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A MAN WITHOUT A NAME.

SET ASHORE ON THE BAY OF FUNDY COAST FORTY YE ARS AGO.

Since Then he Hasn't Spoken an Intelligible Word, and no One Knows Whence He Came or Who He Is—Yearly the Government Votes a Sum for His Support.

The blue books published by the Government of the province of Nova Scotia are, as a rule, pretty dry reading, and that called the Financial Returns is one of the dryest of the lot. Yet there is one line in the Financial Returns behind which lurks one of the strangest mysteries, which, after forty years, still remains a mystery. The Financial Returns give all expeditures from the office of the Provincial Treasurer—that is, all expenditures made by the province of Nova Scotia. One line reads:

Jerome. $104:00

Few, if any, members of the present Legislature know what it means. They only know that it has been there for many years, and therefore some one is receiving $104 every year, but who and what "Jerome" is or why he should receive anything they do not know. The item was there in the old days before confederation—before there was any Dominion of Canada and Nova Scotia was a separate colony.

One day, forty years ago, the people living about the narrow strip of rock and land on the Nova Scotia side of the Bay of Fundy, known as Digby Neck, observed

A SHIP ON THE HORIZON.

Her movements were unusual. She seemed to be aimlessly hovering about the same place. When darkness came she was still there and her mission was an object of much speculation to the fishermen whose little cottages were the only residences in the neighborhood of that rugged shore. Next morning the vessel was gone, but there was a man, or piece of a man, on the beach. His legs had been cut off above the knees. The work had been recently done and by a skillful hand. the wounded stumps were carefully bandaged. The man was apparently about 19 years old, with soft, flaxen hair and blue eyes. His white skin, delicate features and shapely hands betokened that he was probably well born and well brought up. His underclothing was of finest linen and his other garments of good material, but of cut differing from that of any people the fishermen had ever seen. He seemed to be suffering from the effects of some terrible shook. Beside him on the beach, were a small keg of water and a bag of ship's biscuits.

He was taken to one of the cottages and nursed and cared for. He gradually recovered, but was gloomy and silent. His vocal organs seemed all right but if the guttural sounds he uttered were meant for words, nobody could make out what they meant. Peddlers who were from abroad, and seafaringmen who had a smattering of foreign tongues went to see him, but his language, if language it were, was strange to them all. Perhaps no effort was made to teach him English, or perhaps his sullen disposition rendered him unapproachable, or the shock to his system when his legs were cut off dulled his mind so that

HE COULD NOT LEARN.

Certain it is that although forty years have passed since he was marooned in the mysterious manner described, he has never conveyed to any living being by speech a single thought.

There was not a letter or paper of any kind nor marks on his clothing to give the slightest clue to his name, home, nationality or history. The people called him "Jerome," because they thought some of the sounds he made with his voice resembled that, but except for this he has remained for forty years a man without a name. In time the poor people of the village felt they could no longer hear the burden of the waif's maintenance, and they applied to the authorities to relieve them of him. The Poor Commissioners of Digby county did not see why they should bear the load. He certainly was not a Digby county man. They accordingly applied to the Legislature of Nova Scotia to take care of him. Pending investigation the Legislature appropriated the sum of $104 for his maintenance. Investigation failed to discover any more than was already known, and the grant was continued year after year.

"Jerome" lives now with a respectable French Acadian family near a place called Saulnierville, on the Bay of Fundy shore, in Digby county. It is on the main post road of the province, and in bygone years passengers by coach would stop to see and inquire about the man, but in time they got so accustomed to seeing and hearing of him that they would simply wave the hand to him as he stood in front of the house sunning himself. He has always been very fond of warmth, as though he had come from a hot climate. In the summer he basks all day in the sun. In chilly weather he huddles behind the kitchen stove.

He is still the silent, gloomy man he was when he first landed,

KEEPING TO HIMSELF

eating at meal hours such food as is placed before him, never attempting to read or write, and never having given any indication whether he can do so or not.

Various stories of a mutiny on a vessel, of a stolen heir being put out of the way, of a nobleman whose estates are in the hands of another are among the versions of the mystery which have had credence from time to time, but none of them was ever more than mere guess, "Jerome's" early history remains to this day a mystery, and, although he enjoys good health, age is now coming upon him, and it is doubtful if any solution will ever be found unless this account should reach the eye of some one who was on the vessel from which it is believed he was landed and he should make known the facts concealed now for nearly half a century.

The old coach days have long since passed; the railway which now runs from Yarmouth through the land of Evangeline does not go near the shore and Jerome and his weird story are forgotten except to the few in the immediate neighborhood of his quiet home, where the people still speak the French of the Norman and Breton peasant of 200 years ago; where the men do a little fishing and farming, the women wear the French kerchief and simple garb of the old Acadians of Evangeline's day.

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THE WHEAT YIELD AND THE PHOSPHATE BASE

"The Leamington Courier" in an agricultural article in the issue of the 27th August, this year, headed "The Wheat Yield and the Phosphate Base," after discussing at considerable length the necessity of bone strength in the straw as well as in the grain to give the crop stamina to withstand boisterous weather, says:—"We have repeatedly called attention to this, and laid down the law, that a good phosphatic heart is the foundation of all agriculture. We have had the opportunity of examining very many fields, and have in every instance found that the lodged crops were defective." They then refer to a notice ble corroboration of their theory in the Plestow Farm, Barford, where Mr. E. L. Ireland Blythe had phosphated many of the fields with Alberts' Thomas-Phosphate Powder, with the result that the wheat was of most excellent quality, and:—"This crop is five feet high, not a patch being beaten down by the terrific storms it has lately been subjected to Mr. Blythe has so convinced himself of the merits of this manure, that he is increasing his applications of it all over his farm, both on grass lands and arable. On Monday we were at Bearley and Mr. Joseph Hawkes informed us that he was going to use it on his grass this autumn, and one always concludes that when we have him on our side we are not very far wrong."

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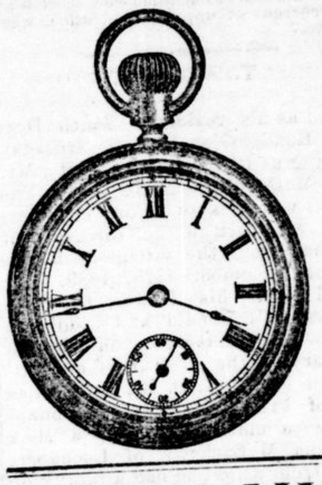

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