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Getting New Teeth at 108 Years of Age

Hamilton Turk, Hale and Hearty at Remarkable Age

Considerable attention is being given these days to Mardiros Tatoi, 216 Gibson avenue, Hamilton, Ontario. His age alone would make him "news," but a special touch of interest is being given to the old gentleman because at present a third set of teeth seem to be coming through for him. Recently the old gentleman has been interviewed and investigated by scores of newspapers, and it seems that both his great age and his new teeth are accepted as proven facts. Reporters who interviewed him this week assert that he is certainly 108 years old, or so close to it that there is no fooling. His age has been very carefully checked and verified by Jack Leith, secretary of the Hamilton Old Age Pension board, as well as by private individuals. It is also noted that his age has been verified both by U.S. and Turkish authorities and has been accepted as correct in connection with issuance of the Canadian Old Age Pension to him.

When a newspaper reporter visited Mr. Tatoi Saturday afternoon the old gentleman walked into the front room of the house with an expansive smile to greet him. He walked a little feebly, it is true, but unaided and undirected. He shook hands firmly, then calmly he sat on the sofa with his 12-year-old granddaughter, Alice Tatoi, beside him and posed for a flash-light picture. He didn't even blink when the flash went off.

Mr. Tatoi has lived in Canada 33 years and at one time spoke English fluently, but now in his old age he finds it troublesome and prefers to use the Armenian, Turkish or Kurdish of his boyhood. His two granddaughters, Margaret and Alice, interpret for him.

Mr. Tatoi has no recipe for longevity. He just refuses to worry about anything and enjoys himself. All the usual regulations he disregards. For instance, he is an inveterate smoker, rolls his own cigarettes even now, and smokes about 20 of them a day, nor is he worrying about a tobacco heart. He eats heartily at all times, pork chops, mashed potatoes and buttermilk being his favourite menu.

Not so many weeks ago, when the weather was warm, he could be seen doing a little work in the garden, sometimes swinging himself from low branches of trees, more active than many a man nearly half a century younger than he is.

While Mr. Tatoi's faculties are good, he sees and hears well, his memory is failing a little. No longer can he recall clearly the graphic incidents of his Turkish boyhood days. He was born of Armenian parents in Constantinople in 1828. As a boy he moved to Arzoum in Armenia. He remembers tending stock there for his parents—sheep, cows, chickens, a horse and a donkey. As a young man he was chief in the homes of many wealthy Turks.

Some years before the war Mr. Tatoi decided to start life anew in America. He left his wife and small daughter at home, taking his only son with him to prepare the new home. He settled in Troy, N.Y., but soon after he had gone the Turks massacred the inhabitants of the village he had left, his wife and baby daughter dying with thousands of others.

From Troy 33 years ago he came to Hamilton and settled there, where he has lived ever since. He has hardly known a day's sickness, he says, does not know what it is to have stomach trouble and retains a splendid appetite. Almost any food he likes but he is particularly fond of Turkish coffee and drinks large quantities of milk.

Several years ago Dr. H. G. Wilkinson, Hamilton dentist, pulled the second teeth from the back of Mr. Tatoi's mouth. Now there are definite signs of part of a third set coming through.

Plenty of sleep is his maxim. He goes to bed at 10 p.m. and rises about mid-morning. He shaves himself, trims his moustache, and does his own washing, cleans his room, and makes his bed. He likes Canada, always did, and never had any desire to return to his native land.

Commenting on the great age and the health of Mardiros Tatoi, his granddaughter is quoted as saying to one reporter:—"Just look at him! He'll live for another ten years yet!"

Not Worth Hanging for Said Sudbury Man of Wife

A recent case in Sudbury police court had some amusing features, as police court cases often have, though such cases are intrinsically sad because they exist at all. In this particular case a lady charged her husband with threatening to kill her. He countered by stating he had no thought of killing Jessie, because she wasn't worth hanging for. He added further that she had been a great friend of his until he became ill. Then, he said, he was a trouble to her and she used him so roughly that he had to go to the hospital to get well. Jessie said that the man was her common law husband and then she admitted after much questioning that she had left her legal husband because he had threatened to kill both her and himself. The present man, it will be noted, threatened only her life. Perhaps, the next won't threaten anybody. Anyway, the magistrate decided that the woman lived well on the man's salary and then when he took sick she decided to have nothing to do with him. Accordingly the magistrate said:—"Case dismissed."

