, Captain John	0 - 10 - 0
Dwyer, Peter (Riverhead)	1 - 0 - 0
Emerson, Lewis W.	1 - 0 - 0
Emerson, George H.	0 - 10 - 0
Falconio, Very Rev. D.	1 - 0 - 0

St. Vincent - De - Paul Contributions

	Pounds
Fitzgerald, Henry J. . . . .	0 - 7 - 6
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Captain Nich.	0 - 5 - 2
Fleming, Richard	0 - 5 - 0
Flynn, M.J.	0 - 5 - 0
Ford, William M.	0 - 5 - 0
Godden, Rev. John (Southside) . . . .	0 - 12 - 6
Godden, Joseph, M.H.A.	0 - 10 - 0
Gordon, Late Capt. Samuel	0 - 10 - 0
Graham, Joseph (Cooper) . . . .	1 - 0 - 0
Green, Captain Thomas	1 - 0 - 0
Hayden, Captain Timothy	0 - 10 - 0
Hayden, Mrs. Capt. Timothy	0 - 10 - 0
Hennessey, Captain John	1 - 0 - 0
Hennessey, Captain William . . . .	1 - 0 - 0
Hogan, John	0 - 5 - 0
Hogan, Mrs. John	0 - 5 - 0
Hanrahan, Captain Nicholas	0 - 5 - 0
Hippisley, James	1 - 0 - 0
Innott, Joseph . . . .	0 - 5 - 0
Jillard Brothers	1 - 10 - 0
Jarvis, James	0 - 7 - 6
Jones, Michael	0 - 5 - 0
Keefe, Captain James L.	1 - 0 - 0
Keefe, Captain Michael	0 - 10 - 0
Keefe, Captain John	0 - 5 - 0
Keefe, Late Mrs. Bridget (Hgtel)	0 - 5 - 0
Kennedy, Charles L. . . . .	0 - 10 - 0
Kennedy, Mrs. Charles L.	0 - 5 - 0
Lynch, Captain Thomas	1 - 0 - 0
Lynch, John (M.W.W.)	0 - 7 - 6
Lynch, Mrs. John (M.W.W.) . . . .	0 - 5 - 0
Lahey, Robert	0 - 5 - 0
Lynch, Mrs. Captain Thomas	0 - 5 - 0
McInnes, Rev. D.	0 - 10 - 0
McKinnon, Murdock . . . .	0 - 12 - 6
McRae, Roderick	0 - 5 - 0
Mackinson, Mrs. George	0 - 5 - 0
Martin, George . . . .	0 - 5 - 0
Mitchell, Mrs. John	0 - 5 - 0
Moore, Mrs. Henry	0 - 5 - 0
Morris, John S.	0 - 5 - 0
McCarthy, Simon	0 - 6 - 0
Murphy, Mrs. John (Bannerman St. )	0 - 5 - 6
Munn, John & Co.	5 - 5 - 0
Munn, J.F.	0 - 10 - 0
Munn, James	0 - 7 - 6

St. Vincent - De - Paul Contributions

	Pounds
Noel, Rev. J. M. . . . .	0 - 8 - 0
Nicholas, William (Barber)	0 - 2 - 6
Oke, Mrs. Austin	0 - 5 - 0
Oke, Mrs. Edward	0 - 1 - 6
O'Neil, Mrs. Captain Denis	0 - 5 - 0
Paterson & Foster . . . . .	1 - 5 - 0
Parsons, James & B. & Co.	1 - 0 - 0
Pumphrey, Captain John (Late)	0 - 10 - 0
Parsons, Mrs. Ebenezer	0 - 7 - 6
Prendergast, James L.	0 - 10 - 0
Pumphrey, Captain Daniel . . . . .	0 - 5 - 0
Pumphrey, Mrs. Captain John	0 - 5 - 0
Pike, Captain George	0 - 5 - 0
Pike, Albert	0 - 5 - 0
Pike, Captain Joshua	0 - 5 - 0
Parsons, Josiah	0 - 5 - 0
Pumphrey, Captain Jeremiah	0 - 2 - 6
Payne, Charles . . . . .	0 - 5 - 0
Quintin, Edward W. & Son	0 - 10 - 0
Richards, John (Cooper)	1 - 0 - 0
Roach, Jeremiah	0 - 6 - 0
Rogers, David	0 - 5 - 0
Ross, C.W. & Co.	1 - 5 - 0
Ross, Reverend Alexander	0 - 5 - 0
Rutherford, Richard	0 - 5 - 0
Rutherford, G. C. & Co. . . . .	0 - 10 - 0
Ryan, Edward (Cooper)	0 - 2 - 6
Scully, Michael	0 - 5 - 0
Smart, Captain Martin	1 - 0 - 0
Squires, John	0 - 5 - 0
Squarey, Mrs. Robert	0 - 5 - 0
Smith, William	0 - 5 - 0
Stratie, John	0 - 5 - 0
Stephenson, John (Ship Head)	0 - 5 - 0
Stephenson, John	0 - 5 - 0
Strapp, Thomas	1 - 0 - 0
Strapp, Captain John	2 - 0 - 0
Thomey, Captain Arthur . . . . .	0 - 15 - 0
Thomey, Captain Henry, Sr.	0 - 10 - 0
Thompson, W.H.	0 - 10 - 0
Tapp, William	0 - 10 - 0
Taylor, E.W.	0 - 7 - 6
Taylor, Peter	0 - 6 - 0
Trapnell, Hugh W. (C.P.)	0 - 12 - 3
Thompson, William	0 - 5 - 0
Thomey, Mrs. Captain Henry	0 - 5 - 0
Thomey, Mrs. Capt. Henry W.	0 - 5 - 0