

The Story of an Ottawa Business Man.

Afflicted With Deafness and Partial Paralysis—Obliged to Give up His Business on Account of These Infirmities—To the Surprise of His Friends Has Been Fully Restored to Health.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

Mr. R. Ryan, who is well-known in Ottawa and vicinity, having been until recently a merchant of this city, relates an experience that cannot fail to prove interesting to all our readers. It is well-known to Mr. Ryan's acquaintances that he has been almost totally deaf since twelve years of age, and that some time ago this affliction was made still more heavy by a stroke of partial paralysis. Recently it has been noticed that Mr. Ryan has been cured of these troubles, and a reporter thinking that his story would be of benefit to the community requested permission to make it public, and it was given by Mr. Ryan as follows:—"In the fall of 1883, when I was about twelve years of age, I caught a severe cold in the head, which gradually developed into deafness, and daily became worse until in the month of July, 1884, I had become totally deaf, and was forced on account of this to leave school. The physician whom I consulted informed me that my deafness was incurable, and I concluded to bear my ailments as well as I could. In 1889 I started a store about two miles from Calumet Island, Que., but not being able to converse with my patrons on account of my deafness, I found it almost impossible to make business a success. However, things were getting a little brighter until last April when I took a severe pain, or rather what appeared to be a cramp, in my right leg below the knee. I was then doing business in Ottawa, having come to the city from the place above mentioned. At first I gave no heed to the pain, thinking it would disappear but on the contrary it grew worse, and in the course of a few weeks I had to use a cane and could scarcely bear any weight on my leg. I continued to go about this way for two weeks, when a similar cramp attacked my left arm, and in less than two weeks, in spite of all I could do for it, I could not raise the arm four inches from my body and I found that the trouble was partial paralysis. Judge my condition—a leg and an arm useless, and deaf besides. Being able to do nothing else, I read a great deal and one day noticed in one of the city papers of a man being cured of paralysis by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I immediately began the use of Pink Pills and before I had finished the third box I noticed a curious sensation in my leg, and the pain began to leave it excepting when I endeavored to walk. Well the improvement continued, gradually extended to my arm, and by the time I had completed the seventh box my leg and arm were as well as ever, and my general health was much better. And now comes a stranger part of my experience. I began to wonder why people who were conversing with me would shout so loud. Of course they had always had to shout owing to my deafness, but I was under the impression that they were beginning to shout much louder. After having bade them 'speak lower' several times, I enquired why they still persisted in shouting, or rather yelling at me and was surprised to be informed that they were not speaking as loud as formerly. This led to an investigation and judge my joy when I found that Pink Pills were curing the deafness which was supposed to have been caused by my catarrh. I continued the Pink Pills for a month and a half longer, and I now consider myself perfectly cured after having been deaf for ten years. I can hear ordinary conversation and am fit for business, though I am yet a little dull of hearing, but this is not deafness, it is simply dullness, the result of my ten years inability to hear conversations, which still leaves me with an inclination not to heed what is being said. But I am all right and you may say from me that I consider Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the best medicine known to man, and that I shall be forever indebted to them for my renewed health and strength."

Newspaper ethics usually prevent the publication in the news columns of anything that might be construed as an advertisement, and thus much valuable information is suppressed that might prove of incalculable benefit to thousands. The praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills should be sung throughout the land, they should be familiar in every household, and newspapers should unite in making them so.

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DEATHS AND SUICIDES IN LONDON.

Mr. Keir Hardie's Motion in the British Commons—No Foundation in Fact.

Mr. Keir Hardie, one of the "labor" members of the British House of Commons, did some real service by bringing forward recently a motion calling upon the Government to adopt such measures as would effectually put an end to deaths and suicides by starvation and by fear of want in London. The service which he rendered did not consist in the remarks he made or the judicious conclusions which he drew from the statistics that he quoted, but in the interesting information which his motion was the means of eliciting from members of both parties who opposed it. Mr. Keir Hardie attributed all the deaths from starvation, and most of the suicides that occur amongst the humbler classes, to lack of employment for persons willing to work; and he declared that what he termed this "simple problem" of the lack of employment could be easily solved by the Government, through building, in various parts of the kingdom, a number of war cruisers; through the diminution of the hours of labor to eight hours; through the adoption of a modified form of protection—which, he said, would keep people from leaving the rural districts for the towns—through the reclamation of foreshores and waste lands, afforestation, etc. He also asserted that deaths from exposure and want were increasing in London, as were the number of paupers.