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Dinner Dance at Noranda at Nine Dollars per Couple

Noranda has won some recent fame by the report that a recent dinner dance at that town sported tickets at the price of nine dollars per couple. This nine dollars per couple stuff set more or less a record for anything approaching to a public dance in the North. There was for several years in Timmins a dance event on New Year's Eve where the tickets were five dollars per couple, or five dollars for one, just as you liked. Then along came another New Year's Eve dance where the tickets were only two dollars per couple, and everybody seemed to have just as happy a time. That settled the \$5 per couple idea—no because the folks here didn't have the money, or wouldn't spend the money but rather because there was no idea of spending an extra three dollars just to be swanky. Private dances are something different. One private dance held regularly here some years ago cost at least \$10 and sometimes as much as \$25 for each bachelor concerned in the event, but that was a different case, none of the guests being asked to contribute anything. "Nine dollars per couple" does not strike a popular note in the North in general though the New Year's Eve event at Noranda seemed to be well patronized and so far as any public notice is concerned there did not appear to be any who begrudged the nine dollars they paid.

Lucky Piece of Coal Too Big for the Furnace

A despatch from North Battleford, Sask., is rather startling, but nothing to what it might have been. It might have been shocking. Percy Speed was filling his furnace, and considered one piece of coal too big for use. So that piece of coal was placed to one side on the cellar floor, where a well-directed blow from the axe, smashed it into smaller pieces. Percy's hair stood on end, no doubt. Inside that big piece of coal there was a 10-inch stick of dynamite. The explosive undoubtedly had been left there during mining operations. Just how the coal had come so far and been moved so often without anybody having been notified one way or another of the presence of the dynamite stick is one of the mysteries of the explosives. However, all's well that ends well! That was the way the people felt in Timmins a dozen years or so ago when a man in Moneta bought a loaf of bread and on cutting a slice was horrified to notice the end of what looked like the end of a dynamite stick right in the bread. He took the bread to the police. Investigation showed that the dynamite had been baked right in the bread, the explosive being concealed there without the baker's knowledge with the purpose of causing injury to others. But nothing happened, except a case for the police to investigate.

Geraldton Man Given Term for Using Knife

When he seized a butcher knife to drive customers out of a Geraldton cafe, Mike Folsa faced a charge of causing a disturbance by being drunk. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment when he appeared before Magistrate J. A. R. McGuig. Folsa, who pleaded guilty to the charge, said he was so drunk he didn't know what he was doing.

Schumacher Couple Mark Anniversary

Pleasant Wedding Anniversary Event. Other Schumacher News.

Schumacher, January 13th, 1937. Special to The Advance.

Mr. Reg James left last week for the Leach Mine at Beardmore, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. M. Dearden is a patient in St. Mary's hospital, where she underwent an operation last week.

Miss D. Crockett returned last week from the holidays spent in Toronto.

Mr. F. Todman returned to town on Saturday, after spending three weeks with his parents in Toronto.

Mr. H. Harris left Sunday for Ramore.

Mr. Clarence Fiendal, left Monday for Mud Lake, after spending the holidays in town.

Mrs. W. Prest left Sunday to visit Mr. Prest who is a patient in the hospital in Gravenhurst.

Miss Gertrude Hawkins returned last week from a vacation in Toronto.

Miss Evelyn Leaman, of Duncan, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green.

Mr. F. Dainton, who has been a patient in St. Mary's hospital, following an accident, is able to be home and out again.

Mrs. Neil McCalpine is visiting her parents in Enn Claire.

Mr. W. Tomlinson left Sunday for Little Long Lac, where he will be employed.

