

Past Eighty Years.

He claimed to be 'upward of 80 years old, and no one in court felt inclined to dispute his statement. He resembled the popular representation of Rip Van Winkle, after his long sleep, more than anything else. His pale, stick-like hands grasped the end of a formidable-looking cane, upon which he leaned heavily as he pleaded guilty in trembling tones to a charge of vagrancy.

"You are on the extreme edge of the grave," his Honor told him, "and I am sorry that your youth and manhood has not brought you a competency in this the winter of your life."

The old man's eyes grew moist as he replied: "They say a rolling stone gathers no moss, and no one who knows my history can doubt the truth of the adage. There were only thirteen stars on the blue square in the American flag when I was old enough to know anything, and the only feeling within me that can be called affection, which has grown stronger year by year despite the adversities and troubles and trials that have met me at every turn, is the love of the flag and of the country which it represents. I was a devil in a printing office at the age of 13, and a wandering compositor seven years later. There are few newspaper offices of any account in the large cities in which I have not at one time or another set type. I imagined then that a free Bohemian life was the only life fit for a freeman to lead, and I must acknowledge now that I passed many pleasant days wandering from village to village, from town to town, and from city to city, stopping only long enough here and there to earn a few dollars at my trade and then starting forth again in search of new scenes and adventures. If I had settled down in one spot I might not have saved any money, because my disposition, I believe, would not permit me to do this, but I would certainly have gained some friends, who, perhaps, would see that my old body received, at least, a decent burial. I want you to send me somewhere where the biting cold of winter will not cause me suffering. Perhaps I will not see another of you before I go. I would like to have a word of advice to all who may hear me. The old man hesitated for a moment, and then continued in a faltering voice: "Remain in your birth-place, filling as best you can whatever walk in life you are cast in. Strive hard to secure an honest friend than a bank account and about all, except, so that when your time comes to die you will leave someone behind to mourn your departure."

As he left the Courtroom, a score of pitying eyes followed him. — N.Y. Journal.

Died in the Snow.

KINGSTON, Jan. 8.—The details of a very odd occurrence reached the city today. On Wednesday last, Wm. and John Shercock, two fine young men of Howe Island, went to Clayton via the ice to make a payment on a schooner which they bought there recently. They remained over night at that place and started for home late in the morning. About an hour after they left, the American shore the vessel left, and the two men were unable to see where they were going, and finally lost their way. After wandering about until dark came on they became separated and then sank in the snow as usual.

When morning broke, John, who had dug a hole in the snowbank, and creeping into it remained there all night, saw that he was about 100 yards from a house, which is located on the shore of the Grindstone Island, and he crawled from the cold bed and managed to attract the attention of the inmates of the house, who went upon the ice and took him in charge. The poor fellow's feet and legs above the ankles, his hands and a portion of his neck were badly frozen. It is said his feet and hands dropped off in the house. He told a painful tale about their wandering, how that William left him to go a little to one side for tracks, and never made his appearance again. He called loudly but there was no response.

The report of the sad affair spread around the country and search for the missing man was at once instituted for days, without success. Only yesterday was the body of Wm. Shercock found, frozen stiff. The wind had removed a portion of the snow off his shoulder, and by this means the corpse was discovered.

It is doubtful if John will recover, as he suffered terribly while lying in the hole in the snow over night. The young men were honest and industrious, and having saved some money purchased a small craft which they intended to sail next summer. The affair has thrown a gloom over Howe Island.

Another Witness. A. Chard, of Stirling, testifies to the efficacy of Haged's Yellow Oil, which he used for a badly injured knee joint. It is the great household remedy for inflammation, pain, soreness, lameness, etc., and is used both internally and externally with infallible success.

Postal Service. During the year ended Dec 31 last, there were issued from the Toronto postoffice 17,731 money orders, amounting to \$252,173 and from the branches a total of 1,994, value \$24,074; east 614, value \$6394; north 1,014, value \$12,814; Yorkville 1014, value \$14,634, a grand total of 22,269, value \$340,964. There were paid at the head office 61,259, value at \$1,292,217, and at the branches: west 136, value \$2009; east 38, value 759; north 47, value \$1304; Yorkville 340, value \$549, or a grand total of 61,872, value \$1,291,529.

There were deposited during the year in the post office savings bank (head office) \$474,310, withdrawn, \$376,910; and the branches: west \$28,347, withdrawn \$19,261; east \$8557, withdrawn \$7920; north, \$11,692, withdrawn \$7963; Yorkville, \$18,466 withdrawn \$19,156, or a grand total of \$542,012 deposited and \$431,279 withdrawn.

No loss of any kind occurred, either from carelessness or dishonesty, in the manufacture of the above amount, which somewhat exceeds two millions and a half of dollars. The total increase in the year's business over that of 1882 is in the neighborhood of \$250,000, and marks the rapid growth of the city. The branch offices have proved to be a great convenience to the public, who have largely availed themselves of the opportunity offered of doing postal business at places nearer their homes than the head office is. During the year past important additions have been made to the number of countries with which Canada interchanges the benefits of the money order system.

The number of registered letters forwarded from the Toronto postoffice during the past year was 320,665, the largest number in any one month being 32,246 in December, and the smallest number, 22,130 in September. The number of registered letters received at the postoffice was 363,459.

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