

FORTUNES BY ACCIDENT.

How a Captain Made a Million by Carrying One Passenger.
If there is anything that makes poor, toiling man happy it is to find about flukes that have made fortunes. For instance, there was a captain on a vessel plying between English and Australian points who made a large strike when convicts were taken to New South Wales.

A "time-expired" man came to the mariner and begged to be taken home. The former convict had no money, but he would gladly give his plot of land for transportation.

The captain accepted the terms, and great is the joy of his descendants for that plot is now occupied by a wharf and it is valued at \$1,250,000. A Limerick tobacconist believed himself to be ruined by a fire that destroyed his shop. (The next day he found tins of snuff that had been in the fire. Curiosity prompted him to open the canisters. He found that the action of the flames had materially improved the aroma and pungency of the snuff. The discovery made him very rich.)

The discovery of the Mount Sinai Mine was purely a fluke, and its output of gold is the greatest of any mine in the world except in the Klondike district.

A bank clerk in London heard that there was a rich deposit of gold at certain place at the Cape of Good Hope. He set about forming a provision syndicate among his fellow-clerks, and they raised about \$1,500 among themselves. A mining engineer was sent out. He made a thorough investigation but found no gold. He had decided to give up the search and was ready to leave for home, when he ran across a miner.

"Well, stranger," he said, "I guess you are on a hunt for the shiny. Take here, boss."

"Have you a claim here?" asked the engineer.

"Yes; and I want to make tracks the country. That's my claim over that camel's hump. You can have for \$100, and here's a sample of the quartz. That claim ain't worth weight in gold, but it's worth a dollar I ask for it."

The engineer examined the specimen and decided that there was gold in it. He acted quickly.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, mate," said the miner. "I'll give you \$80 on the spot if you'll give me the right to the claim."

The bargain was struck and the claim carefully explored. An abundance of gold was found in the most unlikely veins. To-day the shares, the face value of which is \$100, are worth \$500 each.

THE WASTE OF YEARS.

"It is hard," she mused, "the waste of years that it takes to learn the truth."

"We start in youth full of hope, with energy, and strong in belief in the nobility and grandeur of humanity. One by one our beliefs are broken, our fancies fade, and hope and energy are trust and all the beautiful illusions of youth are one by one beaten out of us. Late in life we stand empty handed, our old faith shattered, our old dreams gone. Behind us lies a long, miserable stretch of years, which we look upon with horror because we have not lived up to them. We have not lived up to them because we have not lived up to them without faith and trust which once made life beautiful."

"It is quite true," she said, "that of the wreck of this old broken existence another life begins—a life of faith in God and in humanity. It is true that this new belief—golden because true, and as far exceeding the old as heaven exceeds earth—greater in the heart as our earthly life fades, until by-and-by we behold clearly this glorious picture of a constructed manhood, born in God, and daily growing more like Him."

"Ah yes, these things will be. Like Moses, we behold in the future the dawn of the beautiful new day which will bring to earth at last the realization of all we once believed in. But, alas! like unto Moses, we die beholding the wonderful vision. And alas for the long dreary waste years which brought us to this point—the long stretch of years when our gladness, all our work, all our living, was founded upon the lies we believed to be true."

"Because, you see," she said, "we have learned the truth the best life has gone—all human chance of truer, better living is over."

"And it is useless to say," she mused, "that after we have learned the lesson we should be content to die. I must die to behold the truth, let me die, and quickly. Let me be no more tormented with lies. But if it is possible while in this life to find the seed of true living, then it is possible to live to live it out; and if we are not permitted to do so, we are treated unjustly."

"Why should it not be so? What terrible power is it that blinds our eyes, and only permits us to see what we see because we see? Why are our lives spoiled before we have learned to live them?"

"I say it is needless cruelty," she cried. "It must be unnecessary—the horrible waste of years. If an experience of twenty or thirty years can teach these things, the same teaching can be done in five years, or one, and all that time would have been saved in which to live up to the truth. What might we not have accomplished for God and for the higher humanity in twenty or thirty years?"

"And instead we have spent it all—for nothing. We are as gold-seekers—finding the long lost treasure only after a lifetime spent in the search. And now we are as prisoners, bound in his place, while we see in the past and in the future the terrible procession of years go by—the long waste of years. It is not that we are not! Why should it be so?"