In the discussion which ensued several speakers—especially Sir Walter Foster, a Liberal who has given much study to this sad subject—conclusively showed that Mr. Keir Hardie's statements had no foundation in fact, and that the remedies he proposed would, if applied, be entirely inadequate. In the vast aggregation of humanity in the Imperial Metropolis, with its four millions and a quarter of souls, authentic statistics proved that the number of people who died from starvation last year was nominally 31. But these included nine children, most of whom died not so much from want of food but from neglect and improper food. And of the adults a large proportion were in the last stage of disease; and their death was not directly caused but accelerated by want and exposure. Only four of the deaths were directly traced to starvation. This, indeed, is four too many, although it is a small proportion in the immense population of London. Suicides, it is true, were more numerous within the metropolitan area last year than they were in any of the preceding three years. But there is no evidence in favor of the assertion that they were due to lack of employment. Many of them were, as a matter of fact, proved to have been ascribable to the effects of overwork. As to how many of them were caused by the fear of want or starvation, nobody can ever tell. It is a strange and suggestive fact that the largest percentage of suicides is to be found amongst soldiers, who can have no anxiety about their daily bread. With regard to pauperism, the poor law statistics testify that there were exactly the same number of paupers in London twenty years ago as there are now, while during that time the population has been increased by a million.

Far from being a simple problem, this question of the unemployed is a most complicated one. The economic law of supply and demand has a good deal to do with it. The migration of people from the rural districts to the towns is an incident common to all countries, even those which possess the best land laws. It is, for the most part, a necessary and irremediable condition of the agricultural life of to-day. When men have but one occupation, either for their money or their labor, they are bound to—under existing conditions—when a certain point in the development of population is reached, to repair to the towns. A resort to a diluted system of protection is too absurd to be considered for a moment. The works suggested to be undertaken by the Government would, at best, only partially and temporarily remedy the evil, which, when they would be finished, would be as great as ever. Reduced hours of employment means so often a reduced rate of wages, that this proposed palliative may be dismissed as failing to meet the case. If it did not nearly always mean a reduction in wages it would long ago have been obtained. Besides, if the shorter hours would mean, as "labor" men contend, increased efficiency, then no room would be made in the factories and other establishments for the people who, it is claimed, would find employment. The problem of poverty, is unhappily, yet far from being practically solved; and in the meantime the alleged connection between poverty and suicide has not been established.

The Cheese Market.

The stocks of cheese in Canada on the first of the present month were smallest for many years past, a careful estimate placing them at 110,000 to 125,000 boxes, although several well posted dealers maintain there were not over 95,000 boxes in Canada on Jan. 1st. In this district, which is probably one of the largest in Ontario, stocks are short. According to the Trade Bulletin—the cheese in Montreal on January 1st were 55,000 boxes, a good portion of which has been sold to England and are awaiting orders to ship. It is calculated that there are 25,000 to 50,000 boxes less cheese in Canada to-day than at this time last year. The same journal says that in Liverpool, London and Canada there is a shortage of 145,000 to 170,000 boxes, as compared with supplies at this time last year. When English buyers fully realize the paucity of stocks on this side, they will probably become more anxious operators, and some excitement is anticipated before the year has proceeded far upon its course. The reason assigned for the small stocks in Liverpool and London is the abnormally high price of coal, which has forced the poorer class of consumers to use cheese as a substitute for meat, the former being available for eating without the aid of coal and cooking. As a result of the great coal strike, the consumption of cheese has been unusually large, the good solid combination of bread and cheese being the principal food of thousands of families in the great trade centres of England, and this, no doubt, accounts for the light supplies in the two great cheese emporiums of Great Britain, which fairly represents the supplies in the provinces there. Holder on this side are therefore very firm in their ideas and in their present temper it will take a good substantial advance in cable limits to secure their goods. The sale of a round lot of Canadian cheese in London at 60s, referred to by a correspondent two weeks ago, has been confirmed.

