

March Gold Shareholders Have Banquet at South End

Also Attend Formal Opening of New Mill. Visitors to and from South Porcupine. Other Social and Personal Items of Interest from South Porcupine Correspondent.

South, Porcupine, Ont., July 6th 1926. Special to The Advance.

Mrs. C. B. Morgan and five children left on Friday to spend the summer vacation with friends at Toronto, Burlington and Hamilton.

Mrs. Otto Kaufman returned last week from a trip to Cobalt, North Bay, and Sturgeon Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Boyle's daughter, Miss Clarke, of Cobden, are the guests of her other daughter, Mrs. Andy McGinn, Brown street.

The contract for the construction of the new, covered skating rink has been given to the Metallie Shingle and Siding Co., of Preston, Ont. They have contracted for the complete work, concrete pillars, rink construction, seating and dressing rooms, etc. The Porcupine Skating Rink Co. has now received its charter which has been O.K'd at the Dept. of the Provincial Secretary. On July 2nd another meeting was held and officers elected for the chartered company, viz:—President, M. Clarke; vice-president, H. E. Doelle; directors, S. Kennedy, J. Fell, Sr. and S. Sky; secretary-treasurer, Geo. Train. On Tuesday night there was a meeting of these officers to verify such business as had already been done by the company.

Mrs. D. McPhail and children left on Monday to spend the vacation at Riviere St. Dennis, N.S.

Mr. Geo. Watson left Tuesday enroute for England. He will go by Kingston visiting his brother there before taking the boat from Montreal.

Mrs. W. H. Johns, left Tuesday via Cochrane for Portland, Oregon, via Vancouver. She intends returning via Spokane, St. Paul, Toronto, etc., on her way back to her home at the Dome.

Mr. Eddie Edgecombe left on the 2nd July for England by S. S. Ansonia and expects to return in the early part of August.

Mrs. Hepburn and little daughter, Isabel, returned on Monday evening after spending ten weeks in Toronto whither she was called by her mother's sickness and death.

Mr. Lindsay Foss, of the Dome Mines, is on a visit to Montreal.

Mrs. G. McIntosh returned from Ohio the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Sadie James, of Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. G. McIntosh for a

few days. She motored as far as North Bay. On the return trip she was accompanied to Toronto by Miss B. M. C. Shaw, who intends going on to Owen Sound to spend the summer vacation with her sister.

Dr. Barry has sold his beautiful home on Connaught Hill. The name of the purchaser is not yet being given to the public but Dame Rumour has the report going that it is a bachelor who shortly is becoming a benedict and many are the guesses as to whom the lucky party really is. Dr. and Mrs. Barry intend leaving for a holiday around the end of the present month.

Mr. Jack Pilsworth has returned after a short visit to his home at Englehart.

Little Carolina Shumilak, daughter of Frank Shumilak, of the Dome Mines, died on July 1st and was buried Saturday, July 3rd. The little girl was only four years old.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Owens and two little daughters, Lita and Edgeline, also baby son, are holidaying in Haileybury and Toronto.

Miss Beryl Childs, of South Porcupine, spent a couple of weeks with Mrs. Osear Knutson at the Beaumont Mines.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Knutson are moving from the Beaumont into town to live.

Mrs. Jas. Gibson and family left Monday for a visit to their old home at New Liskeard.

Mr. John Aiken, of the Dome Mines, had the misfortune to lose one finger and the first joint of another in an unlucky encounter with one of the saws at the Dome carpenter shop, on Wednesday, June 30th. His many friends here wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Geo. Train and sons, Harold and Neil, leave on Thursday for Lindsay for a vacation visit.

Miss Vesta Snyder, principal of the Continuation school, left this week for her home at Clinton. Miss Lamb has gone to New Liskeard and Miss Green to Toronto, Miss Lynch to Orillia, Miss MacDonald to Englehart.

Mr. Foster Martin arrived from Windsor to work at the Dome this week.