Mr. J. Martin left Sunday to continue work at the Vimy Mine, Ramore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webber, First avenue, entertained a number of their friends on Saturday evening on the occasion of their eleventh wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing bridge and dancing, and before the guests departed they presented Mr. and Mrs. Webber with a silver etched dish.

Mrs. D. Bennett is a patient in St. Mary's hospital, where she underwent an operation on Friday.

Mrs. Jack Little, formerly Miss Irene Everard, of Central Patricia, visited friends in town last week.

Mrs. C. Massacre spent the weekend with her sister, Miss Mildred Furlong in Halleybury.

Born—Wednesday, January 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. I. Cecci, 72 First avenue—a daughter.

Sudbury Hotel Fire Causes \$250,000 Loss

Guests Flee in Night Attire. Police Chief Hurt. Cause of Fire Not Determined.

In Monday's issue of The Advance there was a brief reference to the serious fire at the New American hotel, Sudbury, on Sunday morning. Further particulars suggest that the fire was a dangerous one, and while all the guests at the hotel escaped injury, all had narrow escapes, having to depart hurriedly from the burning building, most of them escaping in night attire. The loss is placed at \$250,000. One of the despatches from Sudbury this week gives the following account of the fire:—

Twice swept by fire before, the three-storey New American hotel building, Durham street, was completely gutted by flames which swept through the 50-year-old structure Sunday morning to cause damage estimated at more than \$250,000. Cause of the fire was undetermined.

Approximately 60 guests and employees residing on the premises, some clothed, others partly clad, most of them in pajamas or other night attire, and at least one guest in the nude escaped from the smoke-filled, burning building to find shelter from the near-zero cold in nearby business and residential blocks or the King Edward hotel, a block away.

Flames swept up from the ground floor, whirled through rooms in the front part of the hotel's second floor, then reached the roof and, leaving but a shell of the newer section of the building, licked greedily at the roof on the older part and swept down again to gut stores on the ground floor.

Police Chief Hurt

No person was seriously injured in the fire though Jimmy Davey, night clerk, was nearly overcome by smoke when he returned to his room to rescue his clothing, and three firemen just narrowly missed being smothered under a rain of bricks as the Durham street wall toppled outwards. Volunteer Fireman A. R. Cooper, manager of Loblaw's Groceries, and Chief D. Loudon of the Sudbury police who grabbed him from certain serious injury were both hit by flying bricks. Chief Loudon later found several ribs had been cracked. He did not realize it until late in the day.

Fireman George J. Noble also had a narrow escape. Prone on the snow astride a line of hoses when the wall began to fall, he could not gain his feet on the slippery ground and crawled to safety. Falling bricks bruised his hip.

Various Losses

The estimated loss was made up as follows: New American hotel building, owned by J. P. Coulson, Ottawa, valued at \$75,000. Hotel fixtures: \$50,000. Northern Drug Store, George H. Davidson, manager, stock and fixtures, \$10,000.

Ironstone Clothing store, men's wear, M. and J. Ironstone, proprietors, stock and fixtures, \$15,000, partly insured.

New American cafe, Charlie S. Kin, manager, loss at \$10,000.

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Rebuild Hotel

It is understood the building will probably be entirely rebuilt on a much larger scale as plans had already been drawn for an extensive addition to the rear of the building, taking in three lots on Larch street. Work was to have started on the new section this spring. If the new building is erected on the scale of the proposed addition it would approximate \$500,000.

Sunday's morning's fire was termed the most disastrous in the past 20 years of the city's history. The nearest approach to it was about nine years ago when the Frawley block went up in flames. Officials expressed gratitude there was little or no wind and that there was a comparatively fresh fall of snow, else adjoining buildings would probably have been damaged.

Firemen worked heroically and came in for much praise from citizens and officials who realized the odds against them. With only limited equipment and men, through provincial government regulation of city finances, the first alarm brought only three men in the night platoon to the scene. By the time they had one line of hose laid and named, the fire was well away. Smoke masks were useless. On the second alarm the second platoon turned out at orders of Chief William Andrews, soon to be augmented by volunteer fire-fighters that brought the total fire fighters force to 14 men. Eight lines of hose were eventually laid and thousands of gallons of water poured on the flames that seemingly raged unchecked by the firefighters' efforts.

