

**Hr. Grace History**

**HARBOUR GRACE**—From a Harbour Standard of August, 1889, we take the following items of interest.  
August 8th. Harbour Grace annual Regatta takes place at Lady Lake.

S.S. Vanguard, Capt. Joshua Pike arrives from England after taking to North Shield, a cargo of copper ore from Little Bay. The Vanguard experienced very cold and stormy weather on her way out and made the run in 15 days.

The Shore fishery shows little improvement although the catches to date exceed those of last year.

A cricket match between the Avalon and Alpha Clubs of this town will be played on Monday at Mr. Walsh's field. A team is being made up from the Bay to play a Terra Nova team at St. John's. (What has become of cricket as a sporting event of this day?)

Small quantities of sound struck in at Riverhead. Two schooners took their baiting there.

Presentation made to Mr. D. T. Flewelling, Principal of Brigus Academy of a gold headed cane. Presentation made by Mr. Ernest Barette, names added to the address may be interesting to Brigus readers. Wm. B. Noseworthy, Beatrice Bartlett, Florence Rabbitts, Job Roberts, Marcella Nosewothy, Meggie Scanlan, Ernest P. Bartlett, George W. Bartlett, Bertha Newell, Anna Whelan, Louise Bartlett, William Smith, Annie Rabbitts.

Reformed Church of England at New Harbour, Trinity Bay ad verifies a Sale of Work in aid of a Mission House.

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**December, 1888**  
HR. GRACE—A bald headed eagle was shot at Cape Race this week. It measured seven feet from tip to tip.  
Rigger James Simms of the mercantile firm of John Munn and Co. had narrow escape from death. He fell from the rigging a distance of 49 feet, to the deck, but the fall was broken by his turning over three times before reaching the deck, and he suffered only contusions and shock.

The total eclipse of the sun, which is to occur on New Years Day is attracting considerable attention in scientific circles.

The first week of December brought the first days of real wintery weather here. A layer of snow about two inches is on the ground, December 12th, wind from South East, blowing freely with occasional showers of moist snow.

Several cases of diphtheria made their appearance here in December 1888.

A Christmas Tree is advertised to take place for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the debt on St. Paul's Hall, and contributions in money or goods are solicited by Rev. J. M. Noel, Rector, and A. H. Seymour, Superintendent.

Depositions in the Sellars murder case are being taken at the Penitentiary at St. John's. No information has been given to the authorities.

"The Liquor Traffic", will be subject for consideration in the Methodist Church in this town on Sunday evening.

**Historical Flashbacks**

**Harbour Grace Standard, November 3rd, 1888**  
HARBOUR GRACER. Rev. JOB JONES and Mrs. JONES held "the Bay Metropolis" a meeting was held in St. Paul's Hall and attended by the congregation. Also present the rector, Rev. J. M. Noel, Revs. Ernest Smith, St. Mark and Sanderson. On the following day the ship consecrated a church on North River.

A session of the Supreme Court opened at Harbour Grace on November 2nd, Hon. Able Justice Little presided. Those in attendance at the bar were A. O. Hayward, C. Henry A. Clift, S. O. God, F. J. Scott, G. H. Emerson, E. P. Morris, D. M. Waring.

The H.G.B.F. Co's. schooner reuter, Capt. Neil, landed 24 qts fish aggregating for a season about 2000 qts. She leaves again for the Bankery and takes but six dollars.

The second Holyrood cattle produce fair will be held the 27th at the same place as the former fair was held.

**Oct 26, 1960**

**Historical Records**

**HR. GRACE**—Continuing our historical notes of the past several years, we propose to write for publication in the Daily News dates and events of the past which correspond with those of the current week.

**OCTOBER 22nd to 24th**  
October 22nd: "Flaherty's" first fire; 100 tenements burnt; Estimated loss \$60,000, 1858. Alexander McKay returned "unopposed for Burgeo and La Poile, 1876.

Uncovered stone Catholic Church laid at Kelligrews, 1882.

Fancy Fair held in aid of Church of England Cathedral, completion fund resulted, \$10,000, 1884.

City Club inaugurated, 1883. Church of England Church, Pouch Cove consecrated, 1885.

Capt. Isaac Humphrey died at Harbour Grace, 1886.

