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IN GLOUGESTER TIMES

Written by Prof Watson, a Distinguished Violinist, Who Intends Visiting Charlottetown at an Early Date—His Experience at Tignish.

Many Charlottetonians will remember Pro. J. Jay Watson of Boston. the distinguished violinist who visited Charlottetown a good many years ago and delighted the public with his performances.

This gentleman, accompanied by his gifted daughter, intends visiting Charlottetown this season more for Auld Lang Syne than for pecuniary employment.

The following article written by Prof. Watson to the Gloucester Daily Times gives an account of some interesting reminiscences of his while visiting this province.

Never was daylight more welcome to poor sea-tossed mariners, than it was to the captain and crew of the sinking little schooner "Rival" on the morning of October 5th, 1851. As the sun rose, the gale and the sea had so far abated as to allow us to set a little more sail, and had our vessel not been nearly "water-logged," she could easily have been saved. As it was, however, she was fast setting, and would soon have foundered. Realizing that it was useless to battle with the inevitable result which threatened us, we ran the vessel head on to the beach, about one half-to the westward of Cascumpec harbor, Prince Edward Island. As our vessel struck the shore, she immediately broached around broadside to the sea, which now made a complete breach over her. The wind and roar of the ocean were still so boisterous that it was quite impossible to make our voices heard, unless in the closest proximity to each other. Before there was much time for action, a tremendous blow threw the schooner on her beam ends, with her starboard side to the beach. As the big wave receded, the vessel was again dashed upon her larboard side, and immediately became nearly submerged in the heavy surf. The mainboom was bodily loosened from its fastenings, and as it swept the quarter deck, a portion of the top-lift which was hanging loose caught poor Hanson just below the waist as he was still grasping the helm, and tossed him like a feather (it seemed to be,) at least twenty feet from the side of the vessel into the seething waters. Another tremendous wave brought him back upon its crest, throwing him violently against the side of the vessel. Without a moment's reflection, I unhesitatingly started to rescue the poor fellow, if possible. Seizing a portion of the main halyards, I quickly wound it around my left arm, and rushing into the lee waist of the schooner, I managed to get the two fingers of my right hand inserted under the folds of a silk handkerchief which he wore around his neck and succeeded in holding him from sinking until Capt. Gross, who happened to cast his eyes in our direction, came to the rescue, and by our united efforts we soon succeeded in relieving him from his perilous situation. Several persons soundly lectured me upon what they termed my "fool-hardiness" upon this occasion, but there was not much time for comment or reflections under the excitement of such surroundings, and prompt action was demanded from some one.

Before the vessel struck on the beach, some of our men placed their violins in barrels and headed them up, preparatory for a safe journey to the shore. The vessel however beat up into such shoal water that we all made a safe landing with comparatively little trouble, and with the exception of the loss of a few minor articles, most everything of value was saved.

Once more safe upon "terra firma" we found ourselves some distance from a place of shelter, but we soon made our way to the hospitable home of a a kind—hearted farmer by the name of Patrick Cahill, who furnished us with the refreshment which we all so much needed, and nice beds upon which to rest our weary bodies. The same evening we turned up our violins, and the farm house was soon filled with the good people in the neighborhood, and a jolly good time generally was the result. No theatrical manager could have possibly produced such transformation scenes in real life, as we had experienced during those three days. "Verily, truth is oft-times stranger than fiction."

The following morning the crew proceeded to reconnoitre at the scene of the wreck, while Capt. Gross and myself started to see the magistrate at Tignish, a distance of about nine miles. Mr. Nicholas Conroy, represented the legal power of the village, and we soon came to an understanding in relation to the disposal of the wreck and the mackerel on board.

Mr. Conroy's brother, John Conroy, a witty Irishman, had already described the situation to the magistrate as follows: "Oh, Nickis, darlin', have sees heard the news? There's a wee little vessel just come on shore, and shure Nickis, would yees belave it, darlin' the little schooner is *chuck full of feedles and feedlers.*"

At Tignish Capt. Gross and myself were treated in the most kind and considerate manner by Nicholas Conroy's family, and the resident priest, Father McIntosh. A new organ had just been erected in the Catholic church at Tignish, by a man by the name of Loban from Charlottetown. we met Mr. Loban at the house of magistrate Conroy, and found him to be an ingenious, intelligent, and good-natured Englishman. When it was ascertained that Captain Gross was an experinced organist, Father McIntosh extended a most pressing invitation for him to remain and perform upon the organ the following Sabbath, offering to remunerate him handsomely for his service. The invitation was cheerfully accepted, and our accomplished captain remained at Tignish, while I started for Charlottetown in company with Mr. Loban, for the purpose of arranging a series of concerts in that town.

