

She Is Oldest British Colony

Newfoundland's Pride in Seniority Permanent Bar to Union With Canada.

DATES BACK TO 17TH CENTURY

Was a Full-Fledged British Colony With a Governor When Canada Was New France—Position Is Important Geographically.

Washington.—Renewed discussion by the neighbors of the United States to the north of the desirability of Newfoundland's becoming a part of the Dominion of Canada raises a point upon which probably many Americans are hazy—that there are two distinct British realms, not one, in the portion of North America above the Canadian border. Newfoundland and its relations to Canada are brought out in the following bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Sentiment plays its part in history and historic geography," says the bulletin, "and the fact that Newfoundland has insisted on standing alone while all the other British possessions of North America have united to form the Dominion of Canada is probably partly due to the pride that Newfoundlanders have always had in being able to boast that theirs is 'the senior British colony'—the first of the children of the motherland to make its home beyond the seas.

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"Newfoundland had its settlements as early as the Seventeenth century. It was a full-fledged British colony with a governor when Canada was New France. South Africa was in the hands of the Dutch, and not a single white settler had landed in Australia.

"Newfoundland has a geographical position of great importance, for it largely blocks the broad gulf into which the St. Lawrence river widens, and which forms Canada's front door, from Europe. Moreover, Newfoundland is the closest part of North America to the British Isles, being only 1,640 miles from Ireland. It is natural that the first trans-Atlantic cable should have been laid to the shores of Newfoundland in 1858 and that out of the 17 cables now crossing the North Atlantic 11 first touch American soil either on Newfoundland or its neighboring islands. And when in 1919 airplanes finally conquered the Atlantic it was from Newfoundland that both the American and the British machines took off.

"Newfoundland has an area of more than 42,000 square miles and is therefore practically half the size of Great Britain. Excepting only Cuba, which barely exceeds it in size, it is the largest island of the western hemisphere outside polar waters. With its cliffs of brown stone rising 200 to 300 feet, broken here and there by deep fjords and bays, Newfoundland has a bleak and barren appearance which belies conditions in many parts of the

rolling, timbered interior. Along a number of the streams are fertile valleys in which agriculture and stock-raising flourish.

400 Years of Fishing.

In late years mining, stock raising, the manufacture of wood-pulp and newspaper, and a number of other industries have been developed in Newfoundland, but throughout its more than 400 years of history the central story of the island might be told in one word—fish. Boston and Massachusetts have felt deeply indebted to their 'sacred cod,' but after all, that important creature came from the Newfoundland banks; and however valuable it has been to New England, it has meant much more to Newfoundland and through Newfoundland to Great Britain.

"A good case even could be made for the cod as a claimant, for a place on the British coat-of-arms, for that lowly fish in a way laid the foundation of the world-wide British empire. Before the discovery of Newfoundland Britishers were of little importance as seafarers. The great

wealth of codfish which John Cabot's finding of the island disclosed immediately drew the men of the British Isles out of their insularity.

"The next year after the discovery—1498—a fleet of Devon fishermen crossed the Atlantic and returned laden with fish, and from that time on for centuries the annual crossing and recrossing of the Atlantic took place. The British king looked upon the voyages of thousands of men to and from Newfoundland as the best kind of training for seamen, and deliberately discouraged the settlement of the island in order to perpetuate the fishing from a British base. Great Britain quickly became a seafaring nation; the navy grew, and with its growth the British empire spread.

traders did not know that. Did he dare tackle five of them? "Don't weaken!" said his courage. He fired two shots. The trespassers fled.

It was from his timber claim that he first saw upon the adjacent desert the broad white streaks that later were to make his first fortune. His borax discovery meant little if "you weakened." There was but little demand for it and the price was high. About 600 tons a year was used, he recalls.

News of his discovery caused a terrific slump in value. His associates quit.

"Don't weaken!" said his courage, Smith stuck. He accumulated a fortune of some \$25,000,000, but only after he had lone-handedly packed borax out of the desert and created a big market for it.

Then, with a large income to invest, Smith became interested in a fast ferry system between San Francisco and Oakland which, it is held, practically made the city of Oakland. Huge expenditures were involved and the railroad competition came. At the age of sixty-five he had developed cities, but lost his fortune and plunged into debt.

