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Back from the Gold Fields

Mr. W. Gilliland of Eugenia Interviewed by the Advance Reporter.

The Advance had an extremely interesting conversation one day last week with Mr. Will. Gilliland, of Eugenia, who recently returned from the Cape Nome gold diggings. It will be remembered by many of our reader that Mr. Gilliland made one of a party who left here in the winter of 1898 for Dawson City by the Edmonton and Peace River route. There were seven thousand men who tried to reach Dawson by this route at that time, but Mr. Gilliland and nine others were all who succeeded in the attempt. Some died on the route and the rest became disheartened by the hardships and returned.

The story of this young man's adventures during the past two years is exceedingly interesting. We can only give a synopsis of what he told us.

His party left Edmonton on March 1, 1898, and proceeded to Fort Assiniboine on the Athabasca river, and from thence across country to Lesser Slave lake and up the Peace river to Fort Graham. From here they crossed the divide to the head waters of Mud River, and on to what is known as the old Cassiar. At this point the party broke up and most of them returned to civilization, but Mr. Gilliland and a companion pressed on. They were forced to kill a horse and live on its flesh for a week. Then a fortunate hunting reconnaisance brought them six mountain sheep, and the history of this capture is one of the most interesting in the experience. The two young men attempted to bring three of the sheep to camp, but owing to the distance and obstructions were obliged to abandon them one by one, and arrived at camp at 4 a.m. utterly exhausted and without any of the game. They rested one day and then getting assistance from another camp went out and brought in the mutton. In one instance Mr. G. says he coasted a fall mile down a mountain side, using a sheep for a toboggan, and its horns as brakes. It was a most exciting ride, the man being thrown occasionally and the sheep the rest of the time.

At the old Cassiar Mr. Gilliland separated from his companion and packed two things to the head waters of the river, some 200 miles. This, to the pages company, must have been a long and tedious journey. Just here it is interesting to note that one of this party, Henry Weyhrich of Los Angeles, died of stavation that winter after parting from Mr. Gilliland, the details of which were published in the Los Angeles Times of July 6 last.

At the head of the Pelly Mr. G. fell in with a couple of prospectors from near Flesherton by the name of Jamieson. Thence the trip was down the Pelly to Lake Teslin and from thence down the Yukon to Dawson, where the party as then constituted arrived in November, a year and eight months after leaving Edmonton.

For two months of the winter of 1899 Mr. G. and a companion hunted moose and cariboo, 200 miles up the Klondike river for the Dawson market and cleared $7 per day besides expenses. We have a good hunting experience of this outing but it is too long to insert here. From January to June work was done in the diggings, the pay being one dollar per hour. At Dawson the thermometer had dropped to 70 below, but generally ran from 30 to 45. In winter daylight came at 9 a.m. and darkness at 3 p.m. In June the sun only disappeared for a couple of hours and it was never dark. At Circle City, 400 miles down the Yukon, north of Dawson, the phenomena was seen of a midnight sun.

In June of last summer Mr. Gilliland went to the new placer diggings at Cape Nome, and staked out a claim, but it did not pay and he went to work for a company at one dollar per hour. He started for home on the 12th of October and arrived here about the end of November. During his wanderings he has seen an immense extent of country and amassed a prodigious amount of interesting experience as well as a fair proportion of wealth. He has been the proverbial rolling stone, but a nice bit of "moss" has stuck to him, nevertheless, and he expects to return either to Dawson or Nome next spring. He informs us that the richest "pan" of gold he saw at Dawson turned out $1330, and at Nome $17.50. A pan can be washed in about fifteen minutes. He saw a nugget of pure gold at Dawson valued at over $1000 Board can be had in Dawson now for $3 a day and $1 for a bed. He did not wear any furs throughout the whole journey.