That the fleeing hotel patrons left numerous doors and windows open thus providing plenty of draft for the flames, was also claimed to have been a fire aid. Fortunate, said officials, was

the time of the fire, Sunday morning. There was little city demand for water at the time so that full pressure could be maintained on the lines supplying the fire hoses.

Controlled By 10 a.m.

The fire was finally brought under control about 10 o'clock; more than five hours after it started. It needed attention, however, throughout the day and 12 hours later small fires kept breaking out in the debris and the basement. Occasional explosions marked the progress of the flames through the hardware store where a considerable amount of shotgun shells and other ammunition was kept.

City works department men were busy most of the afternoon clearing the debris. Street railway service southwards was disrupted for the entire morning because of hose lines and the mountain of bricks and smashed store fronts scattered over Durham street as result of the collapse outwards of the brick wall about 7.55 a.m. All traffic by automobile and bus was diverted to side streets through the day. Firemen and salvage workers were still busy this morning.

Wild rumours that one man had lost his life were termed wholly untrue by hotel officials. "We are certain everyone was out of the building. There can be no mistake," said A. H. Raby, assistant manager.

The fire is believed to have started in either the cafe kitchen or the rear of Ironstone's men's wear store. It gained headway rapidly, sending flames shooting up through the wide partitions between the old and comparatively new parts of the three-storey brick veneer building. Firemen, driven back by the huge volumes of smoke, could not locate the source and before they could pour water into the suspected threatening sections, the flames were licking greedily through the roof.

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According to an announcement by P. M. Draper, president of the Trade and Labour Congress of Canada, effort is to be made to have all provincial governments with the exception of Prince Edward Island adopt legislation to give all workers the free right to join any labour union of their choice. This right has generally been conceded in Canada in the past, despite the suggestion to the contrary. In the Toronto despatches the suggestion has been made that there were cases in the North where the right was denied. Indeed one despatch says that some workers from some mining areas in Northern Ontario would be among the delegates to interview the Hepburn government in regard to the matter and that these delegates would be ready to give their experience with employers who frown on union principles. It is likely to be found, however, that it is not unions or union principles that the employers object to but improper agitation—often on the time of the employer. There is also the danger that the story of men refused employment or discharged for valid reason should be

accepted when the facts would prove that they lost employment for good cause, but were using their professed labour prominence to force their employment. That is something not unknown in the North. In Noranda, for instance, membership in the communists' party's so-called unions would be sufficient cause for refusal to employ a man, the mine having painful and costly experience fully warranting discrimination against the communistic element. A recent case in Timmins where it was suggested that a young lady lost employment because of her activities in so-called union work will be found to be equally unfounded, the employee in question losing one position for altogether different cause, and cause that most people would consider sufficient.

In regard to the proposed legislation Mr. Draper says that the bill to be presented to the Ontario government is urged by organized labour in Canada. Protection for Canadian industry from the "sit down" strikes and other troubles that have disturbed United States and European industries in the past year, is contained in the proposed measure, as well as protection for the worker from discrimination, Mr. Draper said.

"We have every hope that the Government of this Province and of every Province, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, which is not an industrial Province to any extent, will see eye-to-eye with us. We expect that our proposals will go forward as a Government measure. If not we will take other means to present it to the Legislatures," the Trades Congress President declared.

The worker's right and liberty to join any union he wishes should be written on the statute books of the Provinces, Mr. Draper maintained. There was, he said, no legal obstacle. Not only had he obtained the best legal opinion and advice, but Hon. Norman McLeod Rogers, Federal Minister of Labour, had recently expressed the opinion that such legislation was within Provincial jurisdiction.

Boy's Life—"Let me off at the next stop, conductor. I thought this was a lunch-wagon."

Florida Despatch.—When a man wants his handkerchief he reaches around and takes it out of his back pocket. When a girl wants hers she arises, shakes herself and picks it up.

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