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Failures in Life's Battles.

A failure, says a contemporary, is a person who, at the close of life's journey, finds himself worse off than when he began; who has not advanced at least a little beyond the achievement of his father; who has failed to make a decent and comfortable living, and to leave something for those dependent on him. In such case, unless he has been debarred by sickness or something more than the hindrances that beset ordinary men, he is a failure to the extent that he falls below the average of his fellows. Of the causes of failure, which the miserable do not confess, drink is the most prolific. Then comes the desire to get rich by short cuts and without hard work. Some of our hardest working men to-day are among the millionaires. Sickness is another cause of failure. But there is one cause having more influence than all the rest, probably—that is the want of pluck. It is the one who cannot be drowned that succeeds at last. Fate may make a football of him for fifty years, but he will yet come out right side up and make his fortune. If people only understood the magic power there is in holding on and never giving up, there would be more rich men and women in the world by far than there are to-day. If one plan is not successful, it simply shows this was not the right way, not that the man who failed to make it work had exhausted his powers. To the man or woman with any sense it shows any thing but that. The want of economy is a prolific cause of failure—that is, the prudent saving of money and its judicious investment. There is no surer road to incompetence than that of living beyond one's income, and hoping to escape by a stroke of luck or a sudden happening of the unexpected. Another frequent cause of failure is the lack of the ability to recognize the real opportunities and promptly improve them. In homely phrase if one's foresight were as clear as one's hindsight, there would be fewer failures. This, however, is not a reprehensible cause, as foresight of this kind is a special gift and sometimes an intuitive talent. Not everyone can have it. These are the principal reasons for failure in life; and of these undoubtedly drink, gambling, speculation, fast living, and the inclination to get rich by some grand stroke are the most common. We do not observe, however, that those who have failed are, as a rule, honest enough to make this acknowledgment. They are ready to assign any reasons but the right ones. They are not courageous enough to face the music. They will not own up to themselves that the fault is their own, and not that of their friends, or their partners, and the world.

The Harvest and Debt Paying.

Now that the abundance of our harvest is beyond doubt, and its saleable value certain to be high, it may be well to say a firm word or two to farmers as to their disposal of crop proceeds. It by no means follows that a rich harvest adds to the wealth of the producer. He to whom this bounty comes may so misuse the godsend as to turn it into a curse. We are not without justifying evidence when we affirm that there are few farmers in Canada free from debt, free we mean from embarrassing and expensive obligations. As a general rule the books of country storekeepers are crowded with accounts with farmers that are never settled. There is a constant balance of debt kept up, more or less, and the aggregate of these keeps the merchant constantly short of money so that the wholesale houses and banks are to-day carrying the bulk of retailers in country places. The farmers are not able, owing to these debts, to deal freely, to the best advantage, as economy requires. To both parties these store debts are a heavy burden. The retailer who is always short in his payments, who renews his notes as regularly as they mature, is at the mercy of the wholesaler, he has to take what goods they choose to press upon him, and at rates which cut into his profits, so also are drawn more and more into purchasing such goods as they do not really require or desire, because they do not feel independent in dealing with the tradesman to whom they are in debt. All these vicious and dangerous relations can only be put on a healthy and safe footing by the farmer paying his debts. This year ought to see a great clearance of these old store debts all over the country. If this occurs the harvest will do a splendid service to the whole business of the country, every interest will feel that it has been enriched and strengthened. But if the harvest simply finds money for new purchases of land with a mortgage accompaniment, or for new, and all but needless, costly implements, or for barn extensions that might be dispensed with, or for gifts to children, more out of pride than prudence, or for ostentatious teams and wagons, then so far as the farmers are concerned, the abundant harvest will have only added a fresh link to his fetters of debt. The branch banks in smaller towns could do great service in pressing this policy upon their customers. Bankers with wholesale accounts should give them distinctly to understand that their country credits must not be increased because of the good harvest, but that now the farmers are able, they will be expected to pay off old debts, that the retailers will have to stop renewals, and that their own and

their customers notes must be paid as they mature. It will we fear be too readily forgotten that although this year's crop is good, it does not raise the whole of the last four years up to a fair average. A bad harvest this year would have been a serious disaster. Every dollar then of the crop proceeds is mortgaged in some form. If all the obligations created by the deficient harvests of last three years were paid off, there would be no balance left for new expenditures, much less for any kind of extravagance. We strongly urge that debt paying must be the outcome of our bountiful harvest if the country is to reap the full benefit of this bounty of Providence.

Trowbridge.

Do you wish to subscribe for the brightest and best newspaper in this district? Subscribe for THE BEE and your wish is gratified.

