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John H. Roberts a Man Full of are many stories about him which Has Often Been a Storm Centre.

A little man, but full of energy and stermination, convinced that drink a curse, that the police will do nothing to stop it, that preaching temperance, while all very fine, is by no means a practical way of downing the Demon Rum, and that he doing what the police fail to do, stting up the dives and making the license-holders live up to the

perhaps, has more enemies than any man in Montreal, yet is probably many. A Welshman by birth, Mr. early in life, touring England and came to Canada and settled down by different organizations, and made several extensive lecture tours through the Eastern part of the Dominion. It is only a little over a year ago since he settled permanenttary of the Alliance, and yet to day everybody knows John H.

Ample proof of the affection of the saloon men for Mr. Roberts was given recently when Mr. Roberts obtained a chair which was meant for a lawyer, Mr. St. Julien, at a hearing of the license commissioners.

Mr. Roberts asserted his right to the chair, and so did Mr. St. Julien, backed up by a couple of court house ushers. A scrap finally developed, in which Mr. Roberts was rather rough-

"Kill him!" shouted half a hundred saloon men who were at the hearing. "Kill the son of a gun." A few days ago, Mr. Roberts, with three detectives, undertook to raid a tough dance hall in the east end o the city. They marched through a crowd of dancers—coal heavers and like athletes, for the most part-and seized half a dozen bottles of whiskey which they found in the refreshment room. They started back through the crowd, and just as they reached the door somebody threw a bottle. Then a little storm broke loose, and Roberts was the storm centre. He was knocked down and clubbed with bottles and sticks, but finally he escaped with his three followers, bruised and bleeding, but still determined and full of energy.

"No, I didn't lay a complaint— yet," he said the following day. "We are going to raid some more places like that one in a few days, and I wili get them all in court together."

#### A Big Man With Big Views.

Charles A. Magrath, M.P. for Medicine Hat, is a big man with big looking manager. views. He told the Montreal Canadian Club, a few days ago, that if overcoat pochet," he announced. Canada is to preserve her national "Will you get them for me, please?" identity she must keep the key to Mr. Judge slowly unlocked the cloak commercial success-which is cheap room door. "I can't put my hand in power-and use it to open the world's your overcoat pocket, sir," he drawlmarkets instead of letting it go to ed. "It's again the rules, sir." States. He said that Canada with Mr. Judge handed over his check. her wealth of undeveloped water The youth fished in the pocket and powers, was like a nouveau riche, finally produced a ten-cent package of with a crowd after her to exploit her cigarettes. Mr. Judge returned the wealth for their own advantage. With coat to its peg, locked the doors, and a view to preserving our water en- coolly received the quarter which the ergy for ourselves he would have a young man dropped into his hand. commission of competent consulting "Thank you, sir," he murmured

Tones and invigorates the whole that the West has sent to Ottawa. utes later when he was telling his He was born in Augusta, Ont., a lit- friends about it that he smiled. tle more than half a century ago. but he has lived in Western Canada for thirty years. So it's no wonder that he has a goodly share of a fine

> That his fellow Conservative members think well of him is shown by the fact that he is Permanent Chairman of the Conservative Caucus,-Canadian Courier.

#### Rumored Fortune.

George Normandin, notary of Montreal, has received a letter announcing that the family Normandin dit Beausoleil has fallen heir to \$80,000,-600 by the death of a widow in France. A Marie Normandin dit Beausoleil, so runs the story, became enamored of an English officer in 1837 and left with him for England after the rebellion. He served in all countries of Europe till he was killed in Afghanistan, with the rank of general. He was very wealthy, and his widow retired to Paris, where with her quiet living the fortune grew to the amount stated at the time of her

The letter is from another of the name, saying that the death of this lady had occurred and asking all the family to unite in an attempt to get

#### Elightly Inappropriate.

anything goes wrong in the service, bern at Cayuga, Ont., fifty-four years for the solemnity of church makes the ago, and was educated at Cayuga ridiculous all the more incongru- High School and Upper Canada Colous. One Ontario minister told re- lege. He entered the law office of cently of a contretemps with the Dr. John Hoskin, K.C., and later bechoir, arising from his not having came a member of the firm-Meinformed them of the subject of the Carthy, Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt. sermon. He had put thought and vig- Since the time when Dr. Hoskin re-

To his horror, the choir followed years ago, Mr. Harcourt has held that with a number entitled: "Sleep on, position. Another paster related how an unusually stupid choirmaster arranged and foot-racing, and he is now a
for the hymn, "Oh, What must It Be member of several prominent clubs.