Times Haves Changed

Such was the remark made by a judge of Simcoe county upon a recent visit to the House of Refuge when he beheld a former well known business man of Barrie among the inmates of that institution, in the person of Martin Moore, at one time a prosperous and wealthy harness manufacturer. His wealth was estimated at $20,000 and he was the last man who thought he would have to seek refuge in a county poorhouse. But, as the learned judge remarked, "Times have changed," and Moore spent last winter in the House of Refuge. When the warm weather came he left the institution and spent the summer in Barrie. This week he was again taken into the House for winter. A World reporter interviewed Moore a short time ago as to the cause of his destitution, and was informed that part of his money had been lost through endorsing notes. He also claimed that he lost heavily through the failure of the lumbermen the last few years he was in business in Barrie. Trotting horses also cost Moore a great deal of money and helped to bring about his present condition. Moore was in business in Bond Head and Holland Landing prior to going to Barrie.—Beeton World.

The Road Question

To the Editor of the Advance.

DEAR SIR,—As you invite controversy in regard to the commutation of statute labor, I thought I would have my say along with the rest. I have not heard of any scheme advanced by any of the council except Mr. Boyd. As far as I can see, I don't think his is any better than the one now in use. I have heard it stated by one who has been in townships where the roadwork was commuted that it does not give satisfaction except along the main roads and in the towns and villages. The back roads, concessions and sidelines are neglected. I consider we get a good deal more than fifty cents worth of work on an average for each day's work performed. It is more convenient and easier for a great many to perform their roadwork at the time of year it is usually done than it is to pay out the cash along with the taxes we have to pay. I doubt if the road work could be done at the proper time as well as it is now. There would be the commissioners and overseers to pay, which I suppose would not be less than $2 per day, which would cat quite a hole in the money, especially if we had to pay two commissioners for one job at the same time as we have had to do in the past. I suppose it would be to the interest of some of our more prominent men to get the statute labor commuted. They would expect longer employment at $2 per day. I think the roads are improving as fast as anything else in the country under the present system. If the pathmasters were required in making returns to state the amount of work performed in the division, with number of days' work, and the result published, I think it would be an incentive to a friendly rivalry to see who could make the best report for their division. I don't think it would be fair to a division which has performed their labor faithfully and made a good road to have to pay the tax now and the amount all to be expended somewhere else where the men have been lying in the shade or at least not half working. Respectfully yours, ANOTHER RATEPAYER.

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Born—In Flesherton, on New Years day, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bunt, a daughter.

We have a few premium books and calendars left but cannot supply them after the present month.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sheppard sang at an English church concert in Thornbury New Years night.

Division Court was held in the town hall on Friday. Space forbids an extended notice.

Considerable matter is held over this week, including Portlaw and Maxwell correspondence, for which we cannot find room.

Saw logs wanted at Rockvale Mills. Rock and soft elm, basswood and large maple. Other kinds of timber taken also good prices paid. Call for list.

There are six candidates in the field for police trustee in this village, namely T. A. Bfakeley, W. S. Christoe, W. P. Crossley, F. G. Karstedt, Geo Mitchell, and A. S. VanDusen.

Flesherton skating rink is now in full blast. Season tickets may be had from J. F. Vandusen. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Band in attendance Wednesday.

The skating rink, which is again being run under the auspices of the band, was opened for the first time on New Years evening, where a goodly number availed themselves of its charm.

The annual entertainment of Priceville public school will be held in Watson's hall, Priceville, on Friday, Jan. 11. Go and encourage teachers and pupils. See bills for full particulars.

A credit auction sale of farm stock and and implements will be held on lot 28, con. 8, Glenelg, on Thursday, Jan. 10, 1901. Jarvis Hazard, proprietor; D. McCormick, auctioneer. See bills.

The Methodist church, Kimberley, will give their annual tea and entertainment on Monday evening next, Jan. 7, 1901. Tea from 6 to 8. A splendid program with brilliant talent See bills.

A burglar or burglars entered M. Richardson & Co's store some time Sunday night by breaking open a rear window of the hardware department and took a few cents from the till and a box of knives. It is supposed they were scared away and left in a hurry.

Mr. M. Richardson, M.P., banqueted his employes of the Dundalk and Flesherton businesses on Friday evening of last week, at his residence here, when about 25 people sat down to a lavish oyster and fowl spread, after which games were indulged in to a late hour and a most enjoyable evening put in.

