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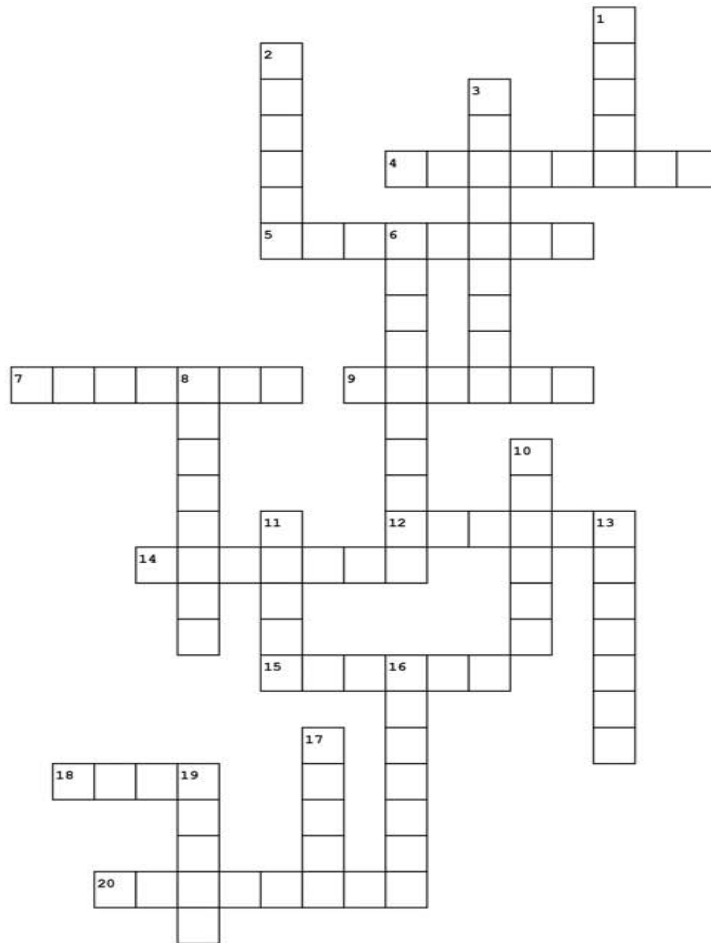
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Fort Point Lighthouse



Across

4. The new tourist accommodations on the Southside of Trinity.
5. In "The Trinity Cake" what part of the crackie was in the cake?
7. A lunch was always carried "in the woods" in a _____.
9. The first principal of Bishop White school.
12. The common fish that feeds around the wharves in summer.
14. He operated the forge on Dandy Lane in the 50s and 60s.
15. A lenth of 6 feet is a _____.
18. A bedlammer is a 2 year old _____ seal.
20. The 24th of May remembers the birthday of Queen _____.

Down

1. The last operator of the Trinity to Trinity East ferry.
2. The schooner captain who searched for those lost in the Trinity Bay Sealing Disaster.
3. Another name for a woodlouse.
6. Another name for a Great Back Back Gull.
8. Robinson and _____ were tenants of the Garland Plantation from 1852 to 1869>.
10. Another name for the grey jay is the _____ jay.
11. Another name for a muffler.
13. The Port Rexton native who fought in the Boer War.
16. The Trinity poet who was a station agent in Carbonear for many years.
17. Frank _____ wrote the the lyrics of Joe Batt's Arm Longliner.
19. The fore and aft up and down movement of a boat.

June 1 st Ascension Sunday (White)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. Church Of The Good Shepherd (Dunfield)	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
June 8 th Day Of Pentecost (Red)	11:00 A.M. St. John The Evangelist (New Bonaventure) 7:00 P.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
June 15 th Trinity Sunday Father's Day (White)	11:00 A.M. St. Paul's (Trinity) 7:00 P.M. St. Clement's (Champney's West)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
June 22 nd Second Sunday After Pentecost (Green)	11:00 A.M. Christ Church (Port Rexton) 7:00 P.M. St. Matthew's (Trouty)	Holy Eucharist Evening Prayer
June 29 th St. Peter and St. Paul Sunday (Proper 12) Red	11:00 A.M. St. Andrew's (Trinity East)	Parish Service Of Holy Eucharist



