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SABLE ISLAND.

A Wreckers' and Pirates' Paradise—A Menace to Navigation.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Sept. 14, 1888.

On your maps, in about latitude 44° and longitude 60°, 100 miles southeast of the peninsula of Nova Scotia, you will see a tiny dot surrounded by the geographer's wavy lines. This spot is Sable Island. The date of its discovery is not clear, though it is said that Norse tradition ascribes it to Heriolfson in the ninth century. It was stocked with swine 335 years ago by the Portuguese; and it must have been well known to the colonists of old Arcadia, for it was made a French penal colony in 1598. The priceless black fox and the huge walrus in those days made the island their home. During the last quarter of the last century and the early part of this, Sable island was the resort of wreckers and pirates more heartless and cruel than ever swept the Caribbean or gathered under the bloody leadership of "Black Beard" of the Bahamas; but in 1802, after the wreck of the *Princess Amelia*, containing a goodly lot of the belongings of prince Edward, the father of queen Victoria, the Nova Scotian government drove the pirates from the island, and established in a small way look-outs and a life saving force, which, in 1826, was effectively augmented by annual provision by the British government. About fifty years ago the buildings now found here were constructed, the look-out stations increased; and in 1873 the government erected the two immense lighthouses, one at the western and one at the eastern end of the island.

HOW AN ISLAND WAS FORMED.

The entire region round for a great distance is a hideous hurt to ocean navigation. Lying almost directly in the path of the great transatlantic highways of the sea; set squarely in the way of the entire coasting trade between all American and Canadian ports; a constant menace to whalers, cod and mackerel fishers; no other known island or coast has equal dangers, or possesses so startling a record for death and destruction. For perhaps fifty miles in every direction the sea is filled with shifting shoals, over which, in storms which almost constantly rage, the ocean tosses and howls with inconceivable fury. Sunken bars extend to the northeast, and the northwest, fully thirty miles, and between their extreme points, for twenty-five miles off shore, the sea lashes and thunders terribly, the outreaching bars hidden like monstrous tentacles grasping for prey. Old captain Ballast's theory regarding the formation of this ocean vampire is that, "Jess so many seafair'n' folks has to suffer somehow; n' Providence sot the cussed thing here, to get even with anybody mean 'nuff to stick to sailorin'!" But for years I have made some thing of a study of this northeast coast, with the action of the sea beside it, and I modestly offer an additional theory to that of my bluff yankee skipper. I believe the entire formation of the Grand banks, and this knob of deadly sand set out of water upon another vast bank, or series of shoals, to be due wholly to the action of the opposing forces off the Gulf stream and the immeasurably icy currents that sweep around Labrador and Newfoundland from Polar seas. Together, through the ages, they have here ceaselessly deposited alluvium and sand, until vast submarine mountains have been piled along these waters, which, within the memory of man, have played, and forever will break, in Titanic convulsions, above and around the table-lands and peaks of these measureless ocean accretions. So, too, the almost endless fogs of Newfoundland, the Grand banks, and of Sable island waters, are simply the visible atmospheric phenomena of the meeting of the warm and icy airs above this meeting of the waters; the vast fog-dust and humid smoke, as it were, of these elemental struggles.

EVER CHANGING.

The narrow island is much the form of a bow, is about twenty-five miles long and is nowhere over two miles in width. Mounting the old look-out and crow's-nest,

picturesquely hanging in its peak, the entire reach of land is visible, with the turbulent sea ever lashing its changing shores of sand. The most singular freak of the whole island is the narrow lake, set like a bent ribbon of silver in its center, perhaps half a mile wide and twelve miles long; nowhere over fifteen feet deep and only tenanted by flounders and monstrous clams, with which its bottom is fairly paved. The ravings of the sea are compelling constant changes. Many years ago five miles of the western extremity of the island were torn away and submerged. One storm will build an arm here or there a mile into the ocean. Another will in a night rear a new island in sight, and the next night sweep it from existence. Again the roused tempest will cut a swath through the sand-dunes, opening the lake with an arm of the sea, shortly this will be closed and a mountain of packed sand, almost as hard as flint, will appear as if by magic instead.

THE INHABITANTS.