At a meeting of L. O. L. No. 509, held in the Orange Valley, the following officers have been elected for the ensuing year: W. M., D. A. Matheson; D. M., Wm. Speer; Chap., Jos. Gibson; Rec. Sec., James Pearson; Fin. Sec., R. Burrell; Treas., Joseph Beattie; D. of C., John Bennett; Lecturer, Jas. Irwin. St. Com., James Beatty.

MONTREAL, Dec. 1900.

To the public:—Your druggist is hereby authorized to refund the purchase price on a twenty-five or fifty cent bottle of Green's Warranted Syrup of Tar, if it fails to cure your cough or cold.

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Personals

Mr. Arthur Wardrobe, with M. Richardson & Co., visited friends in Orangeville over New Years.

Mrs. Bartley of Owen Sound visited a few days of the past week with Mrs. A. M. Gibson.

Miss Aggie Lever of Toronto is making a New Year's call on friends here.

Miss Rankin, milliner with M. Richardson & Co., left on Saturday for her home in Barrie.

Master John and Geo. Bell are visiting their uncle, R. McKenzie of Orange Valley.

Miss Corrine Frost of Owen Sound is a guest at the home of M. Richardson, M. P.

Murray-Henderson.

Society has been on the qui vive for some time over an expected event in the matrimonial line, which culminated on Thursday last by the marriage of Ernest C. Murray, Flesherton's popular dental surgeon, to Miss Lizzie F. Henderson, eldest daughter of Mr. W. J. Henderson, of Artemesia township. The event took place at the residence of the bride's parents, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. T. R. White of Eugenia, in the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives. The groom was assisted by his brother, Dr. Fred Murray of Toronto, and the bride, who looked very pretty in a grey travelling suit trimmed with white silk, was assisted by her sister, Miss Tennie Henderson. After the ceremony the usual wedding dinner was served, and the young couple departed for their home in Flesherton, where friends had prepared the residence for their reception. A large number of suitable and timely presents were recieved. The Dr. is popular and is working up a good practice here. May still greater prosperity crown his efforts and may his worthy bride find a congenial atmosphere among her Flesherton friends.

The Nominations

Nomination for the township of Artemesia on Monday was attended by a large crowd of electors and matters pertaining to township affairs were discussed somewhat warmly, there being several pyrotechnical displays during the course of the afternoon. Everybody said it was the most interesting nomination they had ever attended. Mr. McTavish was returned as reeve by acclamation but several new aspirants are out for seats at the council board The list of nominations is as follows:

FOR REEVE.

Dr. Christoe by H. Mathewson and C. Irwin. Resigned.

D. McTavish, by John Blackburn and Walter Simmons.

John Boland, by M. Riley and Donald McMillan Resigned

FOR COUNCILLORS.

Alex. Muir, by C. Irwin, T. Grainger. J. A. Boyd, by H. Piper and H. McLoughrey.

Thos. Kells, by G. Mitchell and James Brodie.

Geo. Thompson, by J. Boland and J. H. Duckett.

Joseph Gibsen, by J. Boland and John Snell.

James Best, by John Lyons and W. Sharp.

R. N. Henderson, by John M. Duncan and John Wright. Resigned.

W. J. Henderson, by S. Pedlar and J Magee.

OSPREY NOMINATION

For Reeve—Clark, Monaghan.

For Councillors—Clinton, Ferguson, Guy, Hudson, Johnson, Morrison and Norman.

EUPHRASIA NOMINATION

For Reeve—Davis, Eaton

For Councillors—Miller, Pringle, Paton Yedell, Richardson, Cook.

Methodist S. S. Anniversary

The Methodist anniversary on New Years evening was one of the most successful held for years both in point of finances and the tone of the program, which latter was beyond criticism. The audience was very large and appreciative, the proceeds of Sunday collections and the entertainment amounting to $68.35 Some of the more prominent things in the program were:—Solos by Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. Barnhouse, Miss Zilla Trimble and several youthful but sweet little singers; several recitations of more than ordinary merit, a short reminiscent speech by M. Richardson, M.P., who had not missed an anniversary for the past 33 years; and a very pretty little drama entitled "The coming of the Messiah" by a number of little people who acted their parts exceedingly well. The supper in the basement was lavish in both quantity and quality. This school has prospered during the past year, the average number of pupils being 86. There are fifteen teachers and eight other officers. The boys recited 1940 verses and the girls 5687. There are 450 books in the library, which are made good use of. During the year the school expended $88.16 and closed the year with $15.83 wherewith to begin the new century.