First passenger train run from Harbour Grace Junction to Placentia Junction, 1888.

**OCTOBER 23RD**  
Robert J. Pinnent (afterwards Sir Robert) accepted leadership Supreme Court, 1879.

Michael P. Cashin, M.H.A., married 1888.

**OCTOBER 24TH**  
Lieut. Lawry killed in the streets of St. John's while pressing eight men to join his ship "Boston" 1778.

Widow of Lawrence Tobin died at Willess Bay, mother of 14 children, 25 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, 1888.

Maddock's Provision store burns at Carbonara, 1880.

First waifs entered M.I. Cashin, 1898.  
Corporal Downey R.A. blown up at Fort Amherst Battery, 1864.

Christian Brothers Bazaar, opened, 1881.  
First cattle fair at Holyrood, 1868.

Atlantic Hotel bought for Custom House (\$8,500), 1895.

**OCTOBER 25TH**  
Bishop Carfagnini presented on his arrival as Bishop with an address by St. John's Benevolent Society, 1870.

Father Daniel O'Brien preached his first sermon in Newfoundland, 1879.

Brigantine Charles Capt. W. C. Taylor owned by J. B. Barnes and Co., arrived in St. John's from Demerara via Bermuda at which latter port she called to get men to replace six of her crew which had died of yellow fever. The captains wife also died, 1853.

Licenses of 12 city publicans suspended for alleged smuggling, 1896.

**OCTOBER 27TH**  
Man, named Cornelius Newking was killed in a row on the beach, being run through by a cutlass by a man of war sailor, 1778.

Church of England Church consecrated, Bell Island, 1887.

**History Flashbacks**

**OCTOBER—187**  
HARBOUR GRACE—The volunteer fire brigade turned out on Monday night for their usual practice. This brigade is now in a very efficient state.

Loss of the steamer Dauntless—a total wreck in Gamba Run, Bonavista Bay.

S.S. Vanguard, hired to assist the "Minta" in repairing the Gulf cables.

A gigantic cuttle fish on exhibition at the drill shed at St. John's. This monster was driven ashore at Catalina in the great gale—was captured by two fishermen of that place, brought to St. John's, and placed on exhibition. The exhibitors found themselves with \$100 after the show. The cuttle fish was finally purchased by the captain of the Cortes for \$48. A description of the fish given: 8 short arms measuring 11 feet long. Body in the head 9 feet in length 6 ft. 2 inches in circumference the girth of the short arms at the junction with the head is 17 inches, that of the long arms, 5 inches. Span of tail 2 ft. 9 inches. The diameter of the eye socket is a little over 3 inches. This is the largest of its kind ever seen on dry land.

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Exhibition of agricultural products opened in Market House. Best sample of wheat, Jas Coaker; of oats, R. Howley and of potatoes, Peter Cowan, 1853.

Ploughing match in Brazil's Field, 1891.

Daniel Greene went to Southern Shore on a long cart, to visit constituents, 1888.

**OCTOBER 28TH**  
Bishop Fleming consecrated in old chapel near present Star of the Sea Hall by Bishop Scanlan, 1820.

Masonic body presented W.T. Parsons with purse and address on his departure for Canada, 1873.

Fisherman's Hall opened on Queen St., 1861.

Local Option carried in Bay St. George, 1885.

"Wild West Show" election parade, 200 men on horseback, 1893.

Polling Day. Every district contested, 1868.

**Nov 5, 1960**

**Historical Dates**

Public Ledger registered, H. D. Winton, Proprietor 1836.

Newfoundlander registered John Shea, Proprietor 1838.

Ploughing Match at Allendale 1884.

Big meeting of Anti-Confederates at Mechanics Hall 1869.

Phoenix Fire Office, London instructed its agents at St. John's to raise premiums of temporary buildings to eight guineas percent and no risk to be over one thousand pounds, 1846.

Two men found guilty of participating in the death of Lawry, were this day hanged 1794.

**OCTOBER 30th**  
Constables Sage and McKay and a citizen named Kennedy were stabbed while trying to arrest a number of drunken seamen at Hoytestown, 1895.

Nomination of candidates for General Election, 1882.

Redemptorist Fathers arrived on steamer Canina. They were Revis, Frs. Missel, Miller, McInerney, Eausch, Kyns and Kolb, 1882.

