

SAB LIFE STORIES

MANY ARE TOLD TO THE PAROLE OFFICER.

Dying Convict Wanted to Be Out of Prison During His Last Hours—What Criminals Have to Say.

Many are the sad stories of wasted life that are poured into the ears of W. P. Archibald, the Dominion parole officer, who has been spending a few days in Kingston. Mr. Archibald has to visit the penitentiaries, and he comes into personal contact with all the prisoners behind the bars.

"Men who have been living a life of crime always like to tell someone the story of their life," remarked Mr. Archibald, "and when they are aware that I am taking an interest in them, they always are ready to tell me all about themselves."

"Just the other day I was at a penitentiary—not this one in Kingston," added Mr. Archibald. "I was called to the cell of an old man—a person who had spent nearly all his life in crime. He was dying, and his request to me was that I have him removed to a hospital. 'I have been in prison so long,' he said, 'that I hate the thoughts of having to die within a prison. Could you not remove me to some place outside of here, and then I will be able to die in peace?' I took up that poor man's case, had him removed to an hospital, and perhaps he has crossed the great river by this time. His story was as most pitiable one. As a boy and as a young man, he had been given all the advantages that a person could wish for. He had a good home, fine surroundings, but somehow he yielded to temptation, and at the age of twenty-two, committed a forgery, and found his way behind prison bars. He followed a life of crime for forty-two years, and while I was with him he said that he had a message for me to give the young men of to-day. 'Tell the young men that there is no profit to be gained in a life of crime,' he said. 'You can even give them my name if you like, but emphasize the fact about there being no profit in crime. I have lived through it all and had been able to find this out. I am dying, I have not a friend in the world, and I want to give out this warning to young men.'

"Wherever I go I have had stories poured into my ears," added Mr. Archibald. "A young man in Toronto had been in trouble, and when released from jail he found it a very difficult task to get employment. It was late in the fall, getting quite cool. The young man walked along Yonge street; he was very hungry. He was just getting dark, and as he noticed some boots out in front of a store, he felt that he must go to them, although he had resolved to keep from stealing. However, the hunger got the better of him, and grabbing the shoes and putting them under his arm, he bolted down the street. But he only went a short distance when he came to a sudden stop. He suddenly thought of the promise he had made not to steal, and, throwing the shoes on the sidewalk, said, 'No, I won't keep these shoes; I'll die first.' This little incident happened about seven years ago. That man is now one of the best business men in Toronto, and is married and happy. I feel like taking my hat off to him, when I meet him in the street, because he is a self-made man."

Mr. Archibald stated that there were many people who liked to see severe punishment meted out to every criminal. The worst punishment appeared to be their motto. Some district was often horrified by some shocking event, and it was true that society must be protected, and the guilty party punished, but while it was necessary to punish the criminal, it was not necessary that we should be forever punishing him, but that we should take steps to reform him. Today the systems at the penitentiaries were far better than fifteen years ago. The prisoners give some trade, and as long as a prisoner is industrious, said Mr. Archibald, "there is hope for him, and we do not seem to get the lazy people inside."

OFF TO NEW YORK.

About Hundred and Fifty People Left Tuesday Morning.

The first day of the New York excursion was not favored with good weather, but in spite of this fact, there was a large crowd to take in the trip, close upon one hundred and fifty people leaving on the steamer America. The heavy fog and the smoke made navigation very difficult. The America left the wharf about six o'clock. Following is a list of the passengers:

- From Kingston—J. Ennis, Mr. Bate, Miss L. Johnson, Miss C. Ockly, Miss J. M. Theobald, Mr. Beauharnois, Mrs. W. Sager and Master Sager, M. A. Craig, Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Miss J. S. Galbraith, Charles Baugh, Mrs. Prevost, F. J. Corrigan, W. D. Johnston, Miss Isabel Polson, J. Hooper and wife, Mrs. E. Allen, W. Davis and wife, Miss A. Blomley, F. O'Gorman, R. H. Nichols, M. Walsh, Joseph Daley, Mrs. Smallridge, Mrs. Kane, J. Webb, J. Kinnear, Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. C. Newlands, Mrs. H. T. Hooper, J. J. Behan and wife, Mrs. George Crawford, Miss M. Ferris, Miss L. Hanley, Miss Agnew, Mrs. L. Guess, M. E. Gravelle, Miss L. Gravelle, P. O'Connell, Mrs. M. Fallier, W. E. Harris and wife, Miss M. Yates, W. P. Peters, Miss Canneek, F. L. Newman, Mrs. G. Shortt, W. J. Fair, W. Lamb, J. Cook, G. W. Mahon, and wife, Mr. McEwan and wife, E. C. Walsh, Mrs. E. Mudie, G. W. Williams, F. R. Hunter, J. Handler, Rose Stringie, Mrs. Skinner, Miss Skinner, Miss K. Barnum, May Steacy, Mrs. Haight, Miss Miller, E. W. White, George McGowan and wife.
- From Belleville—Mrs. B. Niblock, Mrs. R. Armstrong, G. D. Platt and wife, Mrs. J. M. Lockwood, Mrs. E. Barbour, T. Blackburn, A. M. Santor, Mrs. G. P. Kelso, Mrs. J. E. Truoney, Mrs. H. Patrick, Mrs. M. Pierson, Mrs. K. Quinn, Mrs. C. Chevens.
- From Napanee—Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, J. Dawson, Miss Dawson, Mrs. Sheehan, H. H. Douglas, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Lowry, Mr. Richardson, the Misses Quinn.
- D. Ogden, Port Hope, W. H. Walker and wife, Deseronto; M. H. Brown, Toronto; D. Ogden and Master Ogden, Port Hope; Ford, Mowbray, Adolphus, Mrs. G. W. Trotter, Cushehdall, Miss C. Knapp, Sydenham; M. J. O'Connell, Mrs. B. Booth, Mrs. J. H. Gardner, Odessa; Mrs. J. V. Burn, Yarker; G. Hanley, C. Hanley, Picton; H. A. Burn and wife, Picton.

DELAY TO NAVIGATION.

Fog and Smoke Again Cause of Trouble.

The heavy fog and smoke, which settled over the lake to-day, delayed navigation and at the M. T. Co. it was reported that there would be no arrivals. The steamer Wassaga arrived last night, from Fort William, with 50,000 bushels of wheat. The steamer Chieftain arrived back from Port Colborne, after taking off the large Ceylon, which broke loose from the steamer Prince Rupert and ran aground. The Ceylon suffered no damage.

The steamer Alexandria was at Folger's wharf last night on the way to Montreal.

Swift's Steamer Aletha, from bay points; steamer North King, due from Rochester with excursion; schooner Cornelia, from Oswego, with coal.

Car Hit Bread Waggon.

A serious accident was narrowly averted last evening about seven o'clock at the corner of Ontario and Market streets. The belt car, in charge of Motorman Ward, was coming along Ontario street at a moderate rate of speed, and when it arrived at the corner, the driver of Waters' bakery waggon tried to cross the track. The motorman did all in his power to stop the car, but could not do it before it hit the rig. The waggon skidded along the track until it hit a large stone and then turned turtle. Luckily, the driver or horse were not injured by the tip. Motorman Ward deserves credit for his prompt work in stopping the car. He succeeded in bringing it to a standstill in its own length.

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Mrs. L. Garside.

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