

ROBERT VAIR'S CAREER

DIED ON FARM HIS FATHER BOUGHT IN 1833

He Led an Active Life as a Farmer and a Marine Engineer—At Ninety He Walked a Mile and a Half to Church

The late Robert Vair, who died in Glenburnie on Friday night, aged ninety-two years, came with his parents and other family connections, twenty-seven in all, from Scotland, to Canada, in 1832. The party sailed from Maryport, in Cumberland, for Quebec, in the ship Sarah Mary Ann, and the voyage occupied six weeks and several days. From Quebec they came up to Montreal in the ship St. Lawrence and stopped at the Griffintown three days, waiting for the bateaux on which they had to sail, to get ready. It took two weeks to reach Kingston. At Prescott some horses and oxen were unloaded, and the trip from that place was made in the ship Queenston. The Vair had intended going to Auburn, N.Y., to a relative, but were prevailed upon by Robert Drummond, who started the old Morton distillery, to remain in Kingston at that time visited by the dread cholera. Mr. Vair's family all escaped, but Mr. Drummond died of the disease.

For a year, Mr. Vair's father remained in Kingston. Then he bought half the farm which R. J. Vair now owns, at Glenburnie, in 1833. This land was part of the clergy reserves. In those days three commissioners did the county's business. John Mowat, Dr. Sampson and Mr. Nicol, were the three. The taxes on 200 acres of land could be, and were paid with a sleighload of ashes drawn to Kingston. So heavy and full of obstacles were the trails to the town in the thirties, that it was impossible to draw more than ten bushels of anything. "The people nowadays don't know what the settlers of that period had to go through," said Mr. Vair recently to a Whig reporter. There was a school in the section in the sixth concession, and this the young lad attended for several years.

In 1839, Mr. Vair left his father's home in Glenburnie to learn a trade. "I started out with a bundle under my arm and fifty cents in my pocket," he said. "I worked in the hold of a steamboat, passing wood to the fireman, and had then fifty cents in my pocket when I reached Toronto. I wanted to get to Niagara, but the fare was seventy-five cents, and I had only fifty. I met an Irishman, and he asked me what the matter was. I told him, and he immediately pulled a quarter out of his pocket, saying he wished to help me reach my destination."

For the next four years, Mr. Vair was engaged at the Niagara works, learning engineering. He also worked at Toronto and Cobourg. For the following twenty years he sailed on various vessels. In 1851 he was engineer on the steamer City of Hamilton, running between Toronto and Hamilton. Then he spent seven years on the steamer Highlander, receiving \$720 a year and board. This steamer was chartered by Messrs. Kinghorn, Creighton and others, and placed on the Kingston-Cape Vincent route. Mr. Vair continued on her as engineer. The boat lost money, however, as it had to compete with the mail line. In 1859 Mr. Vair went on the old steamer Pierrepont. After that he went to Montreal and was engineer on the Shandy for the Gildersleeves for two years; then on the Banquet, the Boston (later sold to the Southerners, as a blockade runner); then back to Kingston on the old Watertown.

In 1866, the Watertown carried regulars during the Fenian raid. For six weeks it was thus engaged, carrying two companies and two brass guns, in command of Lieut. French, from Picton to Prescott. The late Captain Collin Hinckley, then commanded the Watertown. Mr. Vair received the Fenian raid veteran's land grant some years ago for his services on the Watertown. He was on that boat when it was burned at Cape Vincent. With another, he went aboard to break the pipes, and try and sink the vessel, but her ropes had given away and before they knew she had swung into the stream and was on her way down the river. He jumped into the water and swam ashore. When she was rebuilt he continued on her as engineer. It might be mentioned that Mr. Vair received his engineer's certificate on March 12th, 1862, from the first board appointed to examine engineers. Prior to that, only permits were given. The last vessel on which he sailed was the steamer Rochester, now the Donnelly, owned by the Donnelly Wrecking company.