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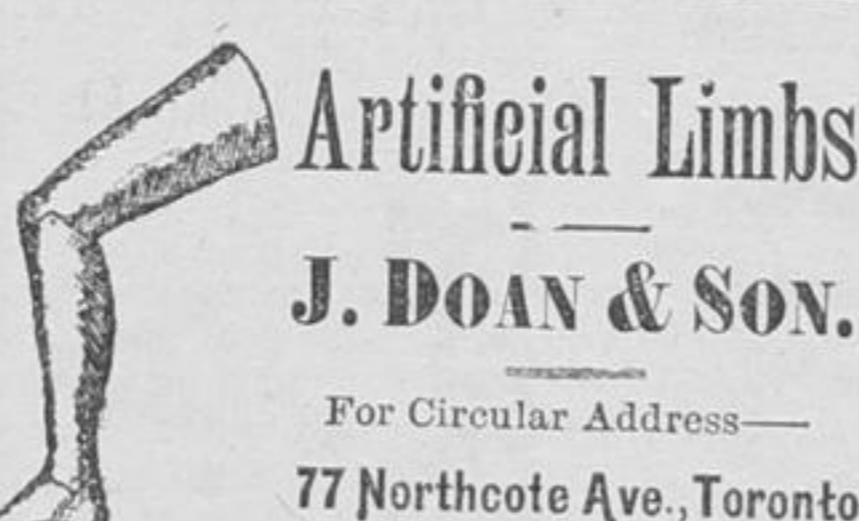
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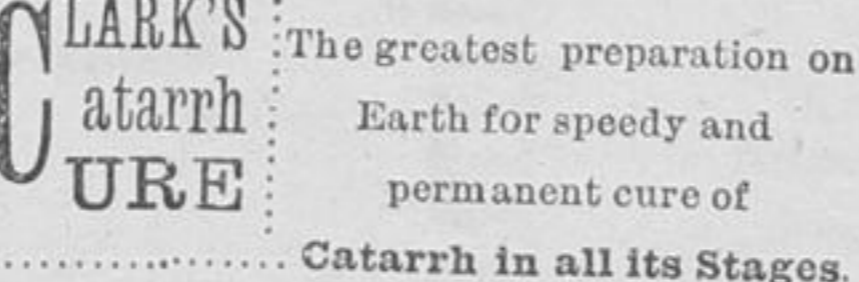
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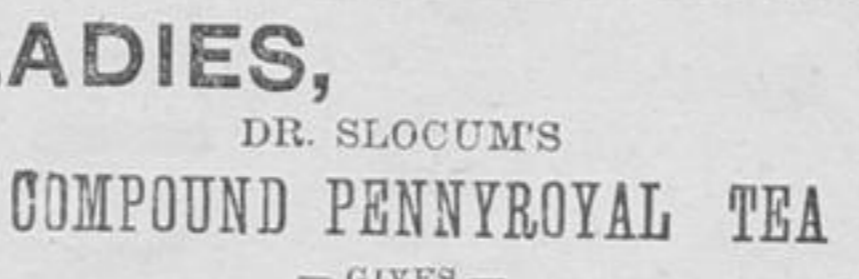
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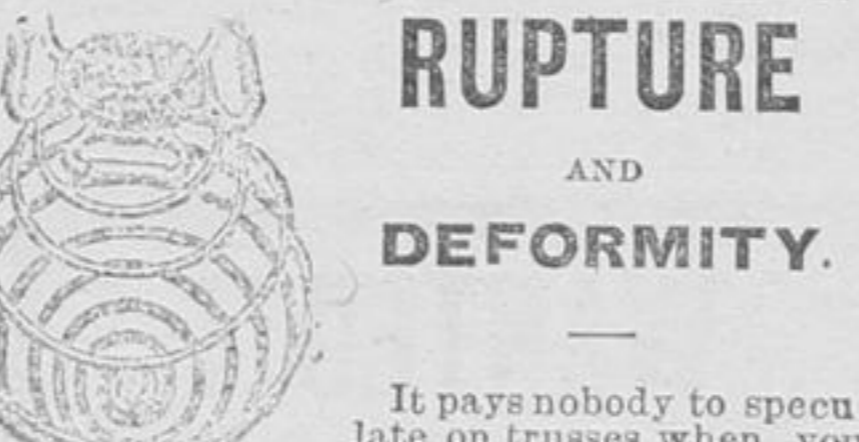
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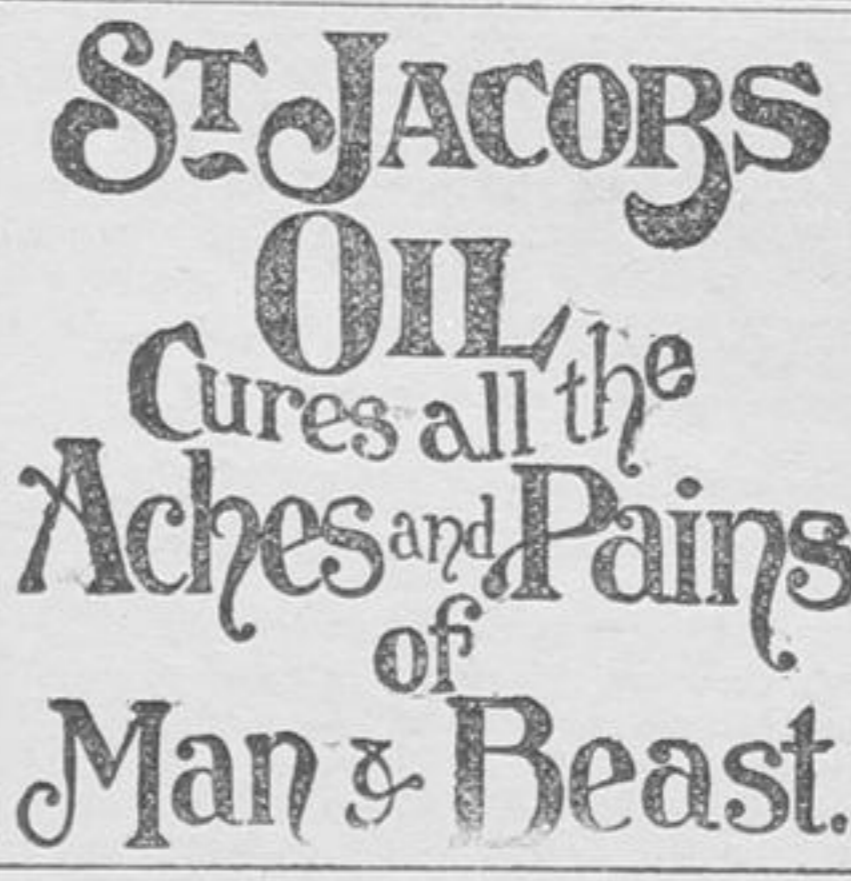