DIED.—On Friday morning, Aug. 21, death peacefully claimed Samuel Code, of this place, and a well-known Elma pioneer. It had been evident for some time that he could not last long, yet to many who have known him and held him in high regard since the early fifties when the first clearances were made in the solid Elma bush lands, his death came as a painful reminder to the changing times. Born in the county of Lanark, Ont., in 1824, Samuel Code was the eldest son of the late George Code who was himself of English birth. When but a youth of 24, Samuel accompanied by his younger brother, George, whose death at Trowbridge was recorded in these columns but a short time ago, struck back into the Queen's bush, prospecting for a home, launching out from Bell's corners (now Shakespeare). This was in '48, and the young men carried little else than their axe and rifle with a necessary supply of provisions. The only mark then existing hereabouts showing that white men had ever been through was what was called the Wawanosh line, existing only as a line of blazed marks on the tree trunks running from St. Jacobs along what is now the town line to the lake shore. At that time neither Elma nor Wallace were surveyed or even named. Ranging back and forth they struck the Maitland stream below Listowel, and spent a night on its banks. They followed it down until, struck with the natural advantages and beauties of the site at Trowbridge they decided to locate there. They set about building a shanty and clearing the land. They roughed it for two years when in 1850 their mother came and kept house for them for a year. The rest of the family did not come up permanently until 1854. Shortly after his mother returned in 1851 Samuel was married to Miss Mary J. Ritchie, the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. Geo. Case then of the Wellies circuit. In '54 the township was surveyed and the Codes put in their claim for the lands they had settled. On part of this land was surveyed in 1857, a town plot, and it was many years before they got their claims settled. For a number of years the nearest post-office was Stratford and the journey used to be made about once a month for the mail. The first office opened in the township was at Trowbridge, Mr. Code being postmaster. Samuel and George constructed the first bush trail or oxen road through the bush, it led from Trowbridge up the stream and struck off to Glenallen on the one side and back towards Molesworth on the other. It was on this trail that the Grahams' and other Molesworth settlers travelled reaching their lands via Trowbridge. The Codes erected the first saw mill in the district and had lumber for sale almost before there were customers to buy. A dam was thrown across the stream and a solid frame building erected. At the raising of this mill an incident, showing by contrast a feature characteristic of the times, occurred. When the time came for raising the timbers no help was of course near by and a journey had to be made into Mornington to get hands. When they learned in reply to an enquiry that no liquor would be on hand, the visitors were informed that the men would not come. Hearing of this a gang of Maryboro men volunteered, the result being that men came from both townships and the building went up all the better for the absence of liquor. Mr. and Mrs. Code had a family of seven sons and three daughters. Mrs. Code and one son and two daughters passed away before their father. He was married again to Mrs. Cosens, of Trowbridge, who survives him. One son, William, lives at Seaforth, another Samuel, at Valleyfield, Quebec, and the others are at home. Mr. Code was an affectionate husband and father and a steadfast friend. From the first regular services held in connection with the Methodist church in Trowbridge, in 1855, to his death, he was a leading man in church work. The first religious services of any kind were conducted by the Rev. Armstrong, whom Mr. Code met in Peel and induced to come back with him. The Rev. J. A. Dyer was the first settled pastor. The funeral took place on Sunday to the Elma cemetery and formed an unusually long procession. The pall bearers were the life long friends of the early days, John Wesley Boyd, William Kellington, Charles Cosens, Wm. Clothier, John Adam and Wm. Hewitt. Services were conducted in the church by the pastor and by Rev. Mr. Baylis, late of Owen Sound. We sympathize with the bereaved family in their affliction.—Banner.

The Census.

The new census for the Dominion shows an increase in the past ten years of 11.52 per cent, the present population being 4,823,344 as against 4,324,810 in 1881.

Stratford appears in the list as the twenty-third largest place in the Dominion, having increased from 8,239 in 1881 to 9,501 in 1891. The county of Perth has slightly decreased in population, the figures as just published being respectively 46,311 and 48,145. The increase in population has been chiefly in the towns and cities, the rate of increase in them having been as high as 33.2 per cent. There are now 47 cities with a population exceeding 5,000, being 12 more than in 1881; 43 towns between 3,000 and 5,000, an increase of five; and 83 villages from 1,500 to 3,000, an increase of 28. Following are the populations of a few of the towns in Perth and elsewhere:

