

**LIVED FOR EIGHTY-SIX YEARS IN THE NORTH LAND**

**The Late John Turner Was a Real Pioneer of the North. Born at Moose Factory in 1840.**

The newspapers of the North Land have had the sad duty of recording at various times in recent years the death of "pioneers of the North,"—men and women who have lived in this country, ten, fifteen, twenty or twenty-five years. In this young country ten years is a long time, but while recent development has been remarkable, it should not be forgotten that this is also a very old country. According to some of the geological experts this country is several billions of years old, and is also supposed to be older than what is known as Old Ontario, so far as the present formation is concerned. However, anyone living in this North Country for twenty years may well be termed a "pioneer" while there can be no question about the late John Turner, who died last week at Bear Island, Temagami Lake, having been one of the old-timers of this North. He lived in this land for 86 years. He was born at Moose Factory, Hudson's Bay. In reporting his death last week The Haileyburian said:—

"There passed away at Bear Island, in Temagami Lake, on Monday last, one of the real pioneers of the North in the person of John Turner, former factor for the Hudson's Bay Company and the first to establish the post on the island. He was 86 years of age and had spent all his life in the North Country.

"The late Mr. Turner was born in Moose Factory, on the shores of James Bay, and was of English and Indian lineage. The earlier years of his life were spent at that place and at Temiskaming, Quebec, where he was in the service of the Company. In 1877 he built and opened the Post at Bear Island and continued in charge of it until 1900, when changing conditions made it necessary for the Company to send another factor. During the intervening years, Mr. Turner continued to live on the island spending some years in fire ranging, until more recently he was compelled through ill health to relinquish this. With Mrs. Turner, he opened the first stopping place on the island, The Lakeview House, which Mrs. Turner still operates and where many of the tourists who visit Temagami have enjoyed her hospitality.

"Mr. Turner spent in all forty-three years in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company.

"The late Mr. Turner leaves, besides his widow, one son, George, and one daughter, Mrs. Chas. Moore, both of whom live on Bear Island. There are also a number of grandchildren, two of whom have entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company, and one of these, George Turner, is employed at the Post there.

"The funeral of Mr. Turner was held on Wednesday last, and he was laid to rest in the Roman Catholic cemetery near the Post, in a spot which he chose some two years ago and which he had marked with two birch poles. A priest from North Bay conducted the last rites for this pioneer, who lived and died in the land of his birth and whose life was one of real service to the new portions of the country."

**GOVERNMENT'S LIQUOR MAKES HIT IN SUDBURY**

In commenting on the approaching Provincial election The Sudbury Star last week says:—

"Probably no election announcement has ever been received in Sudbury with as much unanimity of opinion as the announcement of Premier Ferguson late on Monday night, and which has since been the general topic of conversation. The declaration of the Conservative chieftain has certainly struck a popular note in this section, and Liberals and Conservatives, almost without exception have expressed approval. Not one person to whom The Star has spoken on the subject has voiced the slightest dissatisfaction. Conditions under the O.T.A. have become intolerable, and this view is freely expressed by all who mix at all and see conditions as they are today. Not only modification of the liquor laws, but the other progressive announcements of the Premier have been most favorably received, and the prospect of remedial legislation from many of the cantankerous problems of recent years is in line with the general trend of thought. Especially is this true of municipal income tax exemption of \$3,000 instead of \$2,000, which has been long past due. All in all the programme which is offered seems more in step with conditions than any legislative menu that has come before the public in a decade."

**CANADA IS A PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE**

In its last issue The New Liskeard Speaker has a thoughtful editorial reference to the singing of patriotic songs in the schools. The Speaker has the right idea—the thought that patriotic songs should be encouraged,—not to develop narrowness, nor ill-will against other peoples, nor in spirit of boastfulness,—but to keep alive glorious traditions and ideals, and to encourage the growing generation to hold fast to those good things to which their forefathers struggled through tears and blood. There is one idea that The Speaker might have emphasized, and that is that while we are Canadians we are also British. Some people seem to think that loyalty to Canada is shown by at least a lukewarm feeling to the British Empire. As a matter of fact the men who are the most loyal to Britain are the most loyal to Canada. Loyalty is a chain, and unless a shorter chain is desired, the links must not be cut. To suggest that none but Canadian patriotic songs should be sung in Canadian schools is equal to insisting that in the North Land, for instance, there should be no loyalty except to this great North. The chain of loyalty means loyalty to the town, loyalty to the section, loyalty to the province, to the Dominion and to the Empire. Seldom, if ever, does the one loyalty conflict with any other. The loyalty that begins at home is the best loyalty. Yet the best local loyalty possible is the loyalty to freedom, to fair play, to righteousness—all British ideals. So there you are! The loyalty that can see no further than this Dominion of Canada, would soon contract in vision until only the province could be seen, and soon the restricted vision would scarce be able to see as far as the boundaries of the county or the town.