In 1867, Mr. Vair returned to his father's farm in Glenburnie. He had purchased this farm two years before. About the year 1890 he and his wife came to Kingston to reside in retirement, their son, R. J. Vair, taking over the fine farm. Mrs. Vair, who was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, and married in 1858, died on Oct. 7th, 1909. Afterwards Mr. Vair returned to Glenburnie to reside with his son, and spend the remainder of his life on the farm, which he knew as far back as 1833.

Mr. Vair recalled the locks at Kingston Mills being built by Robert Drummond, also the first boat to sail on the Rideau being named after the waterway. In 1833, the old frame mill at Kingston Mills belonged to James Russell, contractor. Afterwards, Hugh Macdonald, father of Sir John Macdonald, bought it. The stone mill, now crumbling, is not 100 years old, Mr. Vair used to say. He remembered the time when it was built by a man named Smith, some time in the fifties.

John Vair, brother of Robert, was second engineer on the famous steamer, Sir Robert Peel, sunk below the Thousand Island Park in 1858,

PESTILENCE IS FEARED

IN MAZATLAN CITY—WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF

By the Rebels—Huerta Authorities Will Make Vigorous Investigation Into Orderly's Disappearance

San Diego, Cal., May 18.—Mazatlan's water supply is still cut off by the besieging rebels, and sickness and the death rate are increasing with alarming rapidity. An outbreak of pestilence is feared. The governor of Mazatlan disarmed the police on the plea of lack of ammunition for the defence of the city. His real motive, it is believed, was fear of internal revolt. General Obregon, commander of the constitutionalists, is apparently working southward for the purpose of cutting the railroad from Mazatlan to Guadaluajara and Mexico City before attempting other operations.

If he succeeds in cutting the railroad, thereby shutting off munitions of war, it is thought the west coast cities will fall without further fighting. Obregon has given full assurance that American and other foreign-owned property in the territory of Tepic will be protected.

Huerta Will Investigate

Washington, May 18.—Spanish Ambassador Diano on Saturday received a despatch from the Mexican minister of foreign affairs, stating that vigorous investigation of the disappearance of Orderly Samuel Parks immediately would be made by the Huerta authorities. The despatch was in reply to a note sent by Mr. Riano calling attention to the anxiety of the United States government at the Parks.

KING TO LIVE WITH TROOPS

Arrived at Aldershot to Take Part in Tactical Exercises

New York, May 18.—The Evening World publishes the following, dated Aldershot, Eng.: Living up to his reputation of "the king who wants to see for himself," King George arrived here Saturday to spend a week in the field with his troops. There will be no fancy evolutions, for the king hates formal reviews, and he wants to see his soldiers under ordinary living and working conditions. He will spend the week in the saddle, or in autos, inspecting England's great military centre. The king was accompanied here by the queen, the Prince of Wales, and Princess Mary. The regular infantry guard on duty at the pavilion has been reinforced by scores of Scotland Yard men, who will endeavor to protect the monarch from militant suffragettes.

SAYS CONSTABLE IS ROBBER

Woman Picks Him Out From a Line of Police

Ottawa, May 16.—Peter Keith, a policeman on the Ottawa police force, appeared in police court to-day on a charge of burglary. It is alleged that Keith entered a boarding house on his beat on O'Connor street early Friday morning and was in the act of rifling the pockets of the proprietor's clothing hanging on the bed, when the man's wife woke up, and then ran out. The matter was reported to the police and all the constables on duty in that section of the city lined up for inspection. The woman identified Keith as the burglar. He was remanded for a week.

A man may be a good listener and still dislike "hot air" talk. There is such a thing as being too opinionated to be pleasant.

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partment that he has information that the Mexican federals are preparing to evacuate Guaymas. Famine prevails there.

MONTECLOVA EVACUATED

Washington, May 18.—That Mexican federals have evacuated Monteclova, in Coahuila, and that six hundred constitutionalists under General Murguia had taken possession of the town, moving from Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, is reported to the state department.

CHARTERED STEAMER SAILS

New York, May 18.—The steamship Panaman, recently chartered by the war department, sailed Saturday from her pier in South Brooklyn for Galveston. The Panaman carried ammunition, consisting chiefly of shells for field pieces and small arms and foodstuffs for the troops. Fourteen ordinance experts from the Springfield arsenal under command of Captain Maish were passengers on the steamer. They will join General Funston's brigade.

