

## T HUGE FORTUNE

Ontario and Montreal People Claimants for Millions in Holland Bank

Woven around the three hundred millions of dollars which have been accumulating in the vaults of the National Bank of Holland for two and one half centuries, and in the distribution of which several Canadians hope to participate, there is a story of adventure and intrigue substantiated apparently by the soundest of proofs which in dramatic interest rivals the conceptions of Dumas or Balzac.

Link by link, the descendants of Paul Wertz, soldier of fortune, East Indian adventurer, lieutenant of Gustavus Adolphus and field marshal of Holland, have riveted a chain which proves that the will produced after his death in 1676, by his housekeeper, Johanna van der Planken, was a forgery and that the millions he acquired trading in the Dutch East Indies are the lawful property of the descendants of his step-brothers, and step-sister, Peter, Heinrich and Anna.

These early banded themselves together to secure justice and have battled against varying forces to secure their rights. The last attempt was made in 1874 when the Dutch courts declared that he will which purported to leave everything Wertz had acquired during his career of adventure to Johanna van der Planken and the child whose parentage she endeavored to fasten on the dead general was a forgery. Lack of funds then resulted in the case being dropped, but now three Wertz family associations are unitedly striving to reopen the case and wrest from the Dutch banks the money which they tacitly admit they cannot legally hold, an admission contained in an offer to restore thirty-two million dollars made sixty years ago.

Negotiations carried on with the Dutch government by W. J. Snyder, of Chicago and his wife, who is a direct descendant of a nephew of the Field Marshal give the highest hopes that the claim will succeed, for the Netherlands government offered to compromise the case again.

Mr. Snyder, who is a son of the late George C. Snyder, of Wales, Ont., and whose mother resides with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Morgan of Montreal, is also a Wertz descendant through a maternal ancestor of his father, and Mrs. George Snyder, and her daughter are therefore entitled to a share of this long sequestered treasure.

## COMING OF AGE IN PRINCE'S CASE

It is commonly said and supposed that a Prince of Wales "comes of age" on his eighteenth birthday. In point of fact he does, and he does not. The occasion has been well described as "a contingent coming of age," for the words are only applicable to the prince as heir to the throne, while they are not applicable to him in his private capacity. From and after the completion of his, or her, eighteenth birthday, the heir is qualified to succeed to the full possession of the throne on the occurrence of a vacancy, as was actually the case of the Princess Victoria, who became queen less than a month after her eighteenth birthday. Had William IV. died a year earlier a Regent would have been necessary; but as it happened, and as we all know, there was no question of anything of the kind, and Queen Victoria presided at her first council with all the authority of a reigning queen. In the case of the death declared incapacity of the sovereign, the heir, having reached the age of eighteen, becomes king or regent as the case may be. In this sense, then, "full age" means eighteen years. But in all others the minority of the Prince of Wales continues.

## MANY MIXED MARRIAGES

Ontario Statistics Show That They are Increasing

Mixed marriages are increasing in Ontario, despite the efforts of church organizations to turn the tide the other way. This is conclusively shown by a report of the Registrar-General. During the last fiscal year the returns show an increase of 2 per cent. In the number of Roman Catholics marrying outside their Church. The number of Roman Catholics who entered matrimony was 6,743 and of these 1,519, or 22.5 per cent., married outside their church.

The Methodist denomination headed the marriage list, with a percentage of 28.2. The Presbyterians followed closely with 20.4 and the Anglicans came fourth with 13.1 per cent., and the Baptists fifth with 6.6. The Lutherans were ahead of the Congregationalists with 3.7, the latter contributing only 1.2 per cent. of the marriage total. Altogether there were 25,807 marriages, an increase of 1,771.

### Unquenchable Flame

To stop following hostile vessels or even for purposes of attack when the conditions are right a German naval officer has invented a Greek fire that will burn while floating on water.

## MUMMY'S SPIRIT TOOK VENGEANCE

So Believes Only Survivor of Party of Five Who Removed Egyptian Priestess

During the course of a visit to Canada Dr. R. R. Craig of Manchester, England, told a weird story of a series of tragic occurrences with which he was closely associated.

Dr. Craig is the sole remaining member of that famous party of five young Englishmen who conveyed the mummy of the Priestess of the Amen-Ra from Egypt to England in the fall of 1884. He alone managed to escape the "hoodoo" which pursued those who had anything to do with the fateful relic of ancient Egypt.

"Magazines and newspapers exhausted their imaginative powers in describing the mummy and its history," said Dr. Craig, "but none of them gave an accurate account of the fate of the original party. Two brothers of mine were senior members. One of these was accidentally shot before the boat reached England, the other was crippled for life in a runaway. The third member of the party was an American by the name of Brown, who met a long series of financial reverses and died broken-hearted just three years after transporting the mummy.

"As for those who had to do with the mummy in England, there is nothing but one long tale of disaster. The man who drove the cart that conveyed the mummy to the museum, died mysteriously on the following day, and another who helped carry it into the museum had both his legs cut off in a cartage accident.

