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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, July 30th, 1897.

The People's Treasure.

A leading topic of discussion in the city papers is the recently discovered Klondyke gold region, away up in Alaska, to which thousands of people are preparing to emigrate, notwithstanding the difficulty of getting there and the hardships that await them, which are enough to deter all but the most reckless in the pursuit of wealth. A report from Great Falls, Montana, dated July 23rd, says:

"Frank Moss, an old-time miner in this section, who four years ago was one of a party of Americans to first visit the Klondyke country, returned to-day and tells a story of horrors and starvation seldom equalled even in modern novels. He describes Klondyke as a placer camp seven miles long and thirteen miles wide, located in a sink, walled in by boulders of rock 3,000 feet high. Gold, he says, abounds, but no ordinary man can stand the hardships of the uncivilized region. When Moss left here four years ago he was a sturdy fellow over six feet tall. From hardships and privations he is to-day a cripple for life and badly broken in health. In three years he saw over 2,000 graves made in the Klondyke basin, a large majority dying from starvation. The steamship companies bring in all food and allow no private importation. Consequently, it is not uncommon to go for weeks with but a scant supply and for days entirely without food. The gold brought in last week to Seattle, Moss says, does not represent the finding of individual shippers, but a large proportion was confiscated from the effects of these 2,000 miners who fell a prey to the hardships. At the death of a man possessed of dust, his body was buried without a coffin and the dust divided among those who cared for him. With proper reliefs established by the Government, Moss says, gold can be taken out at the rate of \$2,000,000 a month."

The most exciting accounts of the extraordinary richness of the region, and of the great fortunes already made by a few lucky individuals, are given; but it is said that the old experienced miners of Colorado do not take much stock in the stories that come from Alaska, and are inclined to suspect that the boom is the work of transportation companies in league with the commercial companies that have control of the provision supply; and they will wait for further and more reliable information before joining the rush to Klondyke, especially as, if they started at this time of year, they would not reach their destination much before the long and terribly severe Alaskan winter sets in.

We are glad to see that the Dominion Government takes the ground that the gold in Alaska is the property of the whole people and that a few will not be allowed to monopolize it; a truth which, if recognized and acted upon in past times, would have done something towards preventing the unequal distribution that now prevails. It is proposed to secure the people's share by reserving every alternate claim staked out and leasing the others to miners, or by imposing a royalty upon all the gold taken out; and of the two methods we prefer

the latter. Digging gold is an exceedingly precarious industry, and, while some of the lessees would not make laborer's wages, others, who paid no more for their claims, would acquire princely fortunes; but, under a system of royalties, which should be on a sliding scale, those who made nothing would pay nothing, while those who made money would pay in proportion to their success. Those who undergo the risk and labor of mining should be liberally dealt with; but a reasonable portion of the gold they take out should go to the owners of the territory—the people.

John Eaton & Co. Gone Under.

One of the big departmental stores has failed, at which we should openly rejoice were it not for a fear that a great many innocent creditors will suffer. Soon after the premises occupied by John Eaton & Co., of Toronto, were burned with part of the stock in May last, it was announced that the firm would rebuild immediately and resume business on a larger scale than ever; but an assignment has since been made and it is said that the deficit will exceed one hundred thousand dollars. It was the last establishment of the kind opened in the city, and, in the effort to attract custom, goods were sold at such a sacrifice that it was impossible to make a living, and the fire precipitated a smash that would, in any event, probably have come later. The *Star* says:

"Bargain days, lunch counters, band concerts, Christmas trees and all other tricks of the departmental stores were utilized. Meat, groceries, cigars and all sorts of goods were sold at less than the ordinary dealer could sell them if he wished to make a profit. Photographs were taken, teeth were pulled, hair was dressed, faces were shaved and various other lines of trade were cut in to with the object of crushing out competitors, and building up a business which in future might be made to pay." If the members of the firm have lost the money they put into the concern few will be sorry and many will be glad; but there is no doubt whatever that all or nearly all their creditors will lose too, though the sympathy for them will be less than it would have been if they had lost through the failure of men who did a legitimate business. It is said that the insurance policies were made over to the Bank of Toronto, which will thus recover its claim, to the detriment of other creditors; but, if this be so, and the transaction be legal, there should be such a change in the law as will preclude the possibility of such arrangements being made in the future.