To Be There!" at the close of a sermon with the title, "Hell." There was

## A Van Horne Story.

Sir William Van Horne, on his sailing for England recently, was smoking a cigar at the Sand Point docks, St. John, N.B., when a dock police-man, not knowing him, informed him he was breaking the regulations. Sir church attendance on Sunday. William threw away the eigar, and remarked "He's right. That's what we pay him for."

#### OLIVER AND THE GALICIAN The Last Visitor Bore the Brunt of

the Editor's Wrath. Out West they call him "Pa Oliver." At Ottawa he is known as "The Honorable the Minister of the Interior." Both East and West there Energy and Determination-He are worth telling; none better, perhaps, than that which has to do with his adventure with the Tenth

> It was some years ago. Mr. Oliver, at that time, was devoting much his time to the editorial management of his paper, The Edmonton Bulletin A member of his family seemed to resent the proprietor's intense interest in the writing of "leaders." and determined to interrupt the paternal manuscript mill. Once conceived, this idea soon bore fruit. The mischief-maker waited upon a group of unemployed Galicians, assured them that "Pa Oliver" had jobs for a few good men, and left the plot to develop. The Gal cians wanted to wait upon the editor in a body, but they were cautioned to go upstairs

to his sanctum one at a time, at de-They went. Mr. Oliver hated to be interrupted, but the first two-he dismissed with all the courtesy which ter line. Estimates given on all kinds day have a vote Number Three had Hardwood Floors of all kinds. All day have a vote. Number Three had a harder time of it. When half a Shop, 40 Queen Street. dozen had climbed clumsily and noisily up the steps, the writer was saying things which were very much to the point. Number Nine was so startled by the explosion which greeted his appearance that he merely stuck

his head inside the door-and fled. At the usual "decent" interval, however, a clump-clump-clump was heard in the distance. It came onward and upward. The proprietor was tried beyond endurance. This time he determined that the intruder should not even reach the door. To that purpose he directed at the oncoming visitor a series of well-chosen remarks which penetrated the door like bullets. But the Tenth Man still advanced. The clump-clump-clump

came nearer and nearer. If anything was to be done to prevent the intrusion of the sacred precincts of the proprietor, it must be done now. The occupant of the room rose magnificently to the occasion. He excelled himself. From his desk to well down the stairway, the air was sizzling with remarks about the Galicians in general and this one in particular. But whatever the visitor's faults, he was courageeous, for the

#### minister .- Toronto Weekly Star.

Our Spendthrift Youth. The other night, Mr. H. J. Judge, manager of the Princess Theatre, Montreal, sent his cloak room attendant behind the scenes on a message. He took the keys and solemnly stationed himself at the cloak room door. It was during the intermission between the acts, and many of the male members of the audience were One of these-a youth with a very

suddenly in front of the mournful 'I want me cigarettes out of my

large expense of shirt front-stopped

politely, touching his hat. Mr. Magrath is one of the best men | And it was not until about five min-

> The Reporter and the "Chaw." Judge Morgan, who is very fond of plug tobacco, is not the only member of the Ontario Bench who has found chewing an intellectual stimulus. The late Justice Ferguson, known as an expert on the question of demurrers and special pleadings, was also an expert judge of the "weed," and was accustomed to use it extensively. A reporter who had formerly been employed in his law office and knew the judge well, dropped in one day, found a vacant desk, and incidentally noticed that a plug of tobacco was lying within reach. With a rapid glance around the room, he grabbed the tobacco, took a stealthy but determined bite and prepared to decamp. To his horror he saw Judge Ferguson regarding him over the top

of a screen, behind which he had shortly before retired in order to

wash his hands. But the judge saw

the humer of the situation, and stop-

ped the flight of the intruder by ex-

claiming, "Take a good chaw, my boy. Take a good chaw while you're at it. Guardian, Mason and Lover of Sport. Thirty years in the one law office, as student and partner, is the reronto, who is the new Grand Z. in the Grand Chapter, the governing body of capitular Masonry in the Clergymen are placed in an espe-cially embarrassing position when tawa River to the Yukon. He was

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#### KNOWS THE NORTHLAND.

J. F. Whitson Went Over the Ground In the Very Early Days

Mr. J. F. Whitson, chief surveyor and engineer for the Provincial Department of Lands, Forests, and Mines, was elected president of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors the other day at the annual gathering of that sun-burned, black-flybitten legion of explorers and wilderness tamers.

