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Notable Nicknames Known In the New North Land

"TWO BITS," "WEE MACGREGOR," "DINNIE MORGAN," AND "FOG HORN" WERE AMONG THOSE GOING TO THE FRONT. OTHER ODD NAMES GIVEN IN FRIENDSHIP TO BRAVE PIONEERS OF THE NORTH.

"Hello, John!" "Night, John!" "How goes it, John?"

These were the hearty greetings "John" received when he came in from the prospecting trail one night recently and bowed to a group of old-timers gathered at "Tony's place."

"Who is John?" the old-timers were asked when the sturdy little man had passed on after assuring all and sundry that "speaking perisely and persactly" he was "superfixiated," with "apologies for his Americanisms."

"John is a miner and prospector," said one.

"John is one of the old-timers," said another.

"John is known in every camp in the North where he has been around for years and years," said a third. "I knew John years ago in other camps. He's been all over the world I think," ventured a fourth old-timer.

"John is Scotch you know," he continued. "He can 'talk the two talks' and sings Gaelic like a stout male angel. But as for his last name that you're asking about I can't remember it,—if I ever heard it."

"Oh, it likely begins with 'Mac,'" hopefully suggested a fifth man.

But not one of the men could give John's legal name in full. They all knew John all right, but they didn't know his name.

That is the way of the North Land. They know MEN here all right, but they are not long on NAMES, especially long names. The North is full of "Bobs" and "Bills" and "Maes" and "Scotties" and "Jacks" and "Tommies," who hear their own surnames so seldom that they have to stop to think to remember those last names themselves.

The North has its own names and designations. The North knows that legal names count for little. A perfectly decent fellow may, by the malice of fate and parents, labor under a cognomen like Theophilus Barrington when his real name is "Bugs." Also that "Wilson" is a common name and sounds like a college professor, while the man is not a common man, nor a writer of pacifist notes, and so should naturally be distinguished as "Scotty."

Of course, the new North, and particularly the Porcupine, has had "Reddies" and "Jakes" and "Bills" and "Maes" and "Jacks" two numerous to mention. But there have also been other nicknames original enough to be worthy of special mention and special interest.

For instance, there was "Two Bits." Everybody knew "Two Bits," but how many knew his other name. To-day "Two Bits" is making a new name for himself at the battle front, where he has fought and suffered for the sake of others, as he did here many a time without making any noise about it.

Old-timers do not know just how "Two Bits" earned his name. "If the ordinary man is One Bit then "Two Bits" was Two Bits all right," says one. But nearly all know how the old Frenchman, Claremont, got the name mixed with its meaning. Claremont had a number of bottles of good whiskey neatly done up in a brown paper parcel one time. Finding navigation difficult with three sheets in the wind, Claremont actually gave "Two Bits" the parcel to carry. Then "Two Bits" disappeared. So did the parcel. When Claremont woke up to these facts he was furious. He set out hunting "Two Bits," threatening all the time. "He took my whis-kee," says Claremont, "oh, just wait till I get hold of dat mees-er-able "Twenty five Cent."

"Aces Up" was another well-known character in the Porcupine. What was his real name? Why "Aces Up," of course. Any other name was an alias that did not describe the man at all.

Among the men familiarly known by other than their proper names was R. Alpine Macgregor, known naturally to his hundreds of friends in the Northern Camps as "Wee Macgregor." Of course, he was named after the book by the same name, and never was a book with more of cleverness, of interest and of humanity than the same "Wee Macgregor" that was here in the North in the early days. And of course the name had a pertinent relation to the size of the man physically. He weighed about 100 lbs, but he is now at the battle front and if any Huns run against him they will have reason for realizing that one hundred pounds is a pretty heavy weight for a fearless wild cat.

When "Wee Macgregor" first came out to this country he was inexperienced all right, but he learned quickly and taught some very sophisticated persons a number of lessons before he left again for overseas to help teach the Hun the biggest lesson of all life and history. "Wee Macgregor" started in the prospecting game with an ordinary pick, a regular load for him to lift or carry, but as he would bring it down on the rock with all his strength, he used to exclaim "I'll find the silver, all right, if it's near."

Naturally "Big Bob" was one of "Wee Macgregor's" companions. "Big Bob," as his name implies weighs considerably more than "Wee Macgregor." He was the discoverer of the Boyd-Gordon mine at Gowganda, and also took a noteworthy part in other prospecting enterprises. Once, while feeling good, he picked up "Wee Macgregor," and fixing a strip of hay wire around the neck of the struggling, kicking little bundle of fury, he packed him round half the day humorously begging every one he met in every shack he visited to drive a nail in the ceiling, so that he could "hang up the bundle for the drinks."

Another famous couple in the North Land was "Dinnie" Morgan and "Paddy" O'Hara. They went to the front like the gallant men they were and suffered serious wounds that forced their return home again. But "Sandy" McIntyre, discoverer of the noted McIntyre mine, is still on the firing line taking toll tenfold from the Teutons for what they did to his friends.

