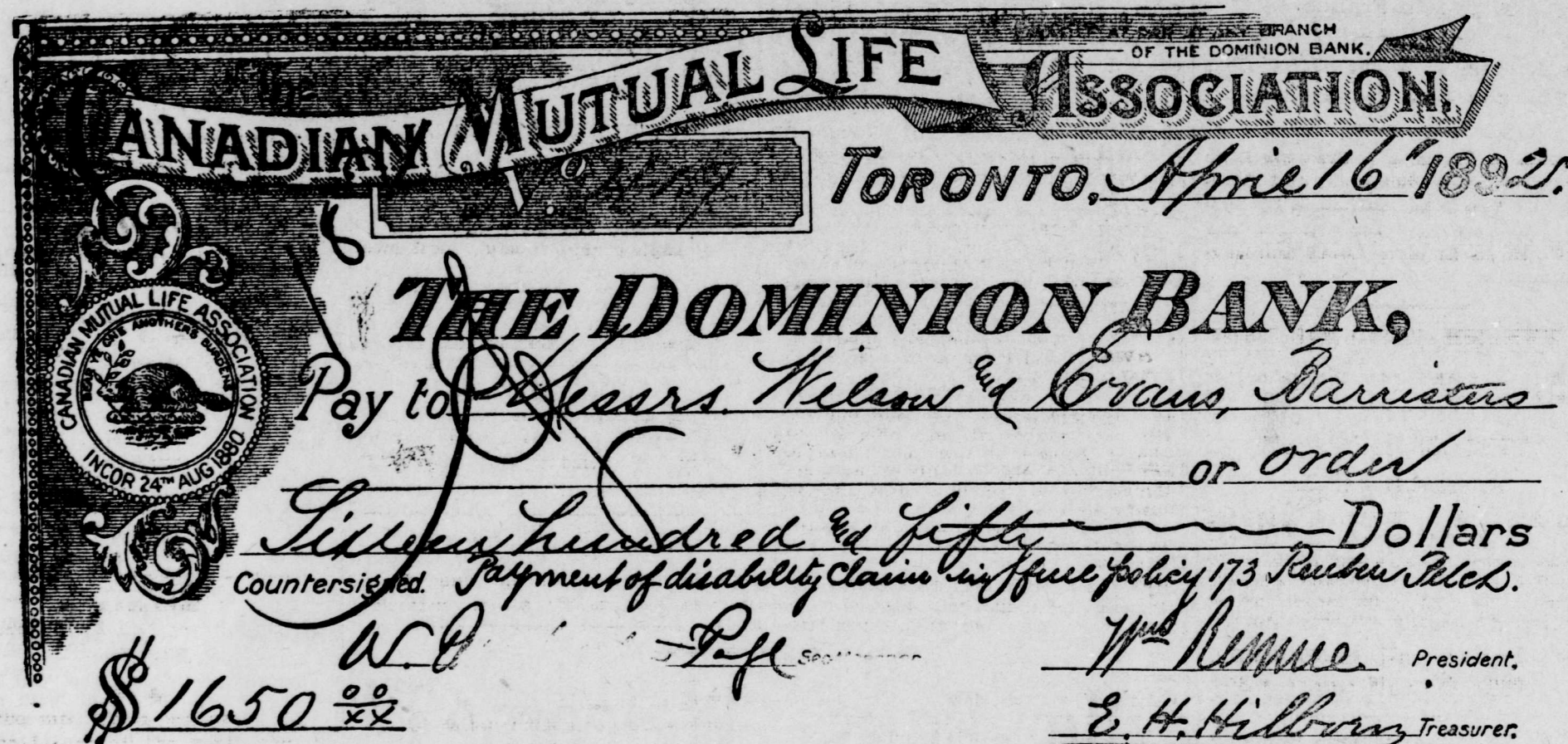


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The Story of a Man Who Suffered the Agonies of a Living Death.

MEDICAL EXPERTS PRONOUNCED HIM INCURABLE AND HE WAS PAID A LARGE DISABILITY CLAIM.

The Case Probably the Most Wonderful in the History of Medical Science--Brought from Hopeless, Helpless Inactivity to Health and Strength--A Reproduction of the Check by which the Disability Claim was Paid.



No other medicine in the world has ever offered such undoubted proof of merit. **WHAT** Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for others they will do for you, if given a fair trial.

Winter Port of Canada.

The London Board of Trade Consider the Matter.

Address on the Advantages of St. John Over Portland.

