

Captain Evered Nears Century in English Home

Father of Haileybury Man Knew Florence Nightingale; Is Ancient Mariner

Captain John Guy Courtney Evered, R.N., of Bridgewater, Somersetshire, England, father of N. J. Evered, well known mining man of the North and a resident of Haileybury, will be 100 years old on September 22nd. He is still hale and hearty in his English home, where Mr. and Mrs. Evered visited him two years ago, and is a man of great experience in the world. He is the oldest living Etonian, having entered that famous school when he was 12 years of age, and is one of the few surviving veterans of the Crimean war. Pictures of the veteran, which Mr. and Mrs. Evered have here, show him to be a remarkably preserved man for his great age and other views show his beautiful English home, where he is spending the evening of his days and enjoying life.

In an interview with a newspaper at his home, Captain Evered told in an entertaining way some of his experiences throughout the Crimean war. From this paper the following extracts are taken:

"Captain Evered is the hero of a hundred fights. He has eluded death a score of times. For four months he lay on his back with a shot wound he can still feel. He fought throughout the Crimean war on sea and land. Hear him tell in his own lively way some of his adventures.

"There were three of us together doing reconnaissance work," he said. "We had dismounted from our horses and got away from our flank. I saw through my glasses a group of Cossacks approaching. They came nearer till it was getting far from safe. My companions mounted to ride away, when my horse—she was white, I remember—took it into her head to bolt. Another minute and I should have been lost, but I leapt after the horse, clutched her mane, and together we dashed for safety."

"I was given my Lieutenant's commission for saving some women from the Cossacks. My captain told me to take two boats and such men as I wanted and do our best. It was a tough job getting the women from those rascals. They blazed away at us and we had to lower the women into our boats by the hair of their heads in some cases. But we brought them safely away.

"Another time those Russians shortened the fuses of our batteries. I was wounded in the explosion, and the medico said afterwards, 'Mr. Evered, if you no had six layers of clothing on,



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your hip would have been shattered."

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The ancient sailor mused over bygone days. He chuckled to himself over an eighty-years-old joke.

"As midshipman," he said, "I was out in China. They were rough times, but I was lucky, because the Admiral would have it that I had an uncle who was a friend of his. Some mornings at breakfast he would say, 'Well, Mr. Evered, and how is your uncle?' That uncle never existed, but why should I upset the Admiral by telling him so?"

"Those were the days of the survival of the fittest. We had to carry our drinking water in barrels. After we had been out to sea for a fortnight or so it stank to heaven."

The years rolled by. Captain Evered, with six sons and two daughters, sailed to New Zealand in 1880 in the Lady Joceline, the last passenger sailing ship that left these shores for that distant country.

When his father died he returned to inherit his lovely home in the Quantocks. Till he was very nearly ninety he rode to hounds and took part in country sports."

Captain Evered's photos show him wearing several medals, but he is reluctant to discuss them, his son says, and it is not known definitely just what they are, with one exception, which is the Legion of Honor.

His chief sport now is fishing, which he indulges in right on his

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For the past three years in succession, the University of Toronto, Toronto Conservatory of Music, has awarded a medal to one of Miss Rice's pupils for the highest standing in the Dominion. This year Miss Noanie Bagshaw is the recipient and this marks the seventh time that one of Miss Rice's pupils has been similarly honored. It is surely a record for our Northern musical students.

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Five of his six sons and one daughter are living. A brother died at the age of 98.

Rebekahs and Oddfellows Entertained at Corn Roast

On Thursday evening last about 50 members of the Haileybury Rebekah and Oddfellows' Lodges were entertained to a corn roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clow, North Cobalt, both of whom are members of the Order.

A very pleasant evening was spent. Members of the Lodges took this opportunity of making a presentation to one of their number, Miss G. McCuaig, who is to be married in the near future. A beautiful china fruit bowl with candlesticks to match was given to Miss McCuaig as a token of esteem and good wishes for her future happiness.

Wet Feet and Baked Shoes Feature Hiking in Rockies

High up in Shovel Pass, in Jasper National Park, two young school-teachers got their feet wet. It was probably their worst experience in 20 miles of hiking in the Rockies, because when they made camp they filled their damp shoes with ashes to dry them out. The next morning as they dressed to take the trail again, one pair of shoes broke in halves in their fingers and the soles dropped off the others!

Dorothy Young, B.A., from England, and Alice Rainsford, B.A., from Ireland, who were teachers last winter at Ruperts Land Ladies' College, Winnipeg, spent their summer vacation on a trip to Western Canada, most of it hiking in Jasper National Park. The baked shoes episode occurred in a 70-mile hike to Maligne Lake and back through Shovel Pass. They also visited Mount Edith Cavell to climb on the glacier, and historic Henry House, and made a trip to Mount Robson and Berg Lake.

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