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THE LAST OF THE OLD CONVICT SHIPS

A very interesting survival from an age that is happily long past is the old convict-ship Success, the last of the "hulks" or floating prisons, in which it was the practice to confine refractory convicts in the penal colonies of Australia. The life of the British criminal who was transported to Australia during the century from 1760 to 1860 was not a happy one. He was compelled to work hard in semitropical heat, usually in the quarries. He was loaded with a heavy ball and chain, fed on the coarsest food, and housed in the roughest manner. If he rebelled he was sent to the hulks.

very likely below the water line, he scarcely saw the light of day for the first year or two of his confinement. The punishments were of the severest character, and confinement to the hulks was almost equivalent to a sentence of death.

The Success was one of the five merchant vessels lying at anchor in Sydney harbor that were deserted by officers and crew at the time of the gold discoveries in the early fifties. That was no uncommon thing when the gold fever was at its height. All five ships were seized by the government and converted into floating prisons. The Success was the largest of these vessels. Built in 1790 at Moulmein, Burma, for the East India trade, she has the further distinction of being the oldest vessel afloat today. Her hull is of teak, or ironwood, which is much harder than British oak.

When Great Britain finally abandoned the transportation of criminals in 1869 the Success was sunk in Sydney harbor. Before long, however, she was raised, and proving as seaworthy as ever, went back into the service of commerce. For some years the old ship has been on exhibition.

The cells, irons, ball and chains, flogging whips, anklets, and other

means of correction that were used in the old cruel days are still to be seen. There is an authentic history of the vessel compiled from prison records from which it appears that all prisoners confined on board had to wear leg-irons, some of which weighed fifty-six pounds. Even the "good" men, who were taken from the ship daily to work in the quarries, wore fourteen-pound irons. These men were kept below decks at night in cells that were seven feet in each dimension. The only light and ventilation came in over a barrel slit at the top, about six inches wide.

The worst criminals were confined in a still lower tier, in cells only four feet by seven, partly below the water line. Here perpetual dark and dampness reigned, and the mortality from consumption alone was fearful. The prisoners in this inferno, hot, dark and damp, were allowed to see daylight only one hour in the twenty-four, when they were taken on the main deck for exercise.

If they attempted to communicate with one another, they were fastened in a stooping position to a railing that ran along the narrow corridor between the cells. A hoop of iron that encircled the neck kept the head always bent down, and iron straps bound the feet. The hands were twisted together in a handcuff shaped like the figure eight. The victim remained in this torturing position, unable to move any part of his body, until he gave signs of utter collapse.

The real terror of this lower deck, however, was the "black hole," a small space near the bow only two feet and eight inches across. When a man was put in there, no one heeded whether he lived or died.

There were floggings for the most trivial offences, and the prisoners had no food except bread and water. No man was sentenced to these hulks for less than two years. The vessels were anchored nearly two miles out to sea, and the records of the Success show that not a single prisoner ever made his escape from her.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

OMEMEE JOTTINGS

Miss Carrie Poast, who is attending Lindsay Collegiate was home over Sunday.

Miss Nora Nichols was a visitor to Lindsay on Saturday.

Mr. Motesom German is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowes. Mr. Cecil Cornell has gone to Toronto to work in the Massey Harris Machine Shop.

Miss Rhea Patterson who is attending school in Lindsay, spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. Lowery Brooks has returned after spending a couple of weeks with his sister, Mrs. W. McCallum, of Bobcaygeon.

Rev. Mr. Chapman occupied the Methodist pulpit at Bethel, Sunday morning and evening, it being anniversary Sunday.

Miss Turner, of Beaverton, visited her friend, Miss Davidson, last week. Mr. Bert Skuce, of the Bank of Toronto, was home over Sunday.

Mr. Reuben Bradley, of Dunstford, was home over Sunday.

Mr. Walter Elliott, of Toronto, spent a few days at home last week.

The funeral of the late John Mills took place from the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. Magee on Monday 11.30 to St. Mary's Cemetery Lifford. Deceased was a member of the Methodist Church. The bearers were Messrs William Earle, Albert Stinson, George Magee, Joseph Beatty, William Robinson and John Sanderson. He leaves to mourn his loss, one daughter, Mrs. S. Magee, Janetville, and W. Magee Omeme, and two sons, Chas. Mills in the West.

Mrs. J. C. Eaton, of Toronto, visited her mother, Mrs. John McCrea on Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert Toole was in Lindsay Tuesday on business.

Quite a number attended the Choral Society concert on Dec 18th.

Mr. D. Curtis has returned home after several months trip through the West and States.

Miss Laura Fee visited friends in Lindsay this week.

Miss Maud Crown visited her friend Miss Nora Nichols on Tuesday.

The Junior League concert on Monday night was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to \$13.