"Don't weaken!" said his courage. He saw his borax holdings sold to pay loans. But also he recalled that many years back he had been one of the company interested in a silver claim that, to all appearances, would not produce. Smith had thought differently and put in \$100,000, taking stock in payment. This he had turned over to his wife just before the crash came. And now in his extremity, the mine was coming to his rescue.

"Stakes All—Wins.

He at once went after borax deposits in the Seales lake region, secured leases after a hard fight in Washington, and made the mine pay for his initial equipment. If it failed the mine was lost—and there was some reason to believe that it might. Just then came word that three prospectors had found a borax mine in Nevada, near the Grand Canyon. He rode 80 miles on horseback into the desert to get there. He didn't have time to appraise the property, for competitors were in the field. He had to act at once and only upon his judgment.

"Don't weaken!" said his courage. He closed the deal for a quarter of a million. And he was seventy-three. If he judged wrong his last card was gone. He took the mine while astonished rivals looked on.

Today the firm announces that there is \$24,000,000 worth of borax in sight there.

So he has no cause to regret his slogan: "Courage is the thing! What is age? Don't weaken."

Is Broke at 65; Now Rich Again

"Borax" Smith's Courage Helps Him in Winning a Second Fortune.

"DON'T WEAKEN," HIS MOTTO

Now, at Age of Seventy-Three, He Is Master of Another Fortune of Several Millions—Fighting Philosophy Adopted in Youth.

San Francisco.—His life slogan had been: "Don't weaken! What is age? Courage is the thing! Refuse to be beaten!"

So when, at the age of sixty-five, Francis M. ("Borax") Smith found that his \$20,000,000 fortune was gone and that he was not only "broke" but in debt to the tune of several millions, he didn't contemplate suicide. Nor did he quit.

Today, at the age of seventy-three, he is master of another fortune of several millions and fighting with both fists to regain his lost title of "Borax King." And if he runs true to form he's likely to get it.

An accident, occurring when he was twenty-eight, caused "Borax" Smith to adopt his fighting philosophy. He had purchased a small timber claim in Nevada and taken contract to supply with fuel a Nevada mine. One day he returned to find four Mexicans and an Indian, all armed, cutting down his wood. Smith had but four cartridges and a rifle. But, thought he, the in-

New Houses Wired for Radio Service

The popularity of the radio telephone was reflected in an advertisement appearing in Philadelphia newspapers in which a builder announced that \$1,000,000 worth of houses he is building "will be wired for radio telephone service."

"This will add greatly to the enjoyment of these new homes," the announcement concluded.

Recent Happenings in Nebraska Given in Brief Items For Busy Readers.

The amount of war finance loans to agricultural and live stock interests in Nebraska has exceeded the \$14,000,000 mark, according to the report of F. W. Thomas, regional chairman of the War Finance committee in Nebraska.

Mrs. Elton Palmer and Mrs. Joseph McGuire had a narrow escape from death when their car, which Mrs. McGuire was driving, backed down a steep grade and turned turtle over a twelve-foot embankment near Broken Bow.

At the school election at Benkelman, a proposal to increase the school tax levy 8 mills passed by a large majority. A proposal to permit Sunday baseball won by four ballots, 152 being cast against it and 156 for it.

The Valparaiso home talent play, "The Old New Hampshire Home" was presented to two well filled houses and more than one hundred dollars cleared to add to the Methodist Episcopal aid society fund.

The acute shortage of houses in York has prompted thirty-five business men to organize a home builders association. Approximately \$200,000 will be available for the construction of new homes.

Miss Edith Lillian Dulin, of Wayne, has been chosen by the Women's American Baptist Mission Society for missionary work in South China, and expects to sail soon to take up her work.

Corn and alfalfa, two of Nebraska's principal crops, proved to be the most economical ration for cattle feeding on a 100-pound basis of gain, it was determined at the close of the University of Nebraska agricultural college.

Assistant County Attorney Charles Kubat of Douglas county gesticulated so vigorously in his prosecution in district court of Sebastian Garelco for a liquor law violation that his right arm was dislocated.