Mrs. Frank Findlay (nee Olive Orr) of New Liskeard is visiting friends at the Dome and South Porcupine.

Born—On Sunday, July 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pirie, Brown street—a son. Congratulations.

Misses Hattie and Alma Johns of the Dome Mines, are spending a holiday in Toronto.

Mr. Jas. McRae, of Red Lake, is visiting friends at the Dome.

Miss Rose Burns is on a holiday trip to Glenroy, Gengarry County and Montreal. Miss Pearl Kennedy is taking her place in the office of Simms, Hooker and Drew during her absence.

Mr. Kenneth Mansell, of Iroquois Falls, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. D. McDougall, formerly of the Dome but now of Kirkland Lake, was renewing acquaintances in town during the past week.

The many friends here of Mr. and Mrs. P. Michaud, deeply sympathize with them in the loss of Mrs. Michaud's father, Mr. W. Richardson of Timmins. Mr. Richardson who has not been well for some years died suddenly on July 2nd, at the home of Mrs. Michaud. The funeral took place in Haileybury. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Michaud and Mrs. Way now of Hamilton, but formerly of South Porcupine.

Born—On Sunday, July 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Syvert (nee Oral Doran), a son. Congratulations.

Mrs. Mitchell and two children arrived from Cornwall on Saturday and Mr. Mitchell now has his family comfortably domiciled on Brown street.

The March Gold Mines had the official opening of their new mill on Saturday, July 3rd. A special train conveying the directors and shareholders of the mine from Buffalo arrived at noon. There were one hundred and twenty-two passengers, several of the shareholders bringing their wives and daughters. It took six of our large motor buses to convey the party to the mine, where at three p.m., the official opening took place. Besides the visitors there were one hundred and fifty local guests, comprising many of the leading mining men, also some of the business men of the camp. The new mill is 150-ton capacity and was designed by Messrs Carl Frank and E. S. McEwen. Mr. S. C. Sterling is the mill superintendent. Mr. E. S. McEwen, who was formerly Porcupine representative of the Wabi Iron Works, has been made general superintendent of the March Gold Mines.

In the evening there was a big banquet in the High School Hall at seven o'clock. Again the six buses were requisitioned for the mining party and a retinue of individually owned cars brought the local guests, making in all a very imposing array, the buses carrying large placards "Ontario's Latest Producer"—"March Gold Mines."

About two hundred guests sat down to the sumptuous repast furnished by the Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican church. Mr. J. C. Roche, general manager of the March was the chair-

Many Problems Dealt With By Tisdale Township Council

South Porcupine Baseball Team Wins Victory From Iroquois Falls, with Score of 3 to 1. Other Items of South Porcupine News from The Advance's Special Correspondent.

South Porcupine, July 7th, 1926, Special to The Advance.

The Tisdale Council met in the council chambers on Monday, July 5th. Reeve Kerr and Councillors Barron, Deacon, Russell and Harris being present. A quantity of correspondence was read, among it being letters from Messrs. Mascioli and Boyle notifying the council of their dissolution of partnership after June 30th. There was an indigent case reported from Schumacher, where the father was a sufferer from tubercular trouble and not only a danger to his wife and two small children, but to the public. It was decided to send him to a sanitarium to be properly cared for. There was a letter from Reeve Kerr lamenting the many indigent cases that are on the township hands and asking for advice re some solution towards keeping the number down. It was decided that a full report of all charity being dispensed is to be given out quarterly after a full investigation of each case. The T. & N.O. asked for the water lines to be extended so as to be available for their station agent's residence. This was considered favorably. Larger offices for Township solicitor Bowles was asked but owing to the construction of the building this could not be granted at present. There was correspondence regarding some cedar taken from claims in which the McIntyre Mines are interested but according to Engineer Hendry the township was acting in the matter with the full cognizance of the Crown Timber Office and if there were anything amiss it would be up to the Crown Timber Agent to notify them. Cement sidewalks, as a matter of economy on repair work, were suggested by the Reeve but after discussion it was conceded that the waterworks, etc., were expense enough to handle just at present and the plank walks in most cases were doing good service. There was considerable discussion over the enforcement of the by-law in regard to the installing of water systems in the houses along the lines where the pipes were now laid. When the Provincial Board of Health gave the township permission to install a water system it stipulated that when they found it necessary, they could force the residents to put in water in the interests of public health. Some of the council were for putting into force this stipulation right away, so as to avoid a rush of applicants in the fall. At the present a scavenger is being paid to cover the whole territory. It was suggested that where sewers are available that the scavenger would not cover that section. After considerable viewing of the question from various angles it was decided to put off the enforcement of the by-law just for the present but by advertising, etc. to prepare people for what would happen when the time for enforcement came. Councillor Barron offered personally to see the residents in two sections of Schumacher. It is hoped that when the time comes for enforcing this by-law that people will be prepared so that it will not work a hardship. The by-laws also make it illegal for