There was a large and representative gathering of the business men of the city at the board of trade yesterday afternoon to hear the address of Mr. W. E. Fisher, president of the St. John, N. B., board of trade, on the advantages that city possessed as a Canadian winter port. Among those present were: President Greer, ex-President Bland, J. Mattinson, W. J. Saunby, J. D. Saunby, R. Houston, C. B. Hunt, John Campbell, J. Patmore, John McClary, John Lamb, James Hamilton, M. Masurel, A. M. Smith, R. Inglis, T. H. Smailman, J. H. Ginge, J. Burgess, H. Flewce, A. H. Beddome, W. K. Lannigan (of the C. P. R.), and Secretary Nellie.

Mr. Fisher, in his opening remarks, referred to the great expenditure the people of St. John had gone to in order to build and improve their port. They had spent \$750,000 out of the general taxes on this purpose—not to make the port a local one, but truly national. The people in the east had done their share in helping to build up the North-west, and put a railway across the continent, and they now expected that all Canadians would help to diverge a large portion of their export trade by Canadian, instead of through foreign ports. It had been agreed by the transportation companies to give St. John as low a rate as it was possible to make, but it was not a lower rate than that which would be taken advantage of by the foreign ports. The opinion prevailed abroad to too large an extent that Canada was snowed out of the world every winter, or that the only open port was Halifax. St. John should not be considered a rival of Halifax, but its port should be taken advantage of because of its geographical position. There could be but one opinion among Canadian shippers, and that was to support the scheme, and help to build

[From the Meaford, Ont., Monitor.] About two years ago the Monitor procured an interview with Mr. Reuben Petch, at Griersville, in order to ascertain from his own lips if the reports were well founded that he attributed his most astonishing return to health to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The result of the interview was published in the Monitor under the date of Jan. 17, 1896. Mr. Petch's case was certainly one of the most extraordinary in the annals of medicine in Canada—if not in the world. He had been ill for five years, and in that time he consulted no less than six of the best physicians he could find, but none could give him the least relief. His limbs and body were puffed and bloated to such an extent that he could not get his clothes on, and for two years he had not dressed. He had lost the use of his limbs entirely. His flesh seemed to be dead, and pins could be stuck into various parts of his body without being felt or creating the slightest sensation. He could not move about, and if he attempted to get up would fall and would have to be lifted up. He was unable to open his mouth sufficiently to take solid food, and had to be fed with a spoon like a child. The doctors said his trouble was spinal sclerosis, and that he could not possibly get better. He was in fact nothing more or less than an animated corpse so helpless was he. He was a member of the Canadian Mutual Life Association, and was under their rules entitled to disability insurance. He made a claim for it. Two doctors, on behalf of the association, were sent to examine him, and they pronounced him incurable and permanently disabled, and in accordance with their

report, paid a disability insurance claim of \$16,500. This was about two years after his sickness began. For three years more he lingered in the corner above noted, utterly helpless, and a burden to himself and friends. He was then advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He did not hope that they would help him, but in his sad condition he was prepared to grasp at anything that afforded the prospect of even a slight relief. The first change noted in his condition after he began the use of the pills was a disposition to sweat freely. Then life began to return to his hitherto dead body, and from that time on his progress toward recovery and activity was steady and certain. The publication of the interview, containing the facts above noted, created unusual interest, not only in this section, but throughout the country. That a man, whose limbs and body were all but dead, who had been examined by medical experts, and pronounced incurable, and on the strength of their report was paid a large disability claim, should afterwards be cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, was looked upon as a marvel. Many were skeptical; not as to the cure—but that the cure was actually effected. In view of the doubts then expressed, the Monitor determined to watch the case closely, and now, nearly two years after the cure was first published, has again interviewed Mr. Petch, with the result that we are in a position to say most emphatically that this remarkable cure has proved permanent.

On inquiry as to the case, Mr. Petch said: "You see those hands—the skin is now natural and elastic. Once they were hard and without sensation. You cut, pierce, or burn them with a pin and I would not feel it, and what is true of my hands is true of the rest of my body. Perhaps you have observed that I have now even ceased to use a cane, and can get about my business perfectly well. You may say there is absolutely no doubt about my cure being permanent. Indeed I am in even better health than when I gave you the first interview."

"Do you still attribute your cure to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?" asked the Monitor.

"Unquestionably I do," was the reply. "Doctors had failed, as had also the numerous remedies recommended by my friends. Nothing I took had the slightest effect upon me until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This was a wonderful medicine. I owe my release from a living death to have since recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to many of my friends, and the verdict is in their favor. I shall always bless the day I was induced to take them."