Tom W. Lanigan, Greeley, has filed as democratic nominee for congress in the Sixth district. Moses P. Kincaid is the republican nominee in that district and Charles W. Deas third party nominee.

Two young men, apparently not over 21, were captured at Wameeta by Deputy Sheriff M. M. Drumsdale and John Oliver and were held in connection with the robbery of a bank at Wheeler, Kan.

More than 300 school teachers are expected at Pawnee City during the spring tri-county teachers' institute which includes the schools of Johnson, Nemaha and Pawnee counties.

A fourth of July celebration will be held at Bloomfield under the auspices of Ray Lamb post of the American Legion, the first celebration of this kind in that place in eight years.

Heavy taxes have led taxpayers of Knox county to discuss the organization of a league to fight for a reduction on the levy. A meeting will be called soon to discuss the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curtis of Shubert celebrated their golden wedding last week. A family dinner was served, at which all the children of the family were present.

The 7-year-old son of R. E. Britt of Big Spring, was seriously hurt when he attempted to "hook on" a passing auto. He suffered internal injuries and his recovery is doubtful.

High expenses have necessitated the consolidation of several departments in the Bayard high school and the abolition of others. The teaching force has been cut down.

The small son of Theodore DeGroat of Central City suffered serious injuries when he was struck by a car while retrieving a baseball which had gone into the street.

A petition signed by about fifty Beatrice business men asking the city commissioners to reappoint Chief of Police E. M. Dillon has been filed with the city clerk.

Mrs. D. B. Fletcher, teacher in the Lodgepole schools, has filed for county superintendent to oppose Miss Anna McFadden, incumbent for the past eight years.

Carl Braunman, Nebraska City dairyman, has returned from Wisconsin with 15 head of Holstein cows, said to be the finest ever brought into that vicinity.

T. R. Fulton, city editor of the Beatrice Daily Express and a newspaper correspondent of that city, has filed as a republican candidate for state senator from the Sixteenth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Gage and Pawnee.

The Chamber of Commerce at Omaha has decided to add a large number of the business and professional women's league to its membership.

Charles Trimble, secretary, announced that at least 400 horses will be entered in the Ak-Sar-Ben races to be run in Omaha June 3-17.

A report by Secretary Phil F. Bross of the department of finance shows the amount of each levy in each county in Nebraska for 1921. Otter county is lowest with a total levy of 2.20 mills on the dollar valuation. Arthur county, in the grazing region, is highest, with a total levy of 7.35 mills.

An ordinance prohibiting the display of firearms that may be concealed about the person and providing that retail dealers who dispose of them must register each sale has been drawn by City Attorney Van Dusen for Police Commissioner Dunn of Omaha.

NEWS OF STATE TERSELY TOLD

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The Farwell Live Stock Shipping association had a load of hogs averaging 222 pounds which sold for \$10.55, the highest price paid for hogs at the South Omaha market this season with the exception of early in March when choice light hogs made a top of \$10.00.

Hundreds of acres of farm lands that were made valueless by the ravages of the Missouri river years ago in the lowlands of Douglas, Washington and Burr counties are being saved from destruction by reclamation.

Another pest eradication district has been established in Scottsbluff county by the state department of agriculture to be known as the "Scottsbluff eradication district" created for the extermination of pocket gophers.

Receiver A. J. Jorgenson of the Gurley State Bank of Gurley, which failed last summer, has checks made out for all depositors in the bank. The settlement will amount to \$60,000.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cruikshank of Blair, have just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. Mr. Cruikshank is 91, and Mrs. Cruikshank 87. Both were born in Scotland.

Though a 60 per cent vote was necessary, Grand Island citizens voted bonds in the sum of \$200,000 for sanitary sewerage extension and \$100,000 for storm sewerage.

Crows have become a pest in Holt county. The county farm bureau is planning upon uniting in a poisoning campaign to rid them of the nuisance.

At a recent election the citizens of Neligh and Tecumseh voted in favor of Sunday baseball. At Cambridge the proposition was voted down.

An important Bible conference will be held in Omaha Sunday, April 23, under auspices of the Christian and Missionary alliance.

A hail storm passed through Virginia, in Pawnee county. Every pane of glass was broken out of the windows on the west side of the large consolidated high school building.