**OCTOBER 31st**  
Patriot registered R. J. Parsons, Proprietor 1836.

Edward P. Morris elected for first time for St. John's West, 1888.

Licenses for saloons etc., renewed today. There are on this day 86 saloons within the city housing limits, 1895.

HR. GRACE—Passers by at the west end of the town and down the Road to Hr. Grace south may have noticed a hulk which had lain at the head of the harbour waters for many years. They may have also wondered as to what ship had left its remains there, and today, from a Hr. Grace Standard of October 12th, 1887, we take the following:  
The hull of this derelict ship now lies where it was moored this day week about 200 yards from the shore of the inner harbour. The fire smoldered throughout the entire day. Owing, however, to showers of rain and scarceness of material to consume, towards the early part of the night it became considerably dampened and after a time went out. All that was left was a battered wreck—a blackened hull. The bow and the greater part of the stern remained intact. The fire had burned to the copper sheathing, and left nothing but a thin remnant of the ceiling on the inside.  
The hull was sold by auction on Saturday afternoon and was purchased, together with a chain and anchor by Capt. William Hennessey for Twenty Six Pounds. Captain Hennessey has taken a certain quantity of copper, iron work and wood from the wreck on Wednesday and Friday, the ship's sails, a lot of rigging and other articles were sold to John Munn & Co. The greater part of the gear was saved by persons, who, we believe were paid salvage.  
Not the slightest clue can be traced as to the origin of the fire. None of the crew, it seems were in that part of the hold where the fire broke out. The insurance on the "Bessie Simpson" we understand was very small, being but one thousand pounds covered by an insurance company in the State of Maine.

**NOVEMBER 1st.**  
Three men named Kenny, Costello and Martin burnt to death in a railway tilt near Conception Harbour, 1885.

Part of Harbour Grace Island collapsed, 1885.

British Hall, St. John's first opened 1852.

Judge Philip Little appointed to Supreme Court 1858.

Two girls, Mary Sullivan and Mary Martin, killed by a plank falling from R.C. Cathedral Tower 1870.

Dr. John Harvey began practice 1877.

Rev. J. J. Curling ordained 1874.

Torbay T.A. Society founded 1879.

Healey's dramatic Co? opened in T.A. Hall with "Ticket of Leave Man". It was considered the finest Company to ever come here 1878.

The first load of native coal from Grand Lake 1835.

City of St. John's lighted by electricity. Switches were manipulated at the headquarters of Electric Light Co., by Misses Annie and Emma Pooke, daughters of the manager, 1886.

**NOVEMBER 2nd.**  
Election riots at Harbour Grace 1860.

H.M.S. Niobe collided with a schooner from Hant's Hr., in the Narrows and sank. Crew saved, 1870.

Henry Stabb appointed Captain No. 1 Volunteer Co. 1885.

Ridley & Sons declared insolvent, Hr. Grace, 1870.

John Murphy, Placentia burnt to death in the cuddy of boat at Baine Johnstone's wharf, 1846.

**NOVEMBER 3rd.**  
Free St. Andrew's Church, Duckworth opened 1850.

Phoenix Hall, foot of Long's Hill, burnt 1876.

**NOVEMBER 4th**  
Tomes registered, J. W. McCoubrey, 1838.

Walter Grievie fined by the Court at the instance of the Spanish Consul for speaking disrespectfully of the Queen of Spain.

**NOVEMBER 5th**  
First steamer ever to enter Narrows, H.M.S. Spiffire, 1840.

Steamers Greenland and Iceland purchased by John Munn & Co., Hr. Grace for forty thousand dollars, 1880.

Jackson & Co., first to burn native coal, 1889.

Alfred B. Morine, dismissed by Governor Murray, 1898.

