

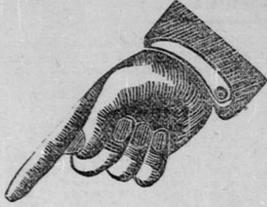
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THURSDAY, MARCH 16th, 1899

STAY WHERE YOU ARE

THAT IS MR. ED. NEIL'S ADVICE TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT GONE TO THE KLONDIKE.

A LETTER TO DR. CLARKE—GREAT HARDSHIPS—SOME GOLD MANY LOSS ALL—VARYING FORTUNES—LINDSAY MEN ALL RIGHT—BIG HOPES FOR THE SPRING.

By our special request Dr. W. H. Clarke has kindly permitted us to publish the following letter from Mr. Ed. Neil who went to the Klondike last season:

Gold Bottom Creek, Yukon, 29th Jan. '99
DEAR SIR,—To be true to my promise. I write now instead of thinking about it as I have been doing ever since I arrived in the great Klondike district.

I am glad to say all is well, so far. This has been a great trip with more experience than I would care to have every year, and not the least is the difficulty in getting started at mining after one gets here.

It is a fearful work packing goods, irregular meals, prospecting on different creeks, and none too much rest, and exposed at all hours to all sorts of weather on the trail. Everyone here has to be hustling all summer to get properly located for the winter, building cabins, cutting wood, cleaning up your claim and packing grub enough till snow falls. This kind of work almost broke me up, as it did many others.

I had to lie up a week in August and three weeks in November in our cabin at Dawson, but I have been back here for two months and never felt better. If health holds out I think I will accomplish my object in coming here, but to what extent I do not mean to say anything in this letter that might lead anyone to come out here. In fact to a friend, I would say "Stay where you are," for the risk is too great for the chances, especially with limited means. I don't know what the newspapers are saying about the Yukon District, but by no means is the amount of gold got that you may read about. True enough there is lots of it found, and to be found. Some old miners have been in for the winter and have not found it, and some are just beginning to find it. While some do find it, there are multitudes that do not. There is no prophetic theory to discover where it is to be found, and so the only way is to dig, dig, dig.

Thousands came in last summer expecting to find it anywhere and everywhere, but didn't, and on the trail which passes over every day to Dawson after abandoning their lays, without grub, without health,

and without hope. There are many such pitiful sights, but sympathy is no use here unless one is able to give. The whole experience is the toughest nut I ever had to crack.

But, doctor, I must not give you too much of the gloomy side of this great country, for truly in many respects it is most beautiful. Our journey from Bennett to Dawson was one succession of pictures, and when I am able to enjoy your company, I hope to interest you with the great Yukon and the gold fields. Some day I will send you a picture of Dawson, and some of the mines. There are eleven in our party, as you probably know. We have a cabin at Dawson, 20 miles from here, as our headquarters, one at Sulphur Creek, one at the mouth of Hunker Creek, and one here. We took five tons of goods from Dawson, towing our boat with a line up rapid stream the way. At present we are working four claims, and have secured some more which we are keeping for summer digging, as they are high and dry, but frozen all the same. Our boys are getting prospects on Sulphur Creek and we may all go there for the balance of the season. We have seven holes to bed-rock with fair prospects, and by my next letter I hope to send good news.

There are several Lindsay boys scattered through this district, and we hear of them occasionally. I have not seen Chris. Cornell since I left Dawson in the fall. He was looking well and had several claims. You know Jack McEwen is reported by good authority, to have struck it good on his claim. He is a smart boy and a good worker.

To show you the uncertainty in mining, I may tell you that the winter output of some of the claims on Sulphur Creek and Dominion Creek, is estimated to give from one hundred thousand to three hundred thousand dollars in the summer's washup while in the same localities scarcely a yard was got last winter.

While some things are cheap enough, monopolies make others from five to ten times what they are outside. Dawson has made big money here, especially in October and November, when there was so much sickness; but I tell you a doctor's life is a hard one up here, as it is for all men and beasts.

I will write you again soon, but don't you wait for another before you write, and write often, as it is a relief to get letters from the outside world.

Hoping this will reach you, and find you all in good health and prosperity. I am, yours sincerely, Ed.