St. Marys	1891.	1881.
Mitchell	3416	3415
Listowel	2101	2284
Berlin	2587	2688
Palmerston	7425	4254
Owen Sound	2007	1828
Seaforth	7497	4426
Clinton	2641	2480
Goderich	2635	2603
Waterloo	3839	4564
Galt	2941	2666
Guelph	7535	5157
Woodstock	10539	9800
Ingersoll	8612	5373
Sarnia	4191	4318
Pt. Edward	6893	3874
Exeter	1882	1293
Forest	1809	1725
Warton	2057	1614
St. Thomas	1984	796
Windsor	10370	8367
Chatham	10322	6561
Peterborough	9562	7873
Lindsay	9717	6812
Cambridge	6381	5080
Port Hope	4339	4657
Belleville	5042	5581
Kingston	9914	9516
Rockville	19264	14091
Ottawa	8793	7939
Toronto	44154	31307
Hamilton	181220	96196
St. Catharines	48980	35960
Brantford	9170	9631
Paris	12753	9616
Collingwood	3094	3173
Montreal	4940	4445
Quebec	216650	155237
St. John	63900	62446
Fredericton	39179	41353
Moncton	6502	6218
Halifax	8765	5032
Winnipeg	38556	30100
Brandon	25642	7985
Calgary	3778	—
Vancouver	3876	—
New Westminster	13685	—
Victoria	6641	1500
Port Arthur	16841	5925
Portage la Prairie	2698	1275
Portage la Prairie	3363	—

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Windsor has another French paper. It is called Le Canadien.

The total number of Roman Catholic communicants in the U. S. is returned by the census as 6,250,000.

The military camp opens at Belleville, on Sept. 8. About 1,200 brave Canadian flat feet will be put through their facings.

Mrs. Tom Thumb, who is one of the most popular "freaks" in America, is paid \$500 a week by her managers. She has a handsome home in Bridgeport, Conn., and when not under an engagement lives there in ease.

Mr. Massey, one of the great manufacturers of Toronto, seriously contemplates removing from Toronto that part of his factory devoted to the manufacture of reaper knives, because of the heavy water bill he is required to pay. He employs about 100 men in this industry alone, and that city has been taxing him 12 1/2 c. per thousand gallons. He may come west.

Additional Local Items.

On Wednesday last Rev. E. S. Rupert, M. A., of Milverton, made us a pleasant call on his way home from attending the District meeting at Trowbridge.

W. HAWKSHAW and W. Wilson have dissolved partnership. The latter goes back to the farm, which becomes vacant this fall. Chas. Zeran takes Mr. Wilson's place on the road.

J. A. HACKING, ticket agent, Listowel, reports the following passengers for G. T. R. and connecting lines: Miss R. Tipping, Miss J. Tipping, New Haven, Conn.; James Greenwood, Neche, Dakota; Wm. Wilson, Regina, N. W. T.; Miss J. Kerr, Miss A. Kerr, Arden, Man.; Wm. Watkins, Calgary, J. Shannon, Virden, Man.; Miss Hattie McKenzie, Chicago; Jno. Martin, Mackinaw; Ben McLooney and daughter, Denver, Col.; Miss Bowman, Parry Sound.

ST. ALBAN'S church people are making great preparations for their harvest thanksgiving services and festival to be held on the 13th and 14th Sept. Rev. W. Henderson, M. A., of Warton, will conduct the services on Sunday, and quite an array of clergymen have promised to attend on Monday evening. The church will be decorated as in former years with grains, fruit and flowers. Miss Parsons, now of Palmerston, is training the choir for the musical part of the services.

Huron County Notes.

W. Govenlock, formerly of Ethel, died on Aug. 22, on his large farm in Neepawa, Manitoba. He was 62 years of age.

Rev. Geo. Brown died at Wroxeter on August 25th. He had labored for 22 years as pastor of the Wroxeter Presbyterian church.

Joseph and Robert Smilie, of Morris, were successful at Hamilton in passing for a third class certificate at the recent examination.

A somewhat unusual circumstance is the fact of an aged widow, who resides in Clinton, having four daughters there who are also widows.

Mr. McGinnis, for many years in the grocery business in Seaforth, has purchased the store, stock and business of Geo. Baeker in Brussels.

While on his way to the coast, David Sprout, of Seaforth, spent a couple of days visiting his old friend, Samuel Hicks, in Southern Manitoba.

W. T. Whitley, of the Clinton News-Record, is an applicant for the position of County Clerk, made vacant by the death of the late Peter Adamson.

A. Irwin, teacher of the Auburn public school, leaves in about four weeks' time. It is understood he will go to Philadelphia to study dentistry.

The following Brucefield students secured certificates at the late examinations:—Wm. McDonald secured a 2nd; Miss Jennie Mustard and H. Anderson 3rds.

On Monday afternoon a whirlwind passed over the eastern portion of Blyth tearing the shingles off some of the dwellings and lifting the roof off the flax mill and doing other damage.

A head of oats was taken the other day from a field owned by Thos. Keys, near Varna, that contained 292 grains. The crop was grown upon rich new land and will average about 75 bushels to the acre.

On Sunday morning, Aug. 23, the frame building used as a town hall and market building with contents, Seaforth, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$4,500; insurance \$2,300. Incendiarism strongly suspected.

The Clinton Organ Co. are talking about removing their works from Clinton to Wingham if the Wingham people will give them sufficient inducements. The matter is now under consideration.