**HR. GRACE** — From Hr. Grace Standards of November 1886, we take these news items and will continue to use these week by week.  
Supreme Court at Harbour Grace with Mr. Justice Little presiding. Reading of the Proclamation by Mr. Adams, clerk of Court in attendance at the Bar: A. O. Hayward Q.C., Henry Clift, W.O. Wood, P. J. Scott, High Carter, G. H. Emerson, J. Angus Clift, James Milley, Donald Morrison and F. D. Lilly. Grand Jury called. Foreman, R.S. Munn.  
Clerical and Missionary Meetings at New Harbour and Grange's Harbour, addresses given by Rev. J. M. Noel and R. H. Taylor.  
Work on the Placentia Branch Railway progressing. Road graded for 4 miles from beyond Hr. Grace Junction and about 800 men employed.  
"Bonnet Hop" in British Hall a great success.  
Lady Glover making bi-weekly trips to St. John's. Bowring Bros. iron steamer Juliet, sent probably off coast of South America.  
Three men, David Kelley, Thomas and Martin Costello, burnt to death in a tilt at Brien's Pond near the Placentia Railway. They had been working at the Railway and left Conception Hr. for their work-intoxicants blamed for the hapless affair as reaching this tilt on the road they made a fire and fell asleep. Bodies discovered by the section man in the morning.  
Married at Twillingate by Rev. G. Bullen. George Stuckless of Twillingate to Mrs. Emma Martin of Hr. Grace.

**HR. GRACE** — In the year 1852, many of the cross streets at Harbour Grace were being made into "fine wide avenues" of 60 feet.

Victoria Street was known for many years as Temperance Hall Hill, LeMarchant Street as Gas House Hill and Cockrane Street as Church Hill.

Need Street was named after a Surveyor General of that time, Mr. Need, who afterwards became assistant Surveyor General for the island of Ceylon.

Sanseaman Street had both been thought of but there was a line known as Parkins Lane called after a merchant, Mr. Parkins who lived in Bannerman House which got its name when Mr. John Munn lived there.

Another landmark was Pendergast's Brook which ran down on the East side of Bannerman Street.

A great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed at that time about juries being summoned from town to attend court at Carbonara and for those of Carbonara to attend at Harbour Grace, sometimes on the most trivial cases. Things were brought to a head by one of our citizens refusal to attend. A fine was levied on him by the Judge. This he too took no notice of and a seizure was made of several household articles which were later sold by auction in the Court house yard. Feeling was so worked up by this incident that this law was altered and so relief came to the out of town citizens.

On November 3rd, the Circuit Court here was presided over by Judge Simms and several important cases were disposed of. Mr. Harcourt and Mr. John Hayward were the only members of the Bar present.

December 16th, 1885, the following advertisement appeared:

**WANTED IMMEDIATELY**  
A MILLER  
For the Mill at Riverhead, Harbour Grace. Apply to Robert Kitchin Thomas.

So, there was a flour mill at Riverhead, Harbour Grace at that time but evidently it did not flourish for long.

The Thomas Kitchin referred to was a bricklayer and contractor and was the builder of the Grammar School. As the name is still to be found here, there is no doubt that these are descendants of his.

**HARBOUR GRACE** — A new steam boiler of about ten horse power was conveyed by train from St. John's. The boiler is to replace the old one at Mr. Frank Archibalds Boot and Shoe Factory.

Three young men left for British Columbia. They are Jonathan Gosse, Edwin Parsons, and Mark Pike.

Fire at Brigus - Barn stables and outhouses belonging to the late Capt. Wm Munder and the dwelling house of Mr. Munder Norman was destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The family of Mr. Lamb and Capt. Munden servant barely escaped with their lives. A cow was lost.

Annual Methodist Missionary Meeting held. Rev. John S. Peach offered prayer pew-akers were Rev. James Dove, John Pratt, Wm. Kendall, C. Lench.

Sale of work held by the ladies of the Methodist Congregation in the British Hall was a great success realized \$530.

Important sealing or before Supreme Court Henry Thomey Azariah Smith on the wrongful conviction of seals? Capt. Thomey was the master of S.S. Greenland the spring before. It is noted that Capt. Thomey is the first man to patronize Fisherman's and Sailors Home.

He sent 20 men of the steamer Greenland there. They were witnesses in the case.

A century before Robert Koch proved that tuberculosis was caused by germs King Philip of Spain, believing that the diseases travelled from person to person, ordered that the clothing, furniture and personal belongings of tuberculosis patients must be burned under penalty of fine, imprisonment or exile.

Tuberculosis was once believed to be incurable. Today in Canada the recovery rate exceeds nine out of ten.

**Sept 22, 1962**

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