

Newfoundland Travel in 1949: Part 4

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The following bulletin is part of a mini-series based on a scrapbook from 1949. The scrapbook recounts a trip taken by three adventurous women from Boston who travel across Newfoundland and up the coast of Labrador. I hope that you enjoy the read and that you will continue to follow along with us.



Sketch from scrapbook

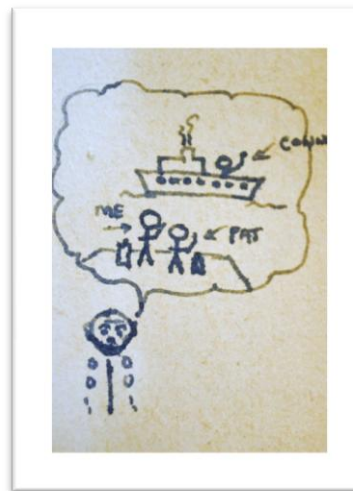
at the station to mind the bags while Connie and Mabel set out to get their tickets for the S.S Kyle. The dock was not far away and it took very little time for Connie and Mabel to get there.

When they arrived at the ticket office they found out that only one reservation for the S.S Kyle had been received! Connie's! "We were hot under the collar, and almost wanting to cry, too. All this way – and on our own, too, – and then end." Mable and Connie were told that they should speak with Captain Dalton and would find his

office at the train station. So back they went to sit and wait.

History Stop:

Captain Martin G. Dalton, 1889-1965, was a Master Mariner and the Marine Superintendent of the Coastal Boat Service from 1924 – 1955. Throughout his career he was Captain of ships such as the S.S Fogota and the S.S Glencoe, to name a few. In 1918 he was awarded the British Board of Trade Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea and a gold watch for his actions during the loss of the S.S Florizel. Where he bravely rowed a dory back and forth from the ship taking passengers to safety. Then in 1937 Captain Dalton was made a member of the Order of the British Empire.



Sketch from the scrapbook showing Connie sailing away from Pat and Mabel

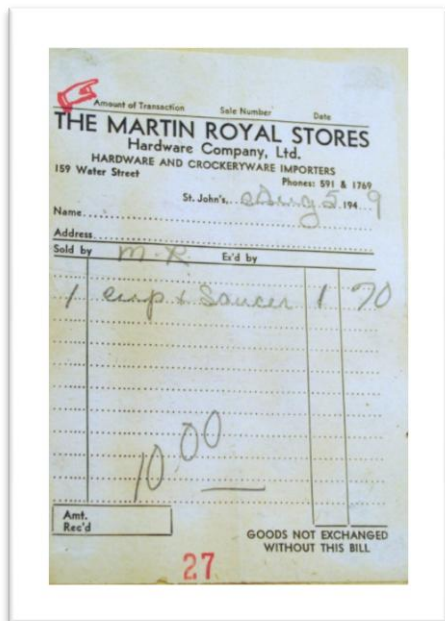
The clerks claimed that a letter was lost but Captain Dalton made sure that Connie, Pat and Mabel were taken care of. He personally took them to the ticket office and

then on to the S.S Kyle. Afterwards the ladies met with the Chief Steward, who

“suggested how we might spend the afternoon.”

about 3:30. It was almost time to set sail so our adventurers set out again for the Kyle.

Connie and company were left in front of the Newfoundland Hotel and made their way through town picking up souvenirs along the way. Mable “got a bone china cup and saucer in one store. Pat picked up a lot of hand-knit mittens.” After trying to get lunch at a busy restaurant the girls picked up a hotdog and made their way back to the train station.



A receipt included in the scrapbook from The Martin Royal Stores 159 Water St.

Back at the station Mabel, Connie and Pat sat down to write out some post cards and then set out to find a post-office. They must have had trouble finding the building and stopped to ask for directions because Mabel says “People almost talk a different language here – awfully hard to understand.” They did eventually find the post-office and returned to the station