THE CREAMERY

IS NOW IN ACTIVE OPERATION AND TURNING OUT AN ARTICLE—SOME THINGS ABOUT IT.

The creamery is an established fact and among our most promising industries. On Monday morning there was an air of activity about the tidy premises. Messrs. Dow and Brown had the decks cleared for action, so to speak, and ready for business. At about 8 o'clock Mr. Robt. Bryans drove up to the factory door and delivered his first cart of milk. Others followed with varying quantities, one of the largest amounts being 196 pounds brought by Mr. Jas. Twohey. Every alternate day since then, milk has been coming in and has shown a gratifying increase in amount. It has reached the 2500 pound mark at which operations can be carried on with profit. In the two churning-rooms 300 pounds of choice butter has been made and readily disposed of in the local market.

A brief description of the process may be of interest. At the door the milk is emptied into the weighing vat. Hanging on the side is a tiny dipper with which a scant can be filled more than half the height of a milk can. It is made like a double boiler and the steam is turned into the outer compartment till the milk is at 100 degrees. This kills all germs and odors. It goes next into the separator, which is a most intricate to explain on paper. It is not quite as large or high as the pasteurizer but is more substantial looking, being made of steel or brass and nicely painted. It stands on a foundation of which it is securely bolted. At the top are several imposing brass fixtures and the whole affair looks as if intended to resist some strain. That it is thus intended is evident enough when the interior compartment begins to make 600 revolutions per minute. This motion throws the milk to the sides and leaves the cream which is lighter, at the centre, from which positions each is led off by tubes, the milk flows clear up-stairs to a vat and the cream poured through a tube, to the ripening vat. An idea of the force with which the milk is thrown to the side and upward may be gathered from the fact that it passes into a tube of less than a quarter of an inch opening at the rate of 3000 pounds per hour. From up-stairs the hot milk is discharged through a pipe to the patrons' cans, as they call for it.

In the meantime the cream is in the ripening vat, which is long and has a round bottom, beneath and around which is a compartment for water, while at one end is the ice chamber, so that it can be ripened or held as required. When it is in the proper condition it is transferred to the churn, which is a sort of strong box six feet six inches long, two feet eight inches wide and three feet six inches deep and will hold 400 gallons. It is mounted on axles and revolves at the rate of 40 revolutions a minute for about 45 minutes when if the cream was at the right temperature—56 degrees—the butter will have come. The butter-milk is then drawn off and water poured in at 58 degrees. After the butter is allowed to drain for twenty minutes and is then taken out, weighed, salted, and placed on the working table. This is not a butter bowl, but a shallow circular affair that reminds one of the tread of the old dog churns. It is set up about knee height, is made to revolve slowly and at one side are two corrugated rollers reaching to the centre and tapering from 8 inches to about 3. These revolve the opposite way from the circular platform and as the butter travels beneath them it is worked. Besides this, the makers are busy with their paddles. Before long it is in one pound rolls wrapped in parchment—a king's luxury. The butter-milk is in a tank by itself and is free to newspaper men and 10 cents a gallon to others.

Mr. Dow and his assistant, Mr. Brown, are obliging and courteous gentlemen, as well as capable butter-makers. Under their management and with increasing patronage the factory is certainly destined to become one of the model dairy concerns of this province.

COBOCONK

Special to the Watchman and Warder
CONCERT.—The concert at the Odd Fellow's hall on Friday evening under the auspices of L.O.L. 1234 was not largely attended, owing to counter attractions held in the vicinity on the same evening. The program consisted of comic and sentimental songs by Mr. Max Swain and Miss Evelyn McPhaden readings by Miss Lottie Cook, and instrumental by Messrs. Avery, Shields, and Avery. The program was considered by many present to be the best ever given in the hall.

PERSONALS.—Miss McPhaden while here was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hart. Mr. Swain visited Mr. and Mrs. Birchard while here. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been attending the burial of the latter's father in Galt. Mrs. English returned on Saturday to Uxbridge after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. Han.

SONYA

Special to the Watchman and Warder
BASKET SOCIAL.—The basket social under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society on Friday evening last was a decided success in every particular. The dialogues, songs, recitations and tableaux rendered by the young people were well received. The orchestra filled their part of the program with delight to all. Rev. A. Currie, M.A., acted as chairman, while Mr. Alex. Black acted as auctioneer. Proceeds \$30.