Loban had transported the organ from Charlottetown to Tignish in an old rickety farm wagon, and it was in this old wagon e made our journey, over corduroy bridges innumerable. Corduroy bridges signifies logs of wood, so placed over small streams of water and mud puddles in the road as to form a sort of crude bridge. The first day's ride brought us to St. Eleanors, a distance of about fifty miles from Tignish, where we remained over night.

At the house in which we stopped I heard some one playing upon an accordeon. The thought struck me that with a little practice I might be able to draw some music from this instrument. which would aid materially as a sort of variety in our contemplated concerts. I accordingly struck up a bargain with the owner of this instrument, and as soon as it was transferred into my possession, proceeded to make night hideous by practicing upon it untill nearly daylight.

The next morning bright and early we again set out for Charlottetown which we reached in safety, and I at once proceeded to anounce the fact that "*American* Prof. O. R. Gross the great *Vocalist,*" accompanied by Prof. J Watson the renowned "*American Paganini,*" would shortly arrive, and give one of their unique performances in the City Hall of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. A few days later, Captain Gross, (now transformed, "celebrated Professer," etc.,) made his appointed at Charlottetown, where he found me snugly ensconced at the Victoria Hotel. As our eyes met, the Captain burst into an immoderate fit of laughter, which so convulsed me also that I joined in as a sort of basso profundo accompaniment, not knowing what it was all about, and it was several minutes before either of us could settle down into sober talking trim. My first question to the Captain was, "Grossie, what in the world are you laughing about?" said he, "why Wattie.' I (this was the familiar cognomen with which the Captin usually addressed me.) "'Wattie,' I have been laughing for the last hour; long before we reached Charlottetown, I had seen so many posters on nearly every tree and fence announcing my celebrity and greatness, that I could not control my risibilities, and the driver, with whome I was riding, must have thought me some escaped lunatic, until I informed him of the cause of my merriment.,,

In my next letter I shall give an account of the Captin's experience as organist in the Catholic church at Tignish, and as nearly as possiblin his own language, which was one of the most amusing recitals I ever heard. I will also tell the readers of the TIMES and Advertiser about the final fate of the little schooner "Rival" and give a description of our musical entertainment at Charlottetown, and our own experience in finding our way "Home again, from a foreign shore."

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THE CANARY ISLANDS

Are Not Wanted By The Americans.—Reports Of a Fierce Engagement Between the Cubans and the Spaniards.—Queen Regent's Fervent Words.

WASHINGTON, July 23—(Special)—Miles is now east of Cape Haytien and Yale with the remainder of the fleet and will cast anchor in Porto Rico waters Sunday morning. The navy is actively co-operating with the army to make the expedition a success. The statement is made today by a man in authority to the effect that Watson's fleet will not bombard the cities on the Spanish coast but will take care of Camara's fleet. Camara's ships will be met and engaged.

The Government has no plans to take the Canary Islands and does not want them.

Havana will not be attacked while yellow fever exists.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The Herald's despatch states that great excitement prevailed in Santiago Thursday by the story brought by Cubans that four thousand insurgents comprising General Garcia's army for eastern Cuba were routed by the Spaniards.

ST THOMAS, July 23—The Spaniards at San Juan, Porto Rico are making extensive preparations to resist the attack of the warships accompanying Miles invasion, enroute to Santiago to surrender and that four hundred Cubans were killed.

It is said that Garcia ordered his men in Ambush to attack the Spaniards. It is said the battle occurred when Garcia withdrew his men to the mountains to storm Halquin and set up the insurgent government. The Spaniards stated that they surrendered to the Americans not to the Cubans.

The "Times," Washington despatch states that Shafter's fifth corps will be kept at Santiago until the yellow fever is stamped out.

The steamship companies who were unsuccessful in receiving the contract to transport the Spanish troops threaten to bring action against the government for damages, holding the Spanish steamers contract is illegal.

SANTIAGO, July 23—(Special)—It now turns out that the letter addressed by Garcia to Shafter complaining of the treatment accorded the Cubans was prepared by a newspaper correspondent named Arms, acting on General Castillo's staff. It is not clear that Garcia ever saw the letter.

LONDON, July 23, (Special)—A Madrid desaptch states the arrival of General Palavie-Ja. There is increased talk of a cabinet crisis. The Queen regent is credited with exclaiming: "Thank God," when she heard he was coming.

HONG KONG, July 23—(Special)—A correspondent telegraphs that Aquinaldo's Cabinet took the oath of office at Bacoor Sunday in the presence of five thousand natives.

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