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“The Water Company having provided Iron Cups for the convenience of the public at all drinking fountains in St. John’s, all persons are hereafter cautioned not to injuries the same, and anyone found damaging or destroying the said Drinking Cups will be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Dollars, or two months imprisonment with hard labour.” — D.W. Prowse and J.G. Conway, St John’s newspaper, 1886

“The power takes and turns — Kenny Williams

“That’s where you dig down… it’s forceful, and it takes hold. You just can’t take it out… — Shirley Holden

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