man. Mr. C. V. Gallagher, (in the absence of Reeve Kerr of Tisdale), gave an address of welcome to the visitors, which was replied to by Mr. J. C. Roche. Mayor Diekson, of Timmins, also spoke words of welcome on behalf of his city and a fitting reply was made by Henry Kobler, of Buffalo, president of the March Gold Mines. A. Laprairie, of Timmins, entertained with several of his witty stories and one of the visiting ladies also proved herself an entertainer of real merit. Mr. C. V. Gallagher gave an address on the mineral possibilities of the North, speaking of Red Lake as well as Porcupine. H. M. Wilson gave a much-enjoyed parody recitation, which he called "Rosa." Mr. E. S. McEwen very kindly, thanked the ladies who had supplied the feast and Mr. Roche expressed his appreciation of the mine employees in a few well-chosen words. After the banquet there was a Kiddie Kar race open to directors only and this was very keenly contested. Mr. Clarence Leo came off victor and Mr. Conderman, vice-president. There was a hearty vote of thanks given by the Buffalo guests to the Porcupine people who had helped in their entertainment and they stated they had never been welcomed like this in their life before and that they hoped to make this trip an annual one for July 4th.

On Sunday there was a general inspection of the mine from the underground workings to the fine new mill. Each shareholder received their first dividend viz:—a fine sample showing free gold.

On Monday parties of the visitors were shown the Hollinger, the Ankerite and the Paymaster; then all left on the 11.45 train for Buffalo well pleased with their treatment, with Porcupine and with their mine, "Ontario's Latest Producer." We extend to them all best wishes in their undertakings in our midst.

one resident to allow the water from his line to be used by other residents in the locality. A request was made for a service tap at the corner of Main and Powell but this was not considered favorably as the people getting water from a service tap of this kind neither pay water rates nor towards its maintenance. There is a by-law making water rates permissible from those within certain distance of such a tap but these, Engineer Hendry said, were hard to collect fairly as some refused to admit they were users. The township is also paying a bonus to a "Waterman" in South Porcupine so that those not living where good water is available may have the chance of getting same.

Mr. Hugh Boyle, acting for South Porcupine hospital presented a petition asking for a grant of \$2300 towards putting on a two-storey-glassed-in verandah, raising the roof and making room for the accommodation of more patients. One instance was stated where a patient that did not need such immediate attention was sent home for a few days to enable them to have the cot for a patient in need of an immediate operation (to date the hospital has had 77 patients since it opened on February 19th). This grant was made by the council and the hospital was also given the right to hold a tag day to enable them to add to their equipment.

Mr. V. Laffin interviewed the council in regard to help in fixing up a proper race track at the athletic grounds. Part of this work was done two years ago; then it was dropped. Mr. Laffin said he felt sure he could get 35 days' team work and \$200 cash donated towards it, besides what help the council could give with tractor, plough, etc. Messrs. C. V. Gallagher and Jas. Gibson were appointed as a committee to go over the ground and decide on what would be necessary.