"The first man to photograph the dead object fell and broke his machine and hurt his face dangerously and to cap the climax the newspaper man that wrote about it was drowned the next week.

"Now all this may be mere coincidence, but I am inclined to think differently because I have investigated the matter and know that the above actually happened. Personally I think that there is an evil genius haunting the strange mummy. Tradition has it that the Princess Amen-Ra was a mystic who enjoyed extraordinary powers of second sight while alive."

## THE METALS IN BELLS

Effects of Too Much Tin—Large Bells Seldom in Tune

Bell-making is one of the few arts which have been in practice from the earliest times, but even to this day it has never reached a state of perfection. Very skilled workmen are needed to construct bells so that they shall be melodious artistic and durable.

Taking Great Britain as an example, we find that its oldest industry is the art of bell-making. In Whitechapel, London, a bell foundry had its beginning 350 years ago, and yet this is by no means the oldest for we are told that some may be traced back four or five centuries.

The bell of to-day is usually composed of five parts of tin to sixteen parts of copper. It has been found by the large bell-founders that to put too much tin in a bell often causes undesirable results, of which cracking is the most common. But the most satisfactory results have been obtained by using very old copper and procuring good tin, which comes from Australia.

## UNCLAIMED BANK BALANCES

Two-thirds of a Million Dollars Lying in Canadian Vaults

A blue book issued at Ottawa giving a list of unclaimed balances in Canadian banks, shows that some thousands of depositors throughout Canada have for some reason or other left with the banks a total of \$677,147, to which no one has laid claim for years. The unclaimed balances run from a few cents up to several thousand dollars, over a score being in the neighborhood of five thousand dollars.

### "A Man of Straw"

The legal expressions, "a man of straw," and "straw-ball," meaning a worthless person, or one who deceives the authorities into accepting him as a security on bad grounds, dates from a time when idle fellows hung about the law courts ready to give false evidence or to go bail for anyone who would pay them. They were called "straw-shoes," as they put wisps of straw in their shoes, either as a badge or to ease their conscience when they swore they owned sufficient land—represented by the straw—to go bail for a prisoner. The "straw-shoes" swiftly degenerated into professional perjurers, ready to swear anything. They lingered till comparatively recent times in Ireland, hated by their neighbors.

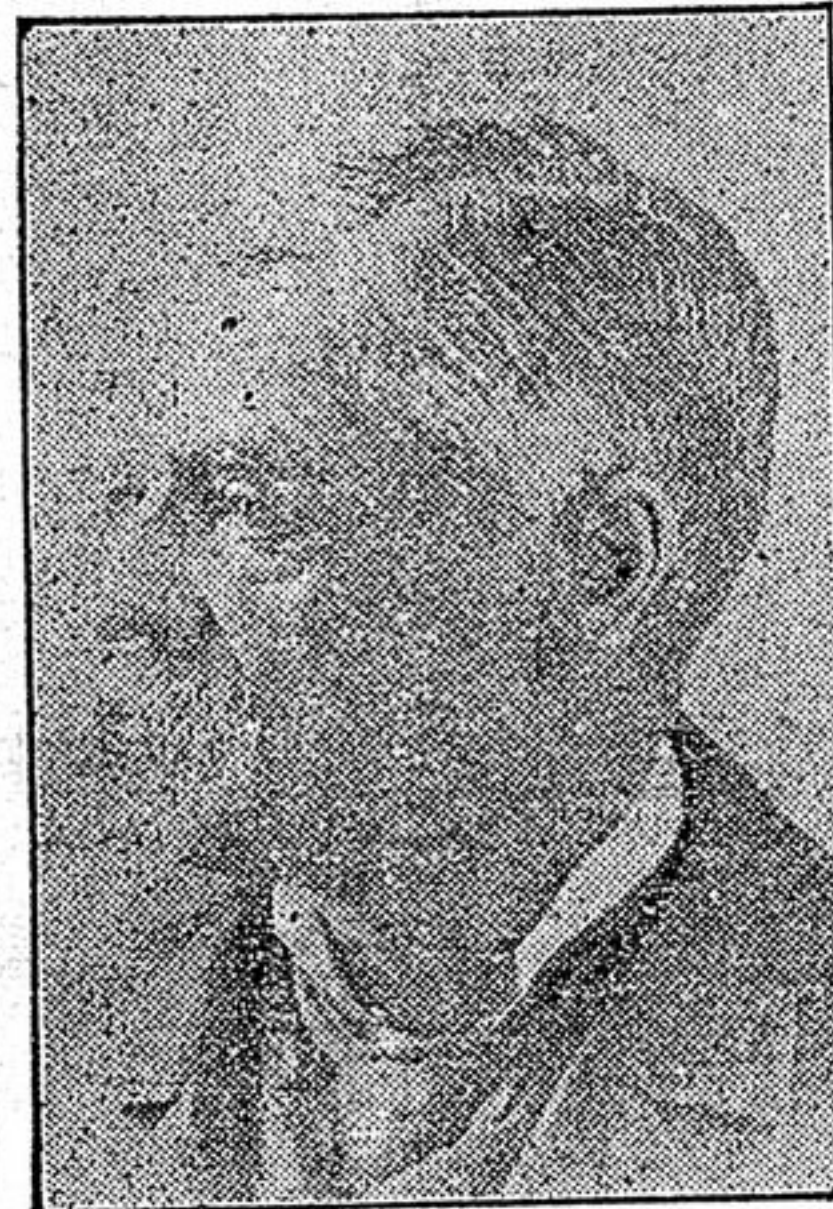
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## BONFIRE BURNED ON HISTORIC SPOT