A Letter from Devonshire.

When Mr. R. E. Glanville left the township of Fenelon some years ago for Devonshire, England, he ordered the *Gazette* to be sent to him, and is still a subscriber. A few days ago we received from him the following letter, which we feel sure will be of interest to our country readers, especially to those who knew him when he was here:

Dear Sir,—I am sending you a P. O. order for the amount I owe you for the *Gazette*, and hope this will be O. K. We have been very busy this season, which we have good reason to hope will prove far and away the best that we have had for many years. "No such prospects of good all-round crops in the last twenty years" is what I hear the old farmers on the market say. Mine is only a little place, about 80 acres of what you would call clearing, and I have just this evening finished a rick of seventy good loads of hay, and have still five acres of meadow to cut. Then I have about 17 acres of grain crops and 19 acres of roots, including 6 of potatoes and 1 1/2 cabbage, but of this 19 acres five have been cut for hay and sown to Swedes since. They are now just fit to hoe, and if we only get a few showers will probably be very good. I shall probably begin harvest next week with a field of rye, grown chiefly for the straw, which is made into what is known here as reed, and, being very tough, is used a great deal by hay and straw dealers to bind up the bundles of hay etc. It fetches when made into reed about 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. a niche of 30 pounds. As a rule we grow heavier crops than you do in Canada, but then we are always buying manures and what is called here "artificial," that is, oil cake or grain of some kind. Last year was a very poor one for getting winter feed, and consequently the bill for feed stuff was high; mine, I know, for feed and manure, that is, dissolved bone etc., was considerably more than my rent, so that, although we get a much larger turnover than you do, it is not all "beer and skittles." In speaking of crop prospects I allude only to my own neighbourhood.

Kind remembrances to old friends and yourself.

Yours truly,
R. E. GLANVILLE.

Those Who Passed.

ENTRANCE CANDIDATES PASSED AT FENELON FALLS.

Burgess Stella 485, Brokenshire Eva 474, Cameron Mary 471, Deygan Harry 468, Eyles Clara 504, Flett Maggie 422, Graham Nellie 485, Greer Willie 484, Henslip Harry 427, Irwin Lily 494, Junkin Pearl 462, Junkin Willie 508, Jackson Wm. B. 494, Jamieson H. Grant 478, Knox Eugenia 423, Lamb Percival 436, Metcalfe Nellie 473,

Nie Annie 447, Riches Nellie 584, Stuart Lawrence 455, Townley Herbert 422.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAVING.

Brien James W.	699	7 Fenelon
Gilson Luther	639	7 Fenelon
Harvey Lila	634	Bolsover
Irreton S. J.	714	7 Fenelon
Long Ferdinand	630	Woodville
Mark John	683	Cameron
Mark Joseph	629	"
McDonald D. A.	798	9 Fenelon
Murchison Christie	624	Islay
Nicolson Annie	679	Glenarm
Puley Herbert	629	Fenelon Falls
Suddaby Lily	707	Burnt River
Webster Robert	777	9 Fenelon

PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAVING CANDIDATES, PASSED AT KIRKFIELD.

Adair Flora	681	Norland
McInnis Maud	645	3 Eldon
Perry Eugenio	856	Kirkfield
Staples Viola	672	3 Bexley
Wheeler Jennie	882	Kirkfield
McCaughy Chas.	672	Uphill
McLean Robert	742	Lorneville
McEachern Malcolm T.	725	2 Eldon
McFarlane	822	Kirkfield
Reid Percy	699	Lorneville
Staples Sam	701	Kirkfield
Tompkinson Geo.	671	Lorneville
Campbell Minnie L.	618	4 Eldon

ENTRANCE STANDING.