Our baseball team journeyed to Iroquois Falls on Monday and returned wearing the broad smile of triumph, having defeated the Papermakers on their own home ground to the tune of 3 to 1. The game was a good one and the winning of it a credit to the South End boys. The umpires were Stoughton on strikes and W. King on bases. The Falls used three different pitchers, Little coming on in the 6th with two down and Pitcher in the ninth. The following is a summary of the game:—Three-base hit, Farr; first, on balls, off Osborne 3; off Little 1; left on bases South Porcupine 9, Iroquois Falls 5; first base on errors, South End 2, Falls 3; two-base hits, Gratton; struck out by Spence 7, by Osborne 4, by Little 2; double plays, South Porcupine; hit by pitcher, Spence 1. The line-up was as follows:—

South Porcupine—Fell 2 b.; Spence, p.; Longville, c.; Reid, s.s.; Deacon, c.f.; Farr, 3 b.; Howie, r.f.; Mansfield, r.f.; Gagnon, l.f.; J. Thomas, 1 b.

Iroquois Falls—Chirooski, l.f.; Spence s.s.; Grannary, 2 b.; Nickless, c.f.; Mason, r.f.; Gratton, 3 b. and c.; Coons, 1 b.; McBride, 3 b.; Fortier, c.; Little, p.; Osborne, p.; Pitcher, B.

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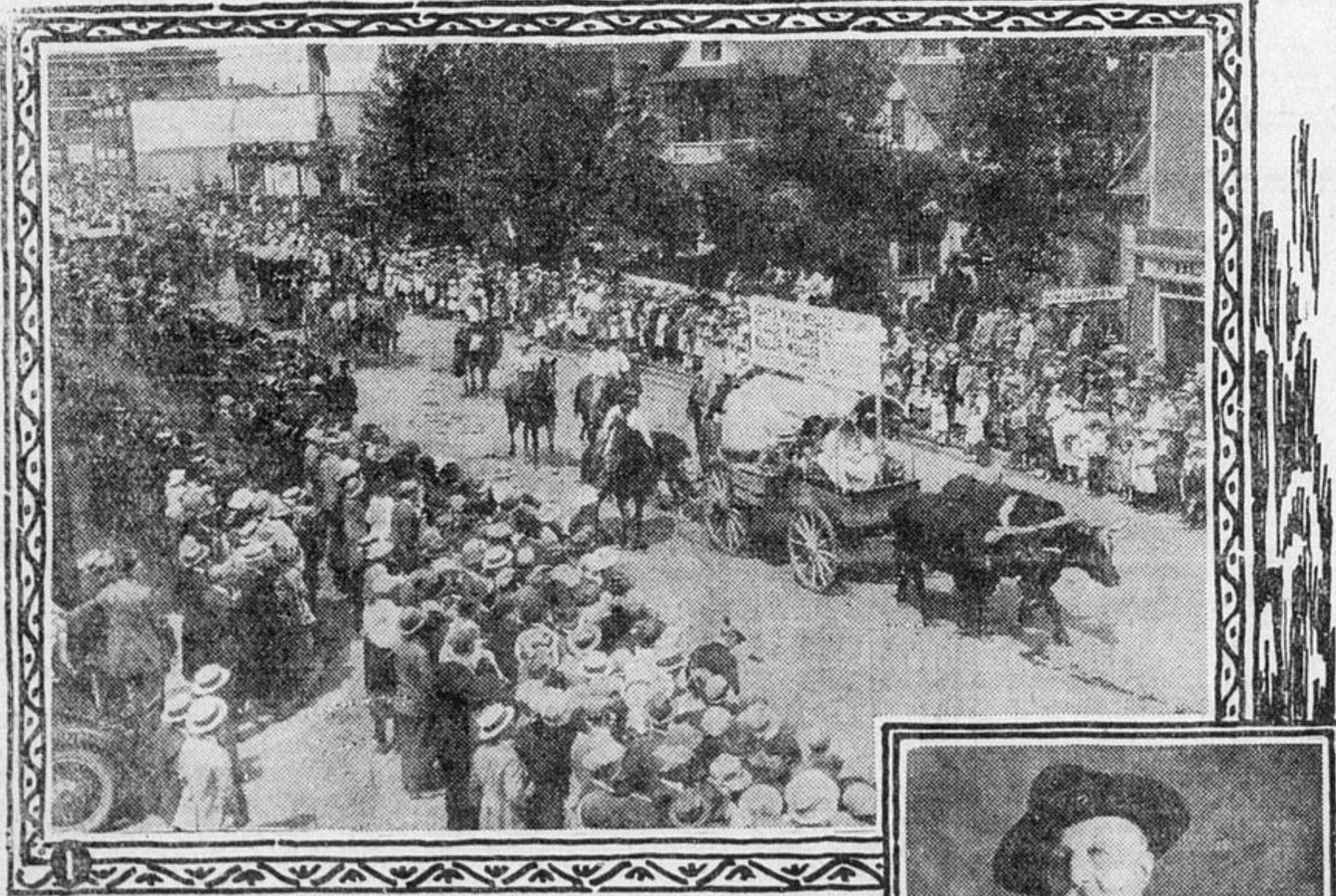
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"Daddy" Blair of the Wild and Woolly West



