Shipbuilders and Other Occupations

Answer Key

Socials 8

Read pages 63 to 65 and fill in answers in the spaces provided.

**Topic: Shipbuilding**

1)Boats were the primary means of transportation in the 19th century in Newfoundland.

2) Having access to timber for building of boats and houses often determined patterns of settlement.

3) Historians estimate that between 1820 and 1920 almost 10 000

vessels of 30 tonnes or more were built.

**Topic: Michael Kearney**

4) Michael Kearney was born in Ferryland on the southern shore of the Avalon Peninsula and was Newfoundland’s greatest shipbuilder .

5) He had an affinity for the sea as well as natural talent and this lead Kearney to become a ship builder.

6) A master shipwright, sail maker and sailor, he learned shipbuilding in Ireland.

7) He began his apprenticeship in 1827 and ended in 1838.

8)Kearney’s ships were noted for these three things 1) strength, 2) speed and 3) beauty.

9)This ship made a record breaking trip from St. John’s to England , making the journey in 26 days : Ida.

10)Why was the boat *The Gauntlet* famous?

While searching for treasure around the Coco Islands she out sailed a pirate ship and for that was awarded the Royal Yacht pennant

11)In 1865 Michael Kearney was elected to the House of Assembly where he served until 1869.

12)He died March 4th,1885.

13)He was well respected and referred to as a man of the people

**Topic: Other Occupations in Newfoundland**

14) By the beginning of the 20th century, the fishery no longer dominated the economy of Newfoundland. Many men found jobs in the following areas

Mining

Forestry

Constructing the railway

Look at table 3.3 and table 3.4. Answer the following questions:

15) When was the percentage of people of the labour force working in the fishery the highest? 1859 The lowest? 1911

16)Which of the occupations in table 3.4 would live in rural Newfoundland?

Fishermen, lumberers and miners, farmers, merchants and traders (also found in cities and towns), teachers, clergy.

17) Which of those occupations would be found in larger cities and towns?

 Doctors , lawyers, government officials, clerks and shop assistants, factory workers (would also have teachers, mechanics and clergy and, in places like St. John’s, merchants)

18) Who would live in coastal communities (by the sea) ? fishermen, merchants