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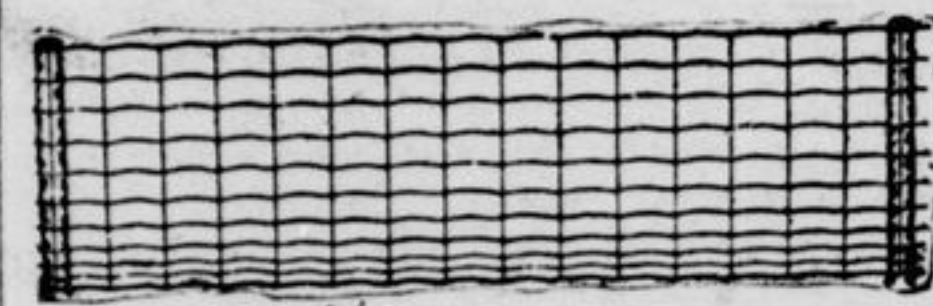
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GLENELG COUNCIL.

The Council met Feb. 7th, pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Communications read as follows: From John Ross Robertson relating to Hospital for Sick Children. From Geo. S. Helmshead relating to Sinking Fund Investment. From Messrs. Rutledge, Ramage, and Irwin, Tenders for the Twp Printing. From Hugh Baird, account for work. From Municipal World, account for Municipal Rolls and other forms. From Geo. Russell relating to taxes on Lot 14 con. 11. From Committee, on Treasurer's sureties, and their report; From Township Auditors, their report of receipts and expenditures.

By-Laws 373 appointing the twp. officers, and 374 authorizing the Reeve to appoint an Arbitrator was introduced and read a first and second time.

McFadden—McMillan—That the Auditor's report as re-audited by this Council be adopted, and that 200 copies of the same be printed and distributed, and that said auditors be paid \$7 each, also \$1 each for extra work. Carried.

McFadden—Firth—That Chas. Ramage get the Township Printing, his being the lowest tender. Carried.

McMillan—Firth—That the Report of the Reeve and Deputy-Reeve on the sufficiency of the Treasurer's sureties be adopted and engrossed on the Minute Book, and that they be paid \$1 each for their services. Carried.

Firth—McMillan—That the Dominion Express Company be paid 50 cts. Express charges on Assessment Rolls and other forms. Carried.

Firth—McFadden—That Hugh Baird be paid \$7 for building a culvert and repairing road at Lot 15 con. 13. Carried.

McFadden—Williams—That Wm. Hill be paid \$5 for five cords of dry wood, for James Dillon an indigent. Carried.

Williams—McFadden—That the account to the Municipal World for Assessment Rolls and other forms, in all \$4.33 be paid. Carried.

McMillan—McFadden—That By-Laws No. 373, appointing Township officers, and 374, authorizing Reeve to appoint an arbitrator re the McCormack deviation be now read a third time, signed, sealed, and engrossed on By-Law Book. Carried.

The Council adjourned to April 18, at 10 a. m. J. S. Black, Clerk.

Last week we announced a tremendous cut in prices by the C. P. R. The war between this line and the Grand Trunk, resulted in a similar cut being made by that line. A further reduction is now threatened by the C. P. R.

Last night Dr. Landerkin and Mr. H. P. O'Connor walked into the Conservative committee rooms, thinking they were in the Liberal headquarters and got nearly to the back of the main building before they discovered their mistake. Of course they beat a hasty retreat when they learned the true state of affairs.

Last week we referred to the theft of a couple of pairs of pants from Mr. Wm. Biggar's laundry. Jimmie Norris, Geo. Burkholder, and Robt. McKnight, three young toughs, were suspected and arrested. Yesterday morning the police magistrate sentenced Norris to four months in the Central prison, and Burkholder to five years in the Industrial school at Mimico, letting McKnight go with a warning. Norris, who had an extremely bad reputation, was left for a few minutes in the witness' room, and jumped from the window to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet. He has not yet been re-captured.—O. S. Sun

John M. Findlay of Dromore has bought out the store business so long conducted by the late Alex. Taylor in that place and will take formal possession in March. Since the death of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Findlay has been in charge of the business for Mrs. Taylor and for many years before that he was Mr Taylor's responsible and trusted clerk. He is thus peculiarly well fitted to assume control, and his integrity, probity and business insight will enable him to continue successfully the fine business established in 1860 by his lamented predecessor.—Confederate.