"Foghorn" is another of the brave old-timers now at the battle front. And he is actually known as "Foghorn," in the trenches. This is not one of the "Foghorns" that blow much, but the Lord help the Huns, says an old-timer here at home. "Foghorn" was legally "Neil MacDonald." His Northland name came from his voice, of course. When he spoke in a whisper in Golden City men woke up with a start at South End, and once when he forgot himself and talked loudly the Government Observatory at Cochrane registered "local thunderstorms" on December the 17th. "Foghorn" enlisted at Winnipeg with the "Little Red Devils." He was over six feet in height, but his heart was taller and broader than that. He must have cleared up \$100,000 in mining deals in the North, but though he was Scotch, he did not have the proverbial habit of keeping the Sabbath and everything else he could lay his hands on. That he has given a good account of himself at the battle front goes without saying. He was the sort of good fellow that never forgot his friends and fellows.

"Colorado Charley," was probably so named because his name was William and he came from Kansas. He used to run a shooting gallery at South Porcupine, and it is said that he could take a "22" in each hand and hit the bullseye every time with both guns.

Mention might be made of "Roaring Bob," who thinks nothing of taking a pack of 200 lbs on his back and hiking across country without apparent effort. But "Roaring Bob" lives now at New Liskeard, and it might not be safe to mention him, as he might even "call us down" from there. He could do it if he tried, and the air was clear.

The number of the familiar good fellows who have gone overseas to fight the battles of others is proof of the fact to be nicknamed does not mean any lack of worth in a man. On the contrary there is every proof of the gallantry and manhood of the men of the North who were often known by familiar names that sometimes lacked the sanctimonious dignity of the south. In any event, it may be stated as a fact that the nickname really proves an unusual amount of popularity and individuality. In the early days, particularly, the man with the nickname, and perhaps unknown by any other name, was the man of unusual character and outstanding ability. The honor roll of the nicknamed men of the North in war and peace is one that is worthy of all interest and all pride.

There were 450 wounded, including a few German prisoners, on board the hospital ship Gloucester Castle, which was torpedoed without warning in the English Channel on March 30. All of these were saved.

ENCOURAGING GROWING OF CLOVER IN NORTH

Government Establishing Demonstration Fields Near Matheson.

The Ontario Public Service Bulletin in its last issue says:—

"To encourage the growing of clover, more particularly for seed, the Ontario Government is establishing close to the town of Matheson, a fifty-acre Demonstration Field. This field will be sown with No. 3 O.A.C. oats which have proven to be the most satisfactory oat grown in Northern Ontario, and seeded down with clover. An accurate record of the expense incurred in connection with this work will be kept as well as the yields of clover seed will be secured so that definite information will be available re the possibilities of Northern Ontario for growing seed. Similar work will be done with timothy and other grasses as well.

"The Town of Cochrane has planned to establish a Demonstration Field where a four-year rotation will be included and crops grown that are generally found on farms in Northern Ontario. Cochrane being a divisional point of the National Transcontinental and the terminus of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, a great many people interested in agriculture stop off at Cochrane to get information as to the possibilities of the country. It is hoped that this Demonstration Field will serve a good purpose in this connection."

HAILEYBURY YOUNG MAN

DEAD FROM WOUNDS

The following is from the last issue of The Haileyburian:—

"This week's casualty lists contain the name of Pte. Beverley Nesbitt and state that the young man died of wounds.

Pte. Nesbitt is the son of Mrs. W. H. McLaughlin, of Haileybury, and is well known by all the young folk of this town, where he attended school for several years. He was wounded early in the month so seriously that he later succumbed.

General sympathy is felt for the mother, who during the past years has had death remove on several occasions loved ones from the family circle. Mrs. McLaughlin is at present visiting her relatives in New Brunswick."

SUBMARINE BLIND PIG THE LATEST

Provincial Officers at Windsor Make Original Find.

One of the local police officers in speaking of those who evade, or attempt to evade, the Temperance Act, said:—"They are no sooner chased from one sort of game till they find another method of trying to get around the law. Of course, it is all hopeless, but they still keep on thinking up new schemes, with the result that the law-breakers in this line keep us busy." This statement finds more or less confirmation of a novel sort in despatches from Windsor. There, the latest is a "Submarine Blind Pig." Two Provincial officers recently discovered this method of keeping liquor, when four bags each containing a dozen bottles of liquor were fished from the bottom of the Detroit River on the property of the Japanese Inn. The proprietor of the Inn, Francis Miermickie, is now a fugitive from justice, having failed to obey the summons to appear in police court to answer to the charge of unlawfully keeping liquor. The officers who found the cache in six feet of water also discovered that a gas-light stand on the property contained a two-gallon jug of whiskey.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Hon. Frank Cochrane and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and Capt. Tom Magladery To Speak at Haileybury.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands Forests and Mines, and Capt. Tom Magladery are expected to be present at the annual district meeting of the Conservatives of Temiskaming, to be held at Haileybury, on Friday, April 27th. The three have accepted the invitations to give addresses at the meeting and will be there unless prevented by pressing public business. Capt. Magladery who has just returned from the front, will be given an especially warm greeting. The business meeting of the Temiskaming Conservatives will be held at 2 p.m., and the addresses will be given later.

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