Port Law

From Our Own Correspondent

May this be a happy and prosperous New Year to the Advance and all its readers.

Dr. E. C. Murray of Flesherton, succeeded by his winning ways in looring away from her parent's hom, Miss Henderson, a very estimable young lady of the centre line. We feel sure that the many friends of the happy bride and groom will unite in wishing them a life of unalloyed happiness together.

The Misses Ida and Edith Shier are home for the holiday season with their parents.

Of the public school pupils of this section the three who were most regular in attendance were Harold Henry, Frank Holman and Leslie Chard, who attended 205, 191 and 191 days respectively. We think the remarks of Principal Slaughter in last Advance very applicable to this section. Many parents ignore the fact that we have a compulsory educational law or seem think that the teacher is gifted to impart an education to their children by "absent treatment."

At the annual meeting of our school the ratepayers by unanimous vote re-elected Mr. F. W. Nicholson for the present term.

The Misses Blackburn of Sunnidale are visiting with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, Sr., and other relatives.

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ROAD NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that after four weeks from the first publication hereof in the newspaper, Flesherton Advance, (the first publication being the third day of January A. D., 1901) The Municipal Council of the Township of Artemesia will proceed to pass a bylaw to establish the undermentioned deviation of road in the said township, viz:

1 All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate lying and being in the Township of Artemesia in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement one and one half acres, be the same more or less, being composed of part of lot thirty-one in the first concession north of the Durham Road in said township, being a road allowance one chain in width the centre line of which may be more particularly described as follows, that is to say:

Commencing at a point in the westerly limit of said lot distant north eight degrees west five chains twenty links from the south westerly angle of said lot, thence north fifteen degrees east three chains thirty links, thence north eight degrees west eight chains sixty links, thence north thirty-one degrees west three chains thirty links to westerly limit of said lot.

2. All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land or premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Artemesia in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement one and two-thirds acres, be the same more or less, being composed of part of lot thirty in the first concession north of the Durham Road in the said township being a road allowance one chain in width, the centre line of which may be more particularly described as follows, that is to say:

Commencing at a point in the easterly limit of the said lot distant north eight degrees west thirty six chains from the south-easterly angle of said lot, thence north seventy-one degrees west five chains forty link, thence north fifteen degrees west four chains eighty-three links, thence north six degrees west six chains seventy links, more or less, to a point in the northerly limit of said lot distant north eighty-two degrees east four chains eighty-three links from the northwesterly angle of said lot.

3. All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the township of Artemesia in the County of Grey and Province of Ontario, containing by admeasurement two and seven-eighths acres, be the same more or less, being composed of part of lot thirty in the second concession of the said township, being a road allowance one chain in width, the centre line of which may be more particularly described as follows, that is to say—

Commencing at a point in the southerly limit of said lot, distant north eighty-two degrees east four chains eighty-three links from the south-westerly angle of said lot, thence north six degrees west two chains sixty-four links, thence north fifteen degrees west fifteen chains sixty-eight links, thence north twenty-two degrees west seven chains ninety-eight links thence north eight degrees west two chains forty five links more or less to the northerly limit of said lot.

E. McDOWALL, D. L. S.

All persons interested are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 1900.

By Order
W. J. BELLAMY,
Township Clerk.

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Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Electoral District Agricultural Society of East Grey will be held in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, A. D., 1901, at one o'clock, p. m., for receiving and passing the directors' and auditors' reports for the ensuing year, electing officers for the year 1901 and such general business as may be considered in the interests of said society.

As none but members for 1901 are eligible to office or have a vote at such meeting kindly send in one dollar to the secretary before the day of meeting, or hand sum to him that day, and become a member and be prepared to take part in the meeting. R. J. Sproule, Sec.

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