Cheyenne county will hold a harvest festival in Sidney during October. The plans are to hold it for three days, with baseball in the morning and afternoon of each day.

Over 500 patrons attended the exhibit of school work arranged under direction of Superintendent Copeland at Chappell. The school band and orchestra featured.

The board of education elected W. G. Books of Nebraska City as superintendent of the York schools for a term of three years, at a salary of \$3,500 the first year.

All Fairbury teachers have been re-elected. Eight, however, will not return. Five men on the staff have been here more than three years and will return.

The finance committee of the Wood Lake Community club has raised a road fund of nearly a thousand dollars to be used on the roads this summer.

The Pawnee City high school gymnasium has been converted into a skating rink since the closing of the basketball season.

Miss Lucille George, of Broken Bow, won first place in the dramatic class in the district declamatory contest at Kearney.

The Prague school district has voted \$60,000 bonds for a new modern school building to replace the one that burned last winter.

The Rev. D. S. Honaker of the Presbyterian church at Fullerton has resigned to accept a pastorate at Fairmont.

The date for the state convention of the American Legion has been set for September 18, 19 and 20, to be held at York.

The contract for water works and electric light plant at Wood Lake has been let. Work will start at once.

Two to six inches of snow covered western Nebraska following one of the worst spring storms in years.

The proposition of an \$8,000 athletic park at York was turned down by its citizens by a large majority.

More than 1,000 bushels of corn were contributed by the North Loup vicinity to the Near East relief.

Five hundred students of the rural and city schools took the eighth grade examinations at York.

Several ranch men in the Arnold vicinity are placing ring-necked pheasants on their places.

Farmers living southwest of Plymouth, have organized a stock shipping association.

Ellsworth is already making preparations for a gorgeous celebration of the Fourth.

Aurora has voted against holding any more street carnivals in that place.

A local chapter of the Order of De Moley has been instituted in Sidney.

Seven silver loving cups are among the forty-five golf prizes to be given by Beatrice business houses this season. They are designated as the president's champion, pioneer, tenderfoot, consolation, ladies' championship and ladies' consolation.

When a person contracts a debt, even if it involves illicit booze, the debtor must pay, according to the district court at Norfolk.

Adam Marshall, widely known exhibition wild west rider, was killed at Valentine, when he fell under a Northwestern train.

Farm work is reported three weeks ahead of the usual season in Cheyenne and Deuel counties. The soil is in good condition in spite of the fact that the winter has been extremely dry.

In a recent storm at Lincoln hall-stones of more than ordinary size broke 1,500 panes of glass in a green house at Capitol Beach, a pleasure resort west of Lincoln.

Meeting to protest against school taxes, mothers of Gage county school boards, voted in favor of a motion suggesting a cut of 20 per cent in the salaries of school teachers.



Mrs. W. H. Aois

Council Bluffs, Iowa—"A few years ago after motherhood I could not gain back my strength. I developed quite a severe case of woman's trouble, suffered with bearing pains which would be so severe I would have to lie down. I became so weak that all I wanted to do was lie and rest. It seemed that every spark of vitality had left me. I consulted a doctor and he said nothing but an operation would help me, but I would not consent. I had seen Dr. Pierce's medicine advertised, so at once began taking the 'Favorite Prescription' and the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and it was not long until I noticed my appetite was returning. I could eat, so I knew the medicine was doing me good. I took about twelve bottles and it was well worth it for it completely restored me to health, without the operation."—Mrs. W. H. Aois, 314 S. 19th St.

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The nurses and students at a certain London hospital were rehearsing a Greek play—in English. They were to perform it at a concert in aid of their exchequer.

There was an elderly woman at the rehearsal. She seemed a little mystified.

Eventually she turned to the girl beside her and said in a puzzled voice: "Let me see, dear—Euripides—was he before Venizelos?"

Folks and Flowers.

Mrs. Kawler—Those new neighbors of ours must be rich, judging from the clothes they wear.

Mrs. Wyse.—That's a poor way to judge, my dear. Some of the most gorgeous flowers haven't a scent.—Boston Transcript.