ACCIDENTS.—On Wednesday, March 1st, Mr. Hector McDougall while working in the woods with his team had the misfortune to have the small bone of his leg broken by being struck by a log. He is now doing as well as can be expected. Last week Mr. Jas. Martin had two of his fingers badly smashed while engaged getting out rails for Mr. Jno. Jones. Dr. McPhail of Manilla dressed the injured members.

AT HOME.—The Sons of Scotland intend giving a social party on the evening of Friday 17th, in their hall here. A good program is being prepared, consisting of songs readings, recitations and speeches. A first class orchestra will be in attendance. Refreshments served during the evening. Admission 75 cents per couple.

MANILLA

Special to the Watchman and Warder
PERSONAL.—Mr. Arch. McFadyen of Port Perry, spent Sunday at the home of his mother. Mrs. (Dr.) Jardine of Sunderland is at present visiting relatives in this place. Mr. McLaughlin of McMaster University occupied the Baptist pulpit on Sunday. Miss Stephen of Cobocok is at present visiting her friend Mrs. (Rev.) Tucker.

OBITUARY.—John McLean of the 8th con, Mariposa, died on Sunday evening, another victim of that terrible scourge consumption. The funeral took place on Tuesday when the remains were placed in the Scotch burying-ground. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

MEANS "BOILED SHIRTS."—We notice that Mr. W. L. Coone, our enterprising merchant, has secured an agency for the Parisian Laundry. This will be a decided convenience to many of our townspeople.

WOOD-BEE.—As we remarked in our peculiarly jocular manner in a recent issue, the sights and sounds of "ye gentle Springs" come on apace. Now we have with us the ubiquitous wood-bee. This ancient institution, although it has its advantages, exerts a depressing moral influence because it leads the worthy son of toil to see how little he can do when working for his neighbor, and also to get the maximum amount of work out of his fellows when they are at his wood-pile. We maintain that this is a social and economic question of grave import. Let our labor-leaders look to it.

WILL DO OUR BEST.—As a private citizen we are glad, Mr. Editor, to note your persistent endeavors to keep before the public all wrong doings of any iniquitous governments. This is the proper and public-spirited line of action, and we hope you may continue in the future as in the past to interest the public by keeping before them all specific acts of misgovernment.

SALEM-EMILY

Special to the Watchman and Warder

SUPPER.—The oyster supper which was given in aid of the Methodist church building fund in Mr. John Ashmore's residence last Friday night surpassed anticipations, both financially and socially. There was a large attendance, people having come from Lindsay, Downeyville and Dunsford. Although Mr. Ashmore has a large and commodious house, yet standing and sitting room was at a premium. The revival meeting which was being held at Dunsford the same evening prevented some people from attending, but a large number who attended it were afterwards present at the oyster supper. The oysters were well cooked, and reflect much credit on the ladies who had the cooking of them in hand. The waitresses, who also deserve much credit, were Mesdames Ashmore, Elliott, James Kennedy, Misses Tilly Ashmore and Annie Stewart. The music during the evening was voluntarily contributed by two professional musicians and two or three amateurs. Miss Lilly Kennedy, our noted organist, gave a number of well-selected pieces, which caused great enthusiasm, and a famous violinist of Lindsay gave three selections on the violin, which brought down the house. A number of songs were also contributed towards the evenings amusement. Altogether a very pleasant time was spent. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$41.75. The boys say they will soon be ready for another supper. We must not forget to mention the extreme kindness exhibited by Mr. Ashman in putting his residence and stables at the disposal of all comers.

PERSONAL.—Mr. W. H. Kennedy of Onemee was here on Sunday visiting his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy, sr. Mr. David Kennedy, who has been visiting friends and relatives around here, returned to his home in Dakota. He says there is no place like Dakota. Miss Amy Kennedy has resumed her duties as dressmaker in Lindsay. Mrs. David Kennedy took seriously ill on Sunday night. Mrs. Kennedy was quite well on going to bed at ten o'clock, and about eleven she was taken suddenly with inflammation of the bowels. Doctor White of Lindsay was brought to her assistance about midnight and through his skilful treatment she is recovering slowly. Miss Kate Juton of Welwyn, N.W.T., who has been visiting friends and relatives in this district during the past two months, has not been very well since she came here, and is at present suffering from quinsy.