The article from The Speaker is as follows:—

"The Northern News has a fine article favorably criticising the Ontario Third Reader from which we make the following extract:

"If the note of Empire which is associated with Ontario—and which was heard the other day when Cobalt pupils sang "Rule Britannia" and overlooked "O Canada"—is sounded freely throughout the pages of the Third Book it is by no means the dominant chord, and Canadian writers and historical incidents in our country's progress, as is their due, are accorded generous space."

"While our school children sing "O Canada" more frequently than they sing any other patriotic selection, it is well that they should know that if Great Britain did not "Rule the Waves" Germany would today be ruling Canada. So, do not let our children forget to sing "Rule Britannia," "The Red, White and Blue," or any other patriotic songs of Great Britain. Let the foreigner know that while we give him a sincere welcome to Canada, it is with the understanding that he shall assimilate with our people in consideration of his being allowed to hold land, and live amongst us.

"At about the time the German army entered Brussels and the German Emperor was designated "The Emperor of the World" the New York Tribune, we believe it was, said that while Great Britain had long been the greatest naval power, this power had not been abused.

"Germany aspired to become the greatest naval power, built the Kiel Canal for the purpose, but failed when the test came. It is well for the world that Germany did fail.

"So do not let our Public School teachers be squeamish about having the children sing the patriotic songs of Great Britain."

**SHOW THIS TO THE WIFE AND HEAR HER LAUGH**

And it is The Toronto Star that publishes the following:—

"Of course," said the husband who specialized in manufacturing excuses, "the truth is bound to leak out some time."

"Yes," replied his wife, "I believe it leaked out of you long ago."



**RELIEVES RHEUMATISM**

**DOUGLAS' EGYPTIAN LINIMENT**

AT ALL DEALERS

**TEN-YEAR-OLD SENTENCED FOR FOOLHARDY USE OF GUN.**

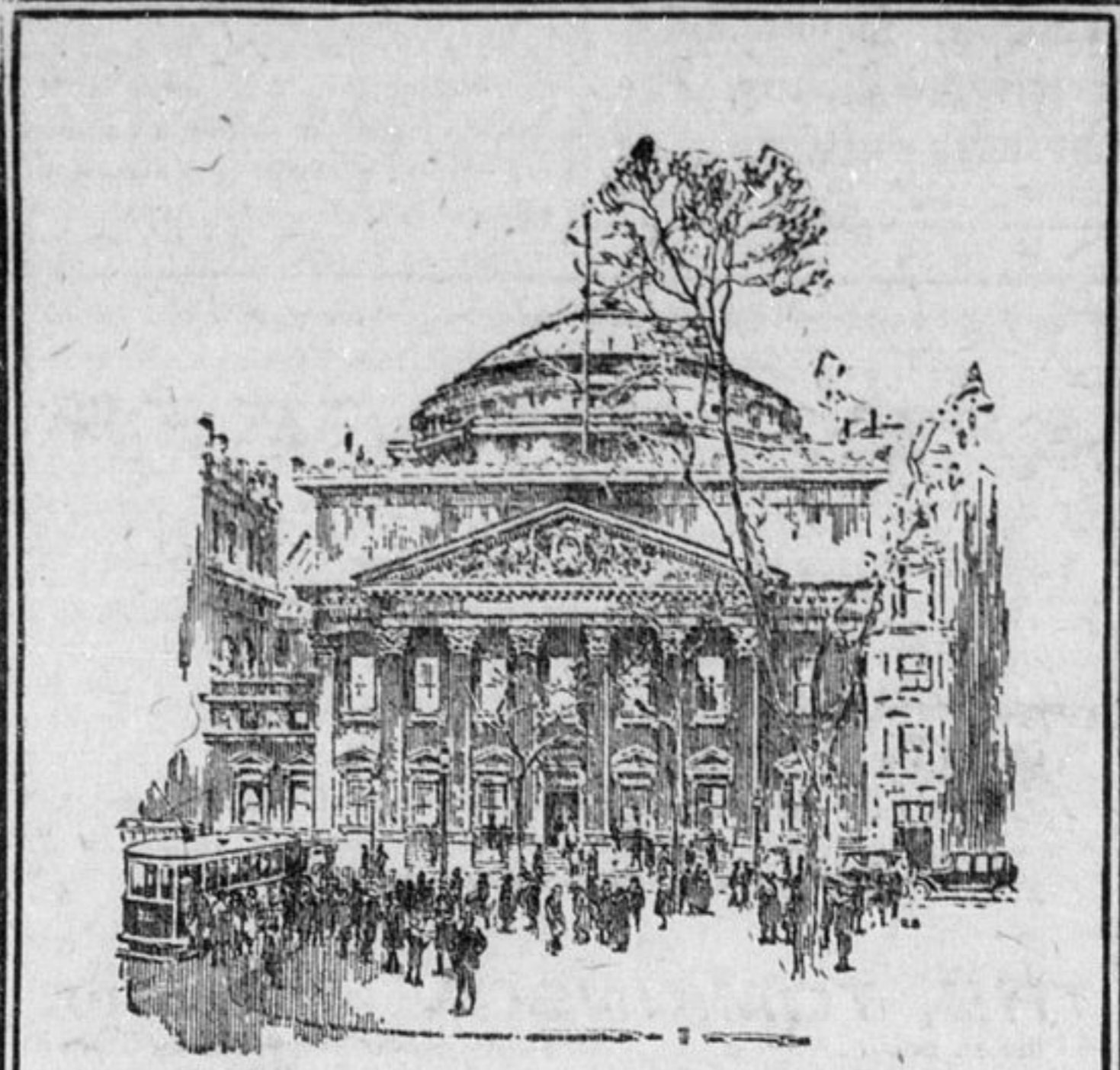
That the law discourages bad boys with crazy notions of being gunmen was illustrated in Sudbury police court last week when a ten-year-old boy was sentenced to the Industrial School. The lad apparently is one of those wild boys who think they know it all and refuse to be advised or cautioned. The foolhardy actions of the boy came close to causing a tragedy. In referring to the matter The Sudbury Star last week says:—