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To The Readers of British Whig:

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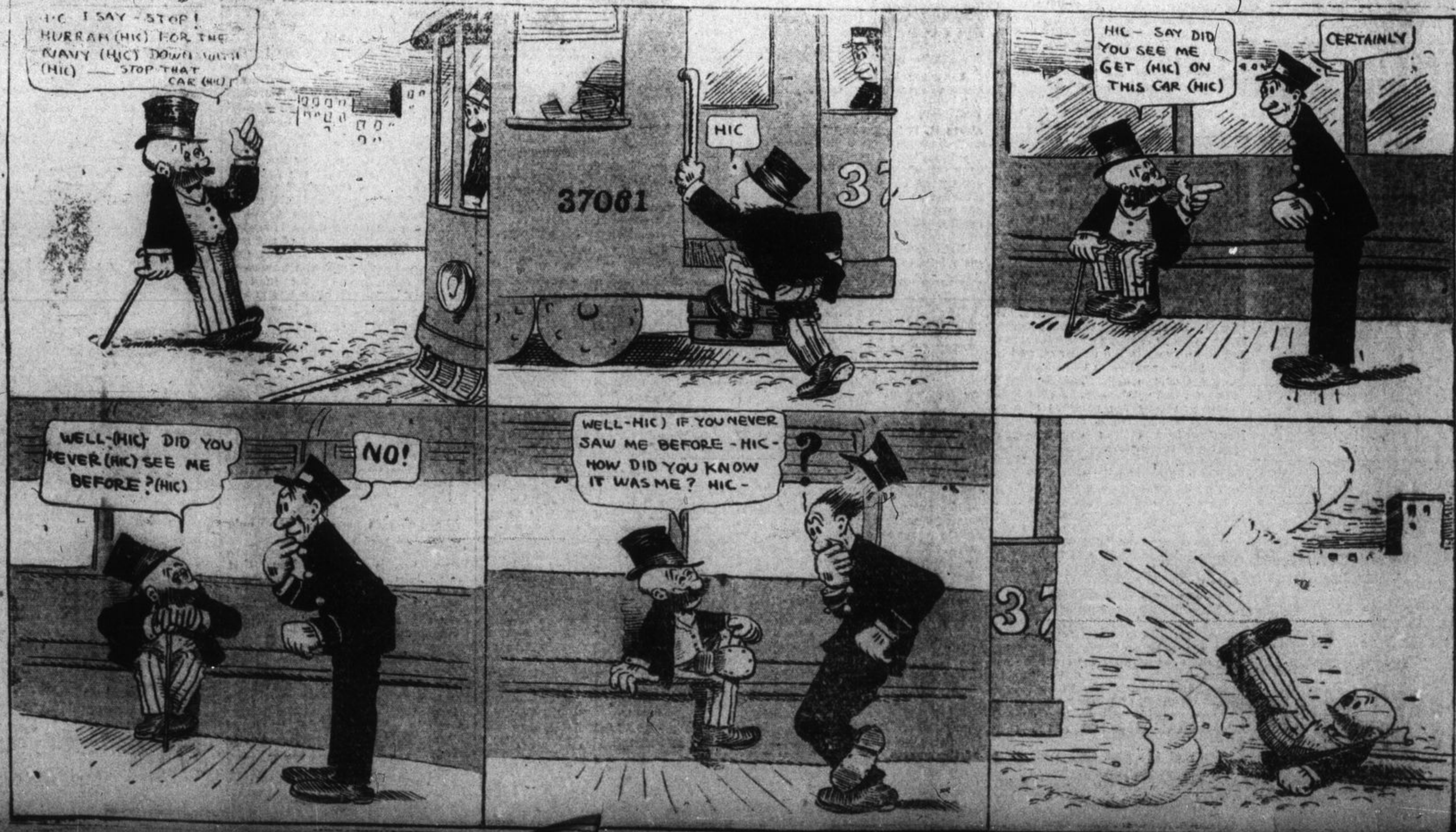
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By "Bud" Fisher