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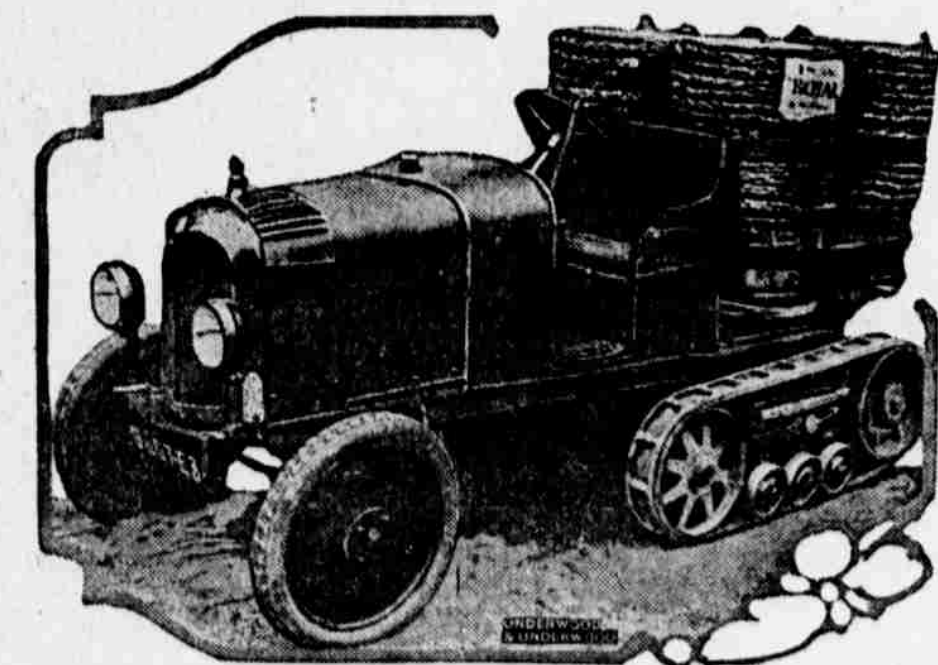
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ROYALTY NOW MUST WORK

Princesses Must Obey Labor Law in Bulgaria.

King's Sisters Are Not Immune, Says the Peasant Premier Stamboulsky—All Women Up to 30 Must Work Ten Days a Year.

Sofia.—Even King Boris' two sisters, the Princesses Eudoxie and Nadejda, will be obliged to contribute their share of work to the Bulgarian state under the new compulsory labor law, which requires all women up to thirty years of age to give at least ten days of their time every year in useful work to the community.

This ruling has been made by the stern peasant premier, Alexander Stamboulsky, the most powerful man in Bulgaria and maker and breaker of kings.

Bulgarian women, said the premier, will be compelled to make garments

and bed linen for hospitals, contribute useful labor to orphanages and asylums, help to care for the poor and so on. Girls under twenty years old will be obliged for a period of three months in each year to study domestic science and the useful arts so that they may become more productive to society and contribute to the common good.

Premier Stamboulsky says that one of the causes of Bulgaria's rapid recovery from the war is the work done for the state by what is called here the volunteer labor army. He estimates the value of this work at 380,000,000 levas (nominally worth about 19 cents each.)

"The volunteer army has been an entire success," said M. Stamboulsky. "It has built roads, streets, waterways, bridges, canals, warehouses, school-houses and sanitary systems. It has drained swamps, tilled the land and planted trees."

The premier pointed out that Bulgaria now has a law prohibiting the

sale of liquor at bars, unless the voters decide they want it. "You see," he said, "we are following somewhat in the path of you Americans in regard to prohibition. Some day Bulgaria may be completely dry."

Indians Taught by Movies.

Mexico City.—The Mexican government is using motion pictures to teach various Indian peoples the art of pottery and basket-making. Most of these tribes have known the art in an extremely crude manner, and the government wishes to teach them modern methods. In view of the great number of illiterates, the pictures are supplemented with lectures.

Man Kills Wife in Mistake for Burglar

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Alleging that he shot and killed his wife when he mistook her for a burglar in their home, J. J. Flannery surrendered to the police. Flannery called to his wife when he entered the house, he said, but she did not answer. He fired his gun at a shadowy form in a doorway and found that he had killed his wife.