McQuarrie Effie, 2 Eldon; McNish Lilla M., 8 Bexley; Moran Ellie, 6 Carden; Woodcock Meta, Norland; Bell Archibald, 4 Eldon; Cameron George, 6 Bexley; McEachern Malcolm J., 2 Eldon; Whetter Charles, 1 Eldon.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAVING CANDIDATES, PASSED AT OAKWOOD.

Bingham Irene	709	Woodville
Greenaway Sadie	674	14 Mariposa
Irwin Herbert	701	17 Mariposa
Knight Bertha M.	734	13 Mariposa
Prouse Percy	679	19 Mariposa
Read Wm.	719	Oakwood

PASSED WITH ENTRANCE STANDING.

Greenaway Wesley, 16 Mariposa; Jones Lillian E., 16 Mariposa; McCorvie Kate, 13 Mariposa; McGar Percy, 19 Mariposa; Weldon Florence, 6 Mariposa; Weldon Arthur, 6 Mariposa.

OAKWOOD ENTRANCE.

Eagleson Lila 506, Eakins Carrie 483, Honey Edwin 442, Jones Annie 468, Parkinson Mabel 508, Wakely Mabel 422, Webster Nevada 462, Webster Blanche 440, Webster Maude 436, Webster Arthur 427, White Ada 431.

Village Council Proceedings.

Fenelon Falls, July 26th, 1897.

Regular meeting. All the members present except Councillor Deyman. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. McKeown, seconded by Mr. Robson, That Burgoyne & Co.'s bill of \$2.50 for sawing cedar be paid, and the receive give his order for the same; also S. Nevison's salary to date, \$28.—Carried.

Fenelon Falls, July 28th, 1897.

Council met at the call of the receive; Present, Reeve Mason and Councillors Robson and Martin.

Moved by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Robson, That the clerk be instructed to notify the G. T. Railway Co. to keep the streets clear of cars at the crossing by the station and all other crossings.—Carried.

Personals.

Mr. Henry Mulligan, Inspector for the Midland Loan and Savings Co. of Port Hope, spent two or three days of this week at the Falls.

Mr. John D. Smith of Port Hope and Mr. G. H. G. McVity of Toronto were at the Falls this week on business connected with the Smith estate.

Mr. Wm. Lochead of Brantford (son of Rev. Wm. Lochead) was on a visit to friends at the Falls from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mr. James Ellis, of Parry Sound, has been at the Falls visiting his mother, daughter and other relatives, since Saturday, and will remain a week or ten days longer. He is accompanied by his wife. Though in his 62nd year, Mr. Ellis would easily pass for 50, and, with the exception of a little grey in his hair and beard and considerable of an addition to his "corporation," looks just as he did when he left here nearly fifteen years ago.

Mr. E. P. Smith and Mr. Edgar Lytle of Cambary, Mr. Alvin Gould of Penetanguishene, and others, passed through the Falls on Saturday and Monday on their way home from a week's camping at Balsam Lake.

Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. F. R. Nicholson and Mrs. J. B. Lockhart, all of Toronto, are visiting at Mrs. W. H. Walsh's.

Mr. Wm. Goodwin of Lindsay, his son and an employee have been at the Falls for several days renovating and decorating the interior of the Methodist church.

Miss Willie Greens of Toronto, accompanied by her half sister, Bessie McCreary, is visiting friends at the Falls.

Mrs. John Monaghan left with her two children on Thursday morning to visit her father, who lives at Warkworth and is dangerously ill.

The Misses Amy and Martha Quibell and Miss Bertha Kelly, daughter of Mr. George Kelly, all of Toronto, are visiting at Mr. John Quibell's.