Where there is such an awful record of death, fascination lurks in whatever of rugged life may have existed or still exists. In the dim days, walrus, whose huge skulls are yet bleaching in the sand, were here in vast numbers. Then the black foxes, which may have drifted here on fields of ice, alone inhabited the dolorous desert wilderness. Again the Portuguese stocked it with swine. Then wild cattle roamed here the sole possessors. Pirates and wreckers followed these as the dreaded shores came to be more and more the burying place of richly-laden wrecks; for these are counted by thousands since the settlement of America, and to-day true records have it that more than one old bulk lies buried in these changing sands, hiding vast stores of unburied wares and precious coins and metals. But lest the cupidty of men in service here shall be aroused, the Canadian government persistently refuses quest for such treasure; and the daring visitor or sodden inhabitant when pacing the shores, may only dream of the buried wealth beneath his feet. In some mysterious way wild rabbits came, and, for the area, the pest is as keen as Australia's. Snowy owls, cannily leaping this came in great numbers, and these are lords of high living, dining daily on rabbit pie. Brown rats, fat and aggressive as ever assailed Hamline-town, swarm here, often the only dread salvage from ocean wrecks. Hundreds of seals, the oceans flocks of bulls, cows and calves, bark and flounder upon the beaches. These, the gulls shrieking and circling growlsomely, the half-hundred or so souls who lead this desolate life to save life for pay, inclusive of the few families attached to the needs of the service, are all that live in the sandy ocean grave, save famous little weird ponies of the island, all hoof and head and hair, whose origin here is variously attributed, but practically unknown. Perhaps there are 600 or 700 of these shaggy beasts. No one knows. They refuse protection from shed or stable; fatten in summer upon the luxuriant grasses in which they are all buried from sight; starve among the sand-dunes in winter; are furious and aggressive if disturbed in their picturesque herds when running at will; but, on the annual "roundups" those which are captured, tied and tossed into the government cutter like bags of merchandise, are so completely tamed by their helplessness and the rough sea-trip, that on their arrival at Halifax the veriest child can fondle and control them.

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When she became a Maid, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

"What you want, bredren," said a colored preacher, waving his arms wildly to emphasize his words, "what you want is sanctification! Get sanctification, if you don't get nothing else!"

here exceeds that of any other place on the globe, and the wreckage is also greatest. No pen can give an adequate idea of the sense of death and destruction at sea here evidenced by every object the eye can look upon. Every building at headquarters is constructed from the timbers of wrecked ships. The houses of refuge, at either end of the island; the lookouts; the outpost stations; the domiciles and cabins; every fisher's hut; are each all mute monuments of terrific destruction. The chairs, tables, bunks, lamps, lockers, rude ornamentations are all dark salvage of as many different crafts. You cannot walk the beach a rod without stumbling upon relics of wreck or dead men's bones. Away out for miles upon the awful bars the hulks of wrecks bristle through the spume of surf like hideous tusks through the foam of maddened Titan's jaws. On any shore spot where you can stand you can pick from the sands with your cane mementoes telling of countless ocean tragedies from Norsemen's times to horrors of a year ago, in every namable thing or trinket that can be put into or upon a ship and carried and lost at sea. To see it and know it all, and let the fancy run riot through the awful out-reachings of loss, woe and death, Sable island reveals every instant one's eyes rest upon any portion of its hideous, ever-disclosed concealings, is to invite utter madness. One sentence will tell it all. It is the immeasurable festering junk-shop, the indescribable loathsome graveyard of the deep. I never left spot so quickly; never longed for solid ground behind rock-battered shores; and never so freely forgave unputtying scorn as that which, as we made sail northward through a now unfriendly sea, shone through the stubby beard of captain Ballast's chubby face.—*Edgar W. Wakeman, in S. F. Bulletin.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The senate bill to allow persons who have abandoned or relinquished homestead entries, to make other entries, was taken up. An amendment was adopted providing that wherever it appears to a register of the land office that any settler on the public domain is unable, by reason of drought or other unavoidable casualty, to secure support for himself, the register may grant such settler leave of absence from the claim, not exceeding one year.

On motion of Hermann, of Oregon, an amendment was adopted providing that public lands designated as double minimum pre-emption lands be reduced to a uniform rate of \$1.25 per acre.

An amendment was also adopted providing that any homestead settler who has entered less than a quarter section, may enter additional land contiguous to the original entry which, with such entry, shall not exceed 160 acres. The bill as amended was passed.

A conference report on the joint resolution appropriating \$100,000 to aid in the suppression of yellow fever was adopted; adjourned.

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