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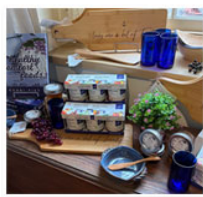
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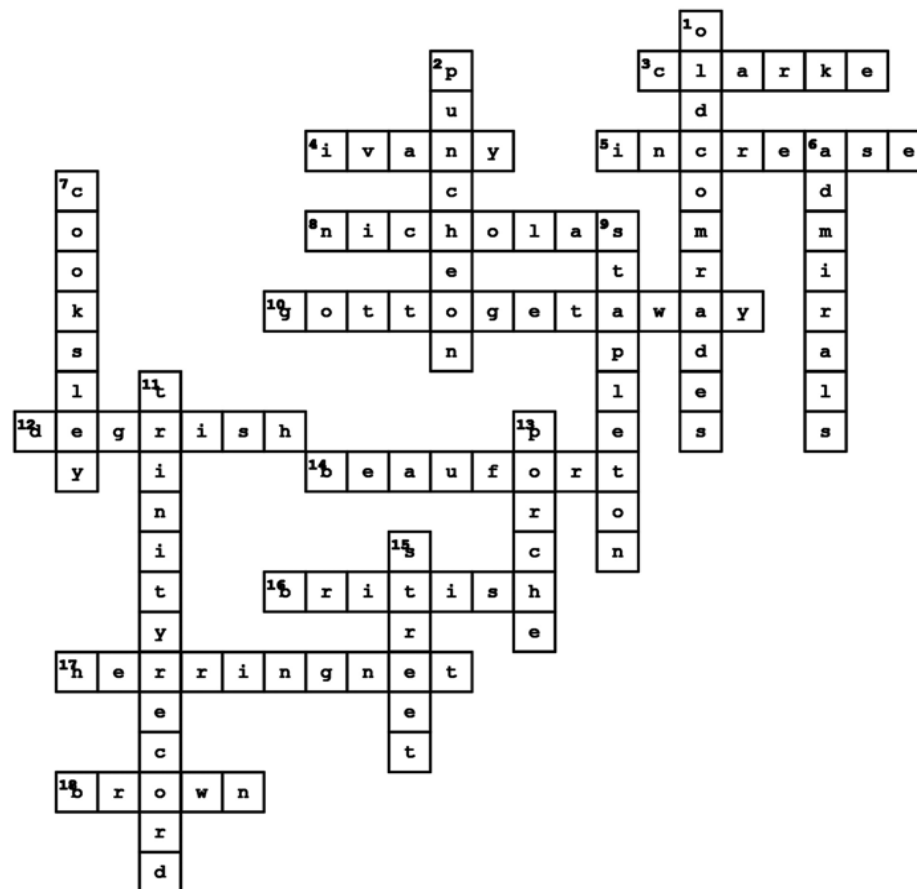
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May 2025 Key



Across

- The new Artistic Director of Rising Tide Theatre.
- The senior blacksmith at Green's Family Forge.
- When ocean waves reach a shoal does wave height increase or decrease?
- Fort _____ was constructed on Rider's Hill, Trinity.
- On the 24th of May we "_____".
- The builder of the house which is the Trinity museum.
- The _____ Scale measures wind speed based on observed sea conditions.
- Harbour not English.
- _____ Point is at the west end of Herring Cove near Champneys.
- What was the second Sally's name in the song "All Around the Circle"?

Down

- A Port Rexton organization for former CLB members.
- A large wooden cask more than 80 gallons used to transport liquids.
- The Vice _____ Cove is located just east of Walters's Point.
- The first organ in St. Paul's was donated by _____.
- The present mayor of Trinity.
- The first newspaper published in Trinity.
- The doctor who drowned in Harvey's Cove in 1769.
- He owned a business located between Fort Point and Maggoty Cove in the late 1700s.

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Another premonition of the loss of the Lion was recorded in a 1980s interview of Mrs. Florence Barbour, an elderly Trinity resident. Her grandfather David Grant and his son Jim were working in St. John's and had booked passage home on the Lion. The morning after the Lion was lost Florence recalled how her grandmother had come downstairs and told the family that the Lion had been lost the night before. She told them that her husband David was not onboard but that her son Jim had been lost. She said her son had appeared at the foot of her bed during the night and said his last goodbyes to her. Later her premonition proved to be true because David arrived home and told how he had gone down to the Lion and taken his belongings off before she sailed for Trinity that fateful night. Jim continued homeward on the Lion but never arrived home.