The above are the chief statements made by Mr. Petch in his latest interview, and the Monitor may remark, from a long acquaintance with him, that the statements are absolutely true and reliable. He has no interest to serve other than a desire to recommend the medicine that has done so much for him, and we feel sure that if any sufferer will write Mr. Petch, enclosing a stamp for reply, he will not mind the cost of the postage. We may further add that Mr. Petch's remarkable recovery leaves no doubt of the wonderful curative powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and is given in further corroboration of his statements.

by Mr. John Campbell: "That this meeting reaffirms the policy of the board in the direction of using its influence in the fostering of export and import trade by the Canadian railways and seaports."

This was unanimously carried, as was also a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fisher for his able and instructive address, which was listened to with deep interest.

INTERCHANGE SWITCHING ACCOMMODATION.

A question by Mr. C. B. Hunt, regarding the facilities for grain shipping to Liverpool opened up the question of reciprocal switching accommodation. He expressed his regret that places like Woodstock, Prescott and Brockville had this privilege. He thought it was time the merchants took hold of it, and secured some remedy from the G. T. R., which was not, he understood, in a hurry to grant any concessions to shippers, to enable them to ship to advantage over other roads.

President Greer said the company had made a subterfuge of the fact that there was no personal grievance. The question had been threshed out, and no steps had been taken by the merchants.

Mr. Hunt moved that a committee, composed of J. D. Saunby, W. J. Saunby, Charles S. Hyman and himself (Mr. Hunt) interview the G. T. R. regarding the matter.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

DANCER PARALYZED.

Stricken Down on Sunday in Chicago After Dancing.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Dancing on Sunday, Martha Eisecker, 29 years old, was stricken with paralysis on Sunday afternoon in the Old Settlers' Hall on North Campbell avenue.

About 4 o'clock she suddenly fell to the floor, complaining that she was unable to move her right leg. Those who sought to help her found that nothing gave her any ease, and they called in the police of Atrill street, who took the stricken woman in the patrol wagon to her home.

CAPTURED AT KLONDIKE.

Vinton, Iowa, Nov. 24.—The jury in the case of Frank Novak, charged with killing his room-mate, Murray, and

afterwards setting fire to the house in which they lived, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Novak disappeared after the crime was committed, and eluded capture for several years. Last summer he was traced to the Klondike gold fields, arrested and brought home.

New York, Nov. 24.—The second trial of Martin Thorn, charged with the killing of William Guidensuppe, is progressing much more rapidly than the lawyers on either side anticipated. The first three witnesses called this morning were both employees, who corroborated the testimony as to the identity of the parts of Guidensuppe's body.

Chased by Bloodhounds

But They Fail to Run Down a Missing College Girl—Her Father Broken Down.

South Hadley, Mass., Nov. 24.—Bloodhounds were put upon the trail of Miss Bertha Lane Mellich, the missing Mount Holyoke College student. They were allowed to sniff at a number of articles in Miss Mellich's study, and then taken to the last place where she was seen alive.

The hounds took up the trail eagerly, but soon lost it. Since then a large party of men, accompanied by dogs, has been searching every foot of the grounds near the college.

Deputy Sheriffs and detectives gallop on the scene, and a Boston detective has reached here to work on the case. The Connecticut River in the vicinity of Smithville was dragged, but without result. The pond off the Smith's Ferry road was dragged, but in vain.

Last evening an officer started for Springfield to see Mrs. Wurm, who claims to have seen the missing girl at the Springfield Union Railway depot on Friday afternoon. He will try to get her to identify a photograph of the girl. Mrs. Wurm is so positive in her statement that her story has given the case a new turn.

The college authorities met and decided to offer a reward for the discovery of the girl's whereabouts. The selectmen of the town are to take similar action.

A search will be made of the gulch at the foot of Mount Holyoke Mountain. This was a favorite resort of Miss Mellich, and some think she may have met with an accident there. State Detective Maynor says there is no doubt in his mind that the girl's body will be found in the Connecticut River in time. The Holyoke police think she may have been kidnapped, but the Pinkerton men place no faith in this theory.

Miss Mellich's friends scout the suggestion that she may have run away with some admirer. They say that she cared nothing for the society of men, and there is nothing at all romantic in her disposition.

Rev. Mr. Mellich, the missing girl's father, went to his home in Killingly, Conn. He is completely broken down.

BOTHWELL.