A silver and bronze medal, given by the Ontario Agricultural and Arts Association, will be offered for competition at the South Huron Fall Show, to be held at Exeter, on the 28th and 29th of September.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 22, on the farm of John L. Little, Turnberry, M. Kennedy, between the hours of 7.30 and 11.30 a.m., threshed with a horse-power machine 350 bushels of wheat, over 100 of which was spring wheat. They also drew in a quantity of oats to fill out the half day.

Perth County Notes.

Stratford's population by the new census is 9,501.

It is reported that J. & J. Livingstone have decided to build a large seed elevator at Baden.

N. Krotz and P. Walter have opened up a dry goods store in Listowel under the name of Krotz & Walter.

The regular meeting of the Ministerial Association is postponed from Monday, Sept. 7, to Monday Oct. 5.

John Blowes, of Mitchell, had one of his fingers broken while playing in a game of baseball the other day.

T. H. Race, editor of the Mitchell Recorder, left last week for a two weeks' visit at Ottawa, Port Hope and other points.

Hunter Bros., of Kincardine, are engaged at Hurlburt & Merryfield's mill, Monkton, putting a new head in their boiler.

W. Smith, a University graduate, has been engaged as a teacher in the Mitchell High school. Salary, \$700 per annum.

Mrs. Dingman, wife of Dr. Dingman, of Listowel, returned home after a two months' visit among friends in the vicinity of Albany, N. Y.

Until a good implement manufacturing establishment is started in Mitchell business and population must continue to go back.—Advocate.

James, youngest son of Alex. Stewart, ex-deputy reeve of Logan, succeeded in getting a third class certificate at the recent Departmental examinations. "Where are you going, my pretty maid?" "After chewing gum," she said. "Can I go with you, my pretty maid?" "You can if you chews, kind sir," she said.

The fields in Blanchard and Usborne townships are literally laden with grain. There is generally an abundant crop of everything. Thanksgiving by the farmers is in order.

Mrs. Wm. Whyte, wife of C. P. R. Supt. Whyte, of Winnipeg, spent a few days recently at Castle Easson, Stratford, the home of the 'Father of the City,' Wm. Easson.

On Tuesday of last week 722 boxes of cheese were shipped from the German Union factory, Tavistock, to Ingersoll. On the same day Mr. Hutchison shipped 70 tons to Hamilton.

J. W. Wood, furniture dealer of St. Marys, has been awarded the contract for supplying new pews for the Presbyterian church, Harrington, and the chairs for basement of building.

Forty Stratford merchants advertised on a county of Perth map published in 1875 and only 15 are now in business here. Time flies! As Artemus Ward says: "It's a kind of a way time has."

The interior of St. Paul's church, Kirkton, presents a fresh and comfortable appearance since the new carpets and matting have been put down. Other improvements have also been made.

The Mitchell council met the other day to consider tenders for a new iron bridge over Whirlpool creek, near Mr. Dougherty's. That of the Stratford Bridge Co. was accepted. Price, \$925.

Says the Times:—Arrangements are being made to have Hanlan and O'Connor row single sculls on Victoria Lake at an early date. One of Stratford's prominent hotel men is taking the lead in this matter.

Hamilton Spectator:—Three celestial visitors in one week should be enough to agitate almost any human being; but it is said that the Stratford man received them quite Kam Lee. "Ugh!! allee samee clazy."—Stratford Times.

Stratford Times: S. H. Mitchell, market gardener of St. Marys, and well-known on the market of this city, is the possessor of a dog who sings, dances and jumps for a cent to buy himself some meat from Johnson Bros., butchers, market buildings.

Monkton baseball boys have decided to play in Mitchell with Staffa boys, on Sept. 4. We are sorry to say our boys have a very poor chance to make ready for a match just now, as the harvest is on and a number are working some distance from the village.

A painful mishap befell John Henderson at Weir's flax mill, St. Marys, last week. In working around the machinery his right hand got caught in the rollers and before the machinery could be stopped two of the fingers were badly crushed and the hand otherwise injured. Wm. Weir, one of the proprietors, also had a finger nipped by the rollers on the same day.

Friday of this week, Sept. 4, the Mitchell fall races will take place. \$900 is to be given in purses, and some of the best horses in the Province are expected to compete. A baseball match is also to come off between Monkton and Staffa teams. S. A. Hodge will give a prize of \$3 to the person whose horses will draw the largest number of male adults, at one time, into town on the day of the races.

James Corcoran returned to Stratford Friday night, Aug. 21, from New Westminster, B. C. He reports crop prospects as being of the brightest, but lumbering and fishing are the principal pursuits followed, and there is plenty of competition even in these new undertakings. Cedar logs 10 feet in diameter are quickly manufactured into lumber, and a large business will be done by Corcoran's Saw Mill Company, which started cutting this month.