1. One of the stampedes Dad attended. 2. Blair dressed as Cowboy taking part in Hudson Bay Parade, 1920, at the age of 89.



For many years, in the sunset of his life, Daddy was a familiar figure on the streets of Edmonton with his silvery, patrician mustache and soldierly bearing. But he ended up as a caretaker for buildings, and finally, when the old man could work no longer, he was taken care of by Miss Chatham of the Beulah Mission. Then Daddy's eyes began to grow dimmer. On sunny days he would ask pitifully, "Why is it so dark? Doesn't the sun come out to play any more?" So it grew darker, the gaunt frame grew weaker and weaker, and the tired old feet which had carried their burden through a glorious, carefree life of adventure, turned towards the Happy Hunting Grounds where they will have to trudge over rough roads no more.

A world-weary "Old" Timer, one of the pioneers of the Canadian West, died recently in Edmonton at the age of 94. He was known as "Daddy" Blair, but his real name was Telesphore Alexander Blais. As a scout, soldier and adventurer he carried the Hudson's Bay Company flag into the remote corners of the West for half a century, finally bowing his sturdy shoulders before the ravages of age. Since the inauguration of stampedes in various cities in the West, Daddy was always one of the first to attend, no matter how much he felt the weight of his years. He made his last effort in 1920 when he attended the Hudson's Bay Parade in Edmonton at the age of 89.

Dad was only fourteen years of age when he left the old homestead near Montreal. The glamour, the excitement, the rush and uncertainty of circus life, the shouts of the performers, the tumultuous applause of happy pleasure-seekers, lured him. Even the dust bit into his blood and away went Dad, around the world with Barnum's circus.

One day in London, Daddy was driving one of Barnum's eight-horse teams. A little girl ran suddenly into the street. There was a shout,

a shriek from one of the spectators, and before anyone knew what was happening Daddy had wrenched the ponies almost completely around, saving the child's life by about two inches. In the mix-up Daddy fell into the muddy street, ruining his clothes. Her Majesty Queen Victoria, who happened to witness the scene, called the next day, shook hands with Daddy and had a suit of clothes sent to him.

Blair started for the Northwest in 1852, walking from Ottawa to Fort Garry. When the Canadian Pacific Railway was building into Winnipeg he was put to work on a gang under Tom Scott, who was later the first victim of the Riel rebellion. It was Scott who changed Blais' name to Blair.

For over thirty years the Man Who Wanted Adventure went up and down the country. He served as a scout for General Strange; he was attached to the service of Lord Strathcona, then Donald Smith of the C. P. R.; he carried mail for the Hudson's Bay Company over the Crow's Nest Trail; and he narrowly escaped being burned to death by Indians. Daddy got the adventure he had thought he wanted and he died more satisfied than many another man would have been.