For twenty-two years Mr. Whitson has served in the Crown Lands Department, entering the civil service in 1899, when he was put in charge of certain explorations, surveys, and timber estimatings in the Rainy River District. Since that date he has seen a great deal of the north country, and handled the details of a great many of its affairs. He, indeed, may well be regarded as one of the prime authorities on New Ontario, and an expert on the raw, vital resources pertaining thereto-miscellaneous products ranging through a list of items such as rocks, timber, mineral deposits, survey posts, snow-shoe claims, and husky dogs.

Like plenty of others of the earlier explorers of this province, Mr. Whitson never chanced upon a rich mineral discovery, though he traveled over or camped upon the sites of future Cobalt, Porcupine, Gowganda, and other places since metallurgically famous, long before they became so. It was away back in 1886 that his first trip was made into the Terniscamingue region. He traveled up the Ottawa by cance as far as modern Haileybury, where at that time the bush stood heavy and unbroken. Very little lumbering had yet been done on Lake Temiscamingue, though considerable square timber had been

taken out from the Montreal River. The Ontario territory of the New Transcontinental Railway was familiar to Mr. Whitson long before average optimists even dreamed of the actual road. He has, in fact, traveled most of the main water highways of the north in this province, and camped on many a lonely little lake in that great hinterland above the C.P.R. And in thirty years of canoe travel, never has he suffered serious accident. Many times has his canoe been swamped, but always has his party managed to safely reach the

As for snowshoes, they are an old story to the new president of the "O. L.S.,' the duties of the head surveyor taking him into the north country at all seasons of the year.

Mr. Whitson tells how one time on the Mississaga River, traveling by dog team and toboggan, an Indian was appealed to for a map of the route. It seems as a guide he was a failure, because he made too many stipulations about "extras," and wanted to leave his family with enough provisions for the winter before he would make serious preparations for a start.

So Mr. Whitson bought his dogs at top price and asked for a map to proceed without the Objibway's aid. That map turned out to be a curiosity too big for a Geographical Society Museum, though entirely worthy. .t began on a piece of brown paper, was continued on the bark of a birch

tree several paces away, produced eight feet upon a toboggan, where it ran off at the tail end and disappeared into four feet of snow. Mr. Whitson is said to have allowed by default, and, judging by its start

it may be going yet.
A quiet, modest, undemonstrative sort of a man is J. F. Whitson, with an inherent objection to figuring in the despatches. But it's those quiet fellows who carry the biggest packs. -Toronto Weekly Star.

Canadians With Mexican Rebels. A Toronto man whose people are spending the winter in Southern Colorado, in the area affected by the in surrection in Mexico, received a let be relied on for Purity. It is made ter recently telling of the eagerness displayed by the rebels in securing recruits for their ranks.

It is of interest to learn that there are a good many roving Canadians in that country, who seem quite willing to join in a Mexican insurrection or try a hand at any other game. It is said that on a recent occasion a party of 120 men. Americans and Cabadians, left Pueblo for the front Some of the Canucks who took part in the uprising in its early stages must have given a good account of themselves, for the leaders of the movement in awarding land script to recruits which will be honored if the uprising succeeds - are giving each Canadian twice as much land as they award to each American. When asked why this was so, the agents who are looking for men replied that they valued one American as equal to eight Mexicans, and one Canadian as equal to two Americans, It isn't often that we get an un-

biased outside estimate-like this, and we must comese that it is highly flat-

#### Priest Holds Record.

Sir George Simpson, the old Hudson Bay governor, held the cance record for the trip between Moose Factory and Abittibi at eleven days. Fatl. Paradis, the famous priest-prospentor of Porcupine camp, claims to have broken that record, reducing it to eight days and a half. For four days and mights of that trip they paddled without food. His Indians killed a gull, roasted it on the brands of the fire for a few minutes, and devoured it, feathers and all. Two days later they found a dead pike on the bank-and that went the same way. Otherwise they subsisted on water only and a few wild cherries. Father Paradis has endured the test of the trail, right enough, in his time.

To the Point. Tax Collector William Hepburn of Strattord, Ont., used to keep a furniture store, also an undertaking establishment. The newspaper boys were accustomed to call there daily to secure obituary notices. One day a couple of them dropped round when the proprietor was very busy. "Any thing fresh?" asked the scribes. "No thing," was the prompt answer. "No

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