Richmond Fire Hall, Toronto, 26th Feb., 1897.

Dear Sirs,—Constipation for years has been my chief ailment; it seemed to come after me in spite of all I could do. However, some time ago I was told to use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, which I have done, with the result of what appears now to be a perfect cure. Truly yours, J. HARRIS.

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I do hereby certify that my daughter, Grace Ella, was cured of Eczema of several years standing by four boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment. ANDREW AITON, W. E. Thistle, Druggist, Hartland, N. B. Witness.

FIRE IN MOUNT FOREST.

Those of our citizens who were awakened between four and five o'clock Sunday morning by the ringing of the fire alarm, heard the fierce gale blowing and saw that a fire was in progress in the south end of Main st., thought for a while that the water works by-law hadn't been carried soon enough to avert a disaster. But the good fortune which had smiled on this town in the matter of fires was still with us in this case and the fire burned itself out in the building where it started without extending to adjoining buildings, thanks to the efforts of the firemen and others and the wind being in a favorable direction. The destroyed building was that owned by Mr. W. Duignan and occupied by F. Bryant, carriage maker, and I. Morrison, saddler. It was roughcast and was originally used as the office and show room of Swan's carriage works. Messrs Bryant and Morrison lost everything in their shops, the former estimating his loss at \$800 or \$1000 on which there was an insurance of \$300. Besides Mr. Bryant's own goods, &c., several rigs belonging to customers were destroyed. Mr. Morrison lost about \$500 worth of goods, &c., on which there was an insurance of \$150. Across the street the plate glass fronts of Messrs Tasker, Dale, Yeomans and Glenville were cracked by the heat and will have to be replaced, but all are well understand insured. Mr. Duignan has already arranged to replace the burned building, on which he had an insurance of \$500, by moving on the site the large rough-cast building at present in rare of the blacksmith shop. The particulars of the moving are given in the report of town council proceedings.—Mount Forest Representative.

BORN.

LAWSON.—In Bentuck near Durham on Feb. 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lawson, a daughter.

GUN.—In Woodstock on Feb. 27th, the wife of Dr. Arthur Gun, a son.

DIED.

COCHRANE.—In Hamilton, Monday, Feb. 28th, Miss Jean Cochrane, age 23 years.

An ordinary cough or cold may not be thought much of at the time, but neglect may mean in the end a consumptive's grave. Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine will not cure consumption when the lungs are riddled with cavities; but it will stop the cough, will cure consumption in its early stages and even in its last stages gives such relief as to be a perfect Godsend to those whose lives are nearing a close.

Miss Kate Conley of Arthur is visiting her cousin, Mrs. John Vollet.

Merchant Hunt of Dornoch was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. James Colville was over from Hanover on election day.

Brown and Nedgar shipped a large number of cattle to Buffalo on Wednesday of last week. They also shipped a car of pigs to Toronto. These gentlemen do a large business in this line and are to be commended.

Editors are the first to hear of gossip or scandal, indiscretions of men and women, things unfit for publication, intrigues, clandestine meetings, night buggy ridings, young girls gone astray, flirtations of married women, amours of men, and in fact all neighborhood scandals. Editors generally know all the naughty doings in a community no matter how secret. If one half they hear were published, divorce suits would follow in some cases, social ostracism in others, shot guns and gore, desolate homes, shame, humiliation and misery. The editor hears much of the shams and hypocrisy of life, and it is a wonder he believe in anything on earth and hereafter. People who abuse the editor the loudest sometimes owe their standing in society to his forbearance.

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- 10 Piece Blue & G'd Bedroom Sets, reg. \$4.50, our price \$3.75
- 97 Piece Dinner Sets, reg. \$10.00 a set, our price \$7.50.
- Fancy Jugs, regular 25c., our price 20c. each.
- Cut Glass Tumblers, very neat pattern, \$1.20 a dozen.

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