"A youthful gunman's career was nipped in the bud this morning, when a 10-year-old Noelville boy appeared in Sudbury Police Court, and was sentenced to St. John's Industrial School by District Magistrate Stoddart. He will remain under observation, and if his conduct warrants it, the sentence will be suspended. The embryo gang leader was charged with shooting a 12-year-old girl last Friday afternoon. The bullet, from a large bore rifle, amputated her left thumb below the first joint. Evidence submitted showed that the boy's parents had been away on Friday last and he had seized the opportunity to practice with the gun. A number of children were playing in the field near the house and he had repeatedly threatened to shoot them. He had not carried out his threat until the girl appeared on the scene, when he again reiterated his intentions. The girl thought it was all in jest until he knelt on the ground and fired. The bullet severed her thumb and seathed her clothing, narrowly missing her left side. This morning the boy said he didn't know the gun was loaded and that he was aiming at a post, but evidence submitted showed that the post was at least 50 feet away from where the girl was standing. The father of the injured girl said the boy had been in the habit of running away, and that it had been almost impossible to keep him under control. The boy's father was anxious that something be done with his son."

Reuben Evans, employed at one of the Cobalt mines, recently committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple with a revolver. He was 55 years old, unmarried, and the cause of his act is thought to have been despondency aggravated by the recent death of his mother at Toronto.

**FORTUNATELY, HON. MR. McCREA NOT CHANGED**

Considerable agitation was caused in the North Land last week by a report published in The Toronto Telegram to the effect that Hon. Chas. McCrea had been appointed Minister of Lands and Forests and that the Department of Mines had been taken over by a Port Arthur gentleman. No one doubted but that Hon. Mr. McCrea would make an ideal Minister of Lands and Forests, but among those who paid attention to The Telegram's story there was the keenest regret at the thought that Hon. Mr. McCrea was leaving the Department of Mines. Hon. Mr. McCrea has been the best Minister of Mines that this Province (or any other Province) has seen for many a long year, or longer. He has given a talent and a devotion to the Department that have won him the sincere regard of all this North where the Department of Mines looms up as one of the very most important departments in the Cabinet. To take him away from this department appeared to be a mistake in every way. Indeed if he were to become Premier, his admirers would not be satisfied unless he continued also as head of the Mines Department. In the general opinion, Hon. Mr. McCrea can not be replaced in the Mines Department. No one had any fault with Mr. Keefer, the Telegram's appointee, but all felt that after the good work accomplished by Hon. Mr. McCrea it would be folly to allow him to leave the change of the Department of Mines, if it were possible to retain his gifted and whole-hearted services. Fortunately, indeed, there was no grounds for the story that a change had been made in the Department of Mines.



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