THE BOY AND THE BANK ACCOUNT

There are several factors that are responsible for the making of an industrial and thrifty man out of an active and wide-awake boy, and one of the most important of these is getting the boy to start a bank account of his own in his early teens or before. Not only should the lad be encouraged to put most of the money he earns on deposit in such an account, but it will help to still further encourage him if the fund is increased a bit now and then by those interested in him. The having and building up of such a bank account will not only make a boy saving and thrifty, but he will at the same time learn the value of a dollar, while the incentive he will have to add to the sum on deposit will keep him from spending foolishly the money he earns. Help that restless, active boy to start a bank account. It may make a man of him. The Penny Saving Bank is instituted for that purpose and is now in operation in our schools here.

IN MEMORIAM

INGRAM—In loving memory of our dear father, James Ingram, who departed this life at Cameron, Ont., Dec. 18th, 1911.

The stroke is bitter, the loss severe, To part with one we loved so dear, A loving father, true and kind, No friend on earth like him we find. SORROWING ONES.

Mr. Melville Brokenshire is spending Christmas at home.

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MORE MEN ARRIVE FOR NEW INDUSTRY PLANT TO START IN JANUARY

Last evening some half dozen men connected with the Fisher Office Furniture Company, arrived in town and started to work at the Sylvester plant in order to get it in readiness as speedily as possible. The shafting is being placed in position and other improvements made to the interior.

Mr. Fisher stated to the Post this morning that he expected the plant to be in operation about the middle of January. The machinery to be installed will be of the most modern type.

Viola Acton Reached Here Today Restored to Her Father at Train

The final end of a case of Habeas Corpus with a great deal of human interest to it took place this morning at the C.P.R. station, when twelve year old Sarah Viola Acton stepped off the train from Montreal, to join her father, Joseph Acton, of Brock, who was waiting there for her.

Finally the law was resorted to, and it was only after a great deal of correspondence and after the case had passed through the Montreal courts that the child was restored to its father. A telegram was received last night by Mr. F. Holmes Hopkins, who handled the case for Mr. Acton that the authorities had placed the girl on board the train for Lindsay, and he was with the father back. Little Sarah Acton went to visit her brother-in-law, Loue Larson in Montreal, with the intention of staying about a week. When the time was up it is alleged the Larsons refused to let her return to her father in Brock.

SAD DROWNING IN THE UPPER SCUGOG JOHN SCOTT'S BATTLE WITH DEATH

The upper Scugog was the scene of a sad tragedy on Saturday night, when John Scott, of Valentia, brother of Mr. Josh Scott, Pottinger-st., Lindsay, went to his death in the icy waters of the river, after a brave battle of nearly an hour's duration.

The unfortunate man who has been employed as a farm hand, attempted to cross the river at a point near Meehan's Landing, above Fox's brickyard. The ice is very thin and treacherous at present, and the poor fellow had scarcely left the shore when the ice broke under him. A desperate battle for life must have taken place. His cries for help were heard fully a mile away, but considerable time had elapsed before assistance arrived. Albert Curtin, who resides near the river, was in the act of hitching up a horse when he heard the heartrending shouts of the drowning man. He jumped into his cutter, and drove with all speed to the river, where he discovered Scott battling for his life. He threw the poor fellow out a rail, but it proved of no assistance. Mr. Cornell, who had been attracted by the shouts, came down to the river, and Curtin went up to a nearby house and secured a rope. Others had also heard the drowning man's appeal for help and rails and the rope were used in an effort to save him. Scott, who had become exhausted after his fight against desperate odds, was no longer able to help himself, and sank from view.

Saturday evening Chief Umton and Constable Thornbury were notified of the drowning. Mr. Thornbury and Mr. James Bell visited the scene of the accident that evening, but could do nothing towards recovering the body. Sunday morning the same gentlemen, accompanied by Chief Chilton, Fireman Fred Roberts and John Hutchinson visited the scene, taking a punt with them. The ice was broken around the spot where poor Scott sank to his death. Several residents

of the vicinity had already instituted a search for the body, which was finally recovered by the Ford brothers in 10 feet of water. It was taken to the morgue at Anderson & Nugent's.

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The deceased was an unmarried man, and when not employed with farmers resided with his brother and sister at Valentia. He had recently been employed at Mr. James Shea's in South Ops, and was in town on Saturday. It is supposed that he was in the act of crossing the river to Mr. Shea's farm when he was drowned. When last seen he had several parcels and these are believed to have gone to the bottom of the river.

Beaverton Drunk Heavily Fined

Beaverton, Dec. 13.—(Special) Moses Reilly of this place was fined \$20 and costs for being intoxicated on the public street, contrary to the local option by-law in force in the village. Justices Charles Jenkins and Thomas Foster presided.

STURGEON LAKE FROZEN OVER

Mr. Robt. Graham, of Sturgeon Point gave the Evening Post a visit today, having driven from that place at 4 o'clock this morning to catch the train from Fenelon Falls. He reports that Sturgeon Lake froze over on last Sunday and Monday and now is becoming quite solid at the edges. Some time ago ice had formed from the sand bar as far as the eye could see, towards Bobcaygeon, but a heavy wind broke it up again in a few days.

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Miss Daisy attending Toronto guest of Miss street, Mrs. Henry Lloyd, are especially with Pembroke. Mr. Bert patient at the pital, has Verulax.

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