The property upon which a bonfire was built to celebrate the annexation of the town of North Toronto by the City of Toronto was the site of Montgomery's Hotel, an old landmark that figured in the rebellion of 1837. The lot lay vacant ever since the historic tavern was burned by the Government forces on December 7, 1837. It was the scene of a sharp skirmish and bloodshed, Sir Allan McNab, who came from Hamilton several days before, attacking the rebels at a point on Yonge street just south of the hotel. As the Government forces were reaching the top of the hill a horse came galloping out of the fields. A man named Wideman who caught and mounted the animal was shot. While a group was standing around his body someone raised the cry of fire, and smoke was seen issuing from Montgomery's Hotel, which was gutted.



SIR AUGUSTE REAL ANGERS  
of Montreal

## TREES AND LIGHTNING

No Particular Kind Chosen When a Bolt Seeks Conductor

The relation of trees to lightning, as shown by a forestry bulletin, does not wholly accord with popular beliefs. It is found that trees are the objects most often struck because they are the most numerous of all prominent objects; they offer a short course to the ground, and their spreading branches in the air and roots in the soil present an ideal conductor to the ground.

Any kind of tree may be chosen by the lightning, the greater number in any locality being found among the dominant species. The likelihood of any tree being struck is increased if it is taller than surrounding trees, is isolated, is on high land, is deeply rooted, and if its condition—as when wet—makes it the best electrical conductor of the vicinity at the time of the flash.

Lightning may set a forest fire by igniting the tree or what is much more likely to be the case—the humus about the base.

## EXPERT APPLE TRADE

Excellent Condition of Quality and Packing Wins Confidence

That grading and packing of Canadian apples for export to Great Britain is constantly improved is shown in a report from Mr. J. F. Ray, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Birmingham, sent to the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa. He writes:—

"Your commissioner visits Smithfield market weekly in order to ascertain the state of the fruit market, quality of Canadian apples, and to seek probable buyers. It is gratifying to report the excellent condition in which apples arrive. Eight years ago complaints about quality and packing were numerous; but there appears to be no complaint of any kind now. Such a state of affairs is sure to increase the confidence of Birmingham buyers, and cannot fail to augment direct imports."

## SCIENTIFIC NOVELTIES

A new English machine gun fires 65,000 shots in succession without impairment to its accuracy by overheating.

One hundred nails a minute can be driven by a pneumatically operated magazine hammer of recent invention.

A respiratory outfit for deep sea divers on the principle of the newest mine rescue outfits is a German invention.

A fruit picking machine which slides fruit down a 25-foot chute without bruising has been patented.

Proof against dampness is the chief virtue claimed for a burial casket made of cement that an Ontario man has patented.

Experiments in Germany seem to have shown that dried potato vines have the same value for feeding stock as good meadow hay.

An electric cigar lighter for motorists is carried on the steering wheel and takes its current from the ignition system.

Japan makes use of marine vegetation more than any other nation, much of its seaweed being manufactured into edible gelatine.

For testing the structure of metals a German scientist has invented a microphotographic apparatus which magnifies 2,500 times.

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Wheat, spring, 75 to 80  
Barley, per bushel, 50 to 60  
Oats, per bushel, 33 to 35  
Pease, per bushel, 90 to 100  
Buckwheat, 45c. to 50  
Potatoes, bush. 40 to 45  
Butter, per pound, 22 to 25  
Eggs, per dozen, 22 to 25  
Hay, per ton, \$8 to \$10  
Hides, \$10.00  
Hogs, live, \$6.75 to \$8.25  
Beef, \$ 8.00 to \$9  
Sheepskins, 50 to 80  
Wool, 12 to 17  
Flour, Samson, \$2.80 to \$3.00  
Flour, Winnipeg, \$2.70 to \$2.90  
Flour, Silver Leaf, \$2.50 to \$2.70  
Flour, Victoria, \$2.45 to \$2.65  
Flour, new process, \$2.40 to \$2.60  
Flour, family, clipper, \$2.35 to \$2.55  
Bran, per 100 pounds, \$1.20 to \$1.30  
Shorts, do., \$1.25 to \$1.35  
Mixed Chop, do., \$1.40 to \$1.50  
Corn Chop, do., \$1.40 to \$1.50

## SECOND DIVISION COURT IN THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA.

The next sittings of the above Court will be held in Twomey's hall, in the Village of Fenelon Falls.

On Monday, Mar. 10th, 1913, commencing at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Thursday, Feb. 27th, will be the last day of service on defendants residing in this county. Defendants living in other counties must be served on or before Saturday, February 22th.

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