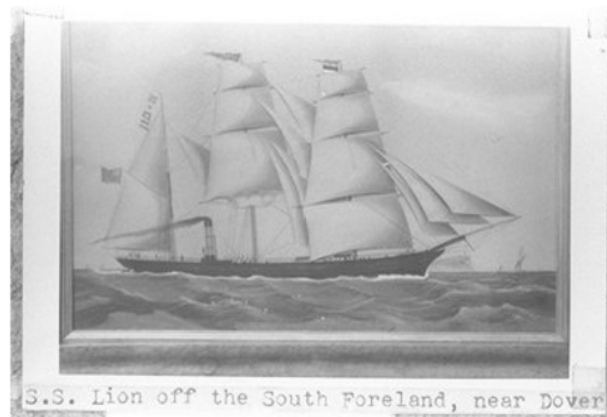
Years later the lighthouse keeper in Trinity related a story to Mr. William White in which he told of fishing in Baccalieu Tickle. During his watch one night he saw this ship under sail and fully lit approaching their anchored schooner. He went below and called his uncle out of his bunk because the ship was bearing down on them. When they got back on deck the ship was nowhere to be seen. The lighthouse keeper and his shipmates considered this to be the ghost of the SS Lion lost in the area just a few years before.

What actually happened to the Lion was never determined.

Mrs. Cross is buried in the upper right hand corner of the United Church Cemetery on the side of Gun Hill in a grave built for two. There are two headstones in that plot, one to Mrs. Cross and one to her 9 year old son whose body was never found.

This is just one of the stories you will hear in our new audio tour at the Trinity Museum that will be launched in late June. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for details. Visit the Museum and take a walk through history.

The Loss of the SS Lion



The SS Lion, shown in the photo above, was a 300 ton steam and sail vessel used in passenger service and in the sealing industry in the late 1800s. On the beautiful calm, moonlit night of January 5th 1882, the Lion left St. John's around midnight for the 8 hour voyage to Trinity carrying 40 passengers and crew. When the ship did not arrive the next morning, a search was mounted. The only evidence located was a small bit of wreckage washed ashore on Baccalieu Island, about 20 miles from Trinity. Among the wreckage was the body of Mrs. John Cross, the wife of the Methodist minister in Trinity. No other trace of the ship or the other 39 souls was ever found.

When deaths occurred, it was not uncommon in NL folklore to hear of people experiencing premonitions, before or at the time of death. The loss of the Lion produced several.

One experience appeared in the St. John's newspaper, The Evening Mercury, some weeks after the Lion disappeared. A lady from Catalina woke up her husband in a fit of crying sometime after midnight on January 6th telling of seeing the Lion steaming through Baccalieu Tickle with her cousin Patrick Fowlow, the Lion's captain, on the bridge. She recalled hearing a noise in her head like a cannon shot, and saw the side blown out of the Lion and it sank immediately. She recalled seeing Captain Fowlow being blown backwards off the bridge with his head completely severed from his body.

SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES

July 3rd, 7:30 P.M. - Weldon Chafe:

Cradle of the North: Some Historic Insights on Giving Birth in Newfoundland and Labrador.

July 10th, 7:30 P.M. - Dave Paddon:

The Hubbard/Wallace Expeditions of 1903 and 1905.

July 17th, 7:30 P.M. - Barbara Doran:

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July 31st, 7:30 P.M. - Elizabeth Burry:

A Hidden Treasure: Gemstones of Newfoundland and Labrador

August 7th, 7:30 P.M. - Rick Peddle:

Heave Out, Lash Up and Stow. A family returns to Trinity after 75 years away

August 14th, 7:30 P.M. - Julia Laite:

Artist, Rebel, Witness: The Hidden History of Shanawdihit

August 21st, 7:30 P.M. - Stephen Millar:

Impressions of Central Asia-From the Life of a Diplomat

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Trinity Historical Society (THS) will introduce an audio tour of the Trinity Museum for the 2025 season. This tour will tell the stories of individuals and events from Trinity's past, such as the loss of the SS Lion. Step back into the past with this tour.

In this edition of our Newsletter, we present the story of William Nurse who is remembered on the War Monument in Champneys West.

As always, the THS welcomes application for membership from anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the Society.



William Nurse



William Nurse, the son of William Nurse and Gracie Ann Penney, was born at Salmon Cove on January 28th, 1898. He enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 28th, 1917. He was reported as missing in action on April 12th, 1918. He was 20.



Family Tree

Upon enlistment, William traveled to Halifax onboard SS Florizel before embarking for England where he underwent military training. He joined the regiment at Monchy-au-Bois, France on November 14th, 1917. The regiment was fighting near Nieppe, France when he went missing. His name appeared on a German list of names provided to the Red Cross dated July 1st, 1918. The information provided indicated that his remains had been discovered and buried by the Germans at Bailleul, near Nieppe, on April 20th, 1918. He was then declared killed in action. He is remembered on the Beaumont-Hamel Memorial, Beaumont-Hamel, France.



Death Location



Beaumont-Hamel Memorial