WOODVILLE

Special to the Watchman and Warder

FOR THE WEST.—In the matter of young men leaving these parts, there is almost a recurrence of the boom days of Manitoba. Mr. Russell McKay, son of Dr. McKay, left last week with a carload of settler effects. He has taken up land near Boisevain, where he intends engaging in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Donald Smith, who spent the winter with friends in the district, has returned to his home in the west. Mr. D. McLean, who lived for a number of years in the seventh concession of Eldon, is about to leave with his family for the prairie province to seek a new home. Mr. Bailie of Gross Hill with his family will do likewise in a few days.

CHANGED HANDS.—Mr. Herbert Brokenshire has bought the confectionery business from Mr. Ruben Rear. Mr. Rear will continue to run his bake shop in connection with the store. Mr. Jeremiah Rogers has disposed of his jewelry business to Mr. Tough of Toronto. Mr. Rogers is about to open a business in the village near Tottenham.

LECTURE.—The Rev. John Neill of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Toronto, lectured in the Presbyterian church here last Tuesday evening on "The Lakes of Killarney." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society.

CARNIVAL.—The last Carnival of the season will be held this (Thursday) evening in the skating rink here. Prizes will be given for boys and girls races and for costumes.

A BUSY STORE.—Messrs. Murchison & Gilchrist are showing a very choice assortment of men's felt hats at every reasonable price. They have everything in gentlemen's dress shirts, collars, ties, gloves, etc. They have just received their wall paper for spring, amounting to over two thousand rolls of the best patterns and colors the makers can get up and prices lower than ever.

VALENTIA

Special to the Watchman and Warder

HERE AND THERE.—Mrs. Alex. Casey, sr., spent a pleasant two weeks with friends at Port Hope. Miss Ella Mark, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Tom Suggitt of Uxbridge, has returned home.

COME TO SEA.—Mr. Philip Mark looked quite pleasant the other day. Being asked the cause of his joy he said that his wife had presented him with a bouncing baby boy. Mr. Cyrus Crazier has enjoyed a very pleasant smile during the past month. It was caused by the arrival of a fine young blacksmith at his house.

OBITUARY.—We have this week to record the death of Mrs. James Scott, who departed this life on the 7th inst. She was one of the oldest settlers of this neighborhood having resided here for over fifty years. She was 73 years of age and leaves a family of four sons and four daughters to mourn her departure.

COMERS AND GOERS.—Mr. Wm. McFlat of Lindsay is preparing to move to his farm north of here. Mr. Wilmot Mark, formerly our fence viewer, has accepted a good situation with Mr. John Nesbitt of Corwright. Mr. Fred. Hobbs has taken possession of Mrs. John Bruce's house for a year or so. Mr. James Henry of Janesville has moved to the farm lately worked by Mr. Wm. Glass on the second con. Mr. James Stokes, one of the hustling farmers of Ops, has taken up his abode on Mr. Geo. Webster's farm, south of here. Mr. John Dark one of our law-abiding citizens, has moved into Mr. Joseph Mark's house in Ireland. Mr. Mark having moved back to his former residence. Mr. Alex. Mitchell has moved to the farm lately leased by him near Salem, Mariposa. Mr. John Wallace of Gabbystown, who has engaged with Mr. John Riley for the summer, will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Mitchell. A few old boots with an occasional dip in Scogge's chilly waters will help to make Jack a desirable resident of Mucky Point farm for a time at least.

NORRIS.—The tifty pull at Mr. Ray's on Friday evening was a most enjoyable affair. Over fifty were present, and all returned to their homes much pleased with the evening spent. Mr. Herb. Webster and Miss Sarah Jordan were married on Wednesday last and will soon leave for Manitoba. Their many friends wish them happiness and prosperity. There are rumors of more weddings. Mr. W. Mark, who cut his foot some time ago, is able to be out again. Mrs. P. Mark presented her husband with a fine boy on Saturday last.