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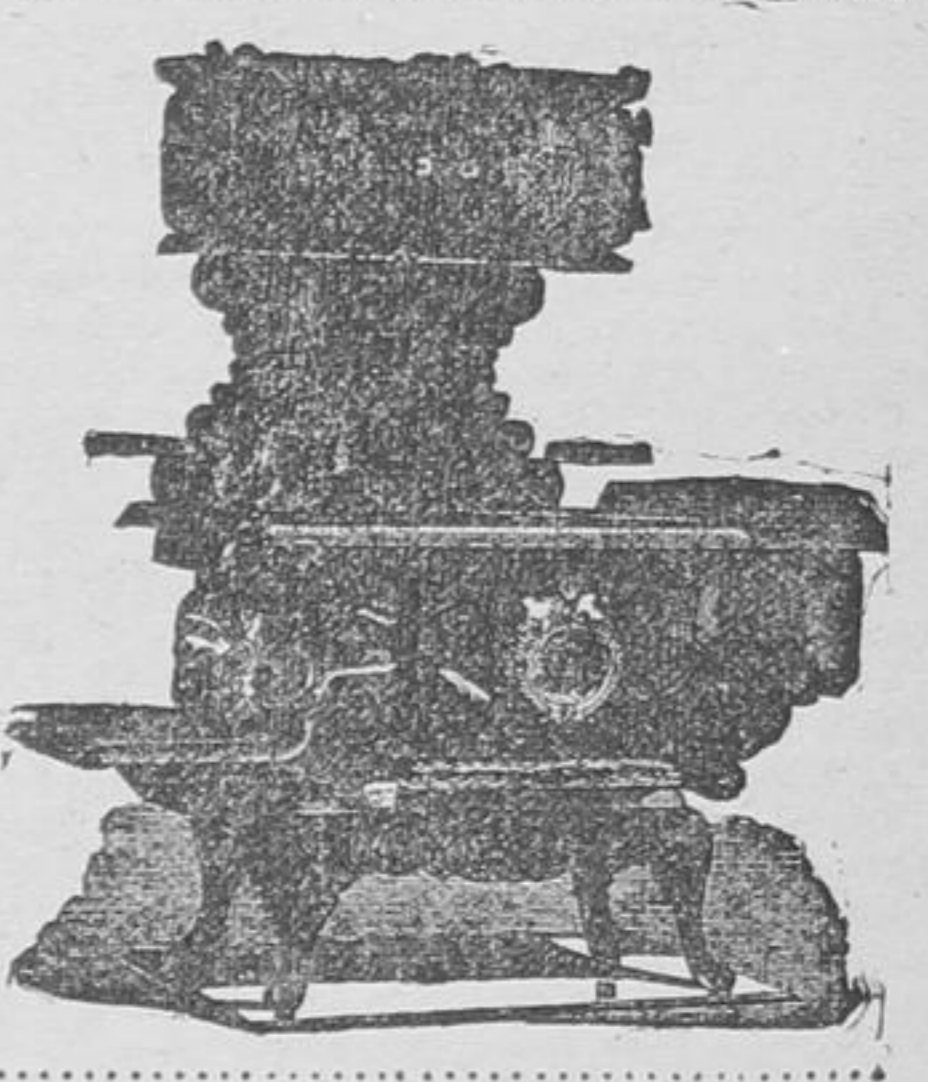


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