Bothwell, Nov. 24.—Thomas Wear, of Windsor, is spending a few days shooting in the vicinity.

Mr. Sinclair, of Thamesville, spent Sunday in town.

L. Appleford, and F. Fleming were in town on Sunday as usual.

Miss Clara Sussex left today for Detroit to spend the next month visiting her friends.

John Dillon, of Detroit, is spending a week with his relatives in town and vicinity.

W. Kennedy, of Detroit, formerly of town, is spending a few days hunting, also renewing old acquaintances in town.

RIDGETOWN.

Ridgetown, Nov. 24.—Mr. John Moore, aged 70 years, was buried at Greenwood on Monday. Rev. Philip Macdonald officiated.

Willie Crosbie, aged 10 years, son of Mrs. Crosbie, 75 Broadway street, who has been ill for some time, was buried yesterday at Greenwood.

The public schools are making elaborate preparations for their Christmas concert.

Mr. Robert Ferguson, M. L. A., was in town on Monday, and accompanied Mr. Gannett up to the Park.

Two young moose, destined for the park, have reached here from Algonquin.

TILSONBURG.

Tilsonburg, Nov. 24.—Mrs. P. Fall is still seriously ill, and her son, who resides in Manitoba, is on his way to see her.

Grading is being pushed rapidly on the extension of the Port Burwell road into the town. Gangs of men are at work on Mr. Tison's property on each side of the river, where heavy fills have to be made for the approaches to the bridge. No contracting for the section of the bridge have yet been made.

Ross & Scott made large shipments of bags on Monday from Tilsonburg to Delhi.

Mrs. John F. Tribe is seriously ill.

An excellent article by M. A. H. P. Ross, A. A., on "Why We Should Study Science," will appear in the next number of the Educational Monthly. The paper was read before the Avondale Literary Society.

Miss M. E. McIntyre, of the kindergarten department of the Model School, Toronto, is on a visit of inspection to the kindergartens here.

Miss Florence Livingstone is visiting her sister, Mrs. David Gibson, in Brantford.

Mr. W. R. Hobbs was able to be out for a short time yesterday, but is still very weak.

Mr. E. Decou had a serious and painful accident at Courtland. At a cheese factory a butter-making plant is being added, and Mr. Decou had the contract for the mason work for the new boiler. While preparing the foundation it was necessary to clear a stump out of the way, and the man who was using the axe, in cutting the roots by some means allowed it to glance, striking Mr. Decou on the inside of the right knee and inflicting an ugly and very painful gash. The bone is cut, but not seriously, and fortunately no arteries or ligaments were severed.

AILSA CRAIG.

(C. Walker, Business Agent.)

Ailsa Craig, Nov. 24.—I call the attention of the authorities to the condition of an old man living in East Williams. He lives in a mere den, and ought to be taken care of in some way. This man has been spending his winters in the House of Refuge at Strathroy, but comes out in the summer. His case should occupy the attention of the municipal authorities.

The man who had a good opinion of himself is often a poor judge of human nature.



Almost with reverence does the grocer's boy regard Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand Coffee.

Often has he been admonished to bring only Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand, he now realizes that it stands in a class by itself.

The best people to whose houses he is sent demand this brand.

No matter what he may forget, no matter what he may bring wrong, he never makes a mistake in bringing another kind of coffee when Seal Brand is ordered.

All grocers sell it, in pound and two-pound tin cans.

Gone Up in Smoke.

Losses and Insurance in Connection With the Stratford Fire.

Big Lumber Yard Blaze in Saginaw, Michigan.

Stratford, Nov. 24.—The fire in the city hall this morning apparently started about the furnace room, and when first noticed had worked its way up the elevator shaft to the janitor's room, where the gas meter was situated. Here the pipes were evidently melted, and the escaping gas provided first-class material for the flames, for in a short time the whole upper part of the building was ablaze, and the efforts of the firemen were powerless to stay the progress of the flames. The building is completely gutted, nothing remaining but the bare walls. The contents of McCulley's and T. B. Johnson's butcher shops, together with part of Marshall's stock, and a few books from the library, were removed. The vaults are intact, and it is expected the contents are all right.

Loss about \$15,000. Insurance, city \$5,000 on building, \$1,000 on contents. Perth Mutual; public library, \$2,000 on contents in Gore District; W. R. Marshall & Son, \$1,000. Commercial Union, \$2,500 Imperial; W. Lawrence, harrister, and city treasurer, \$200 on furniture.

It was fortunate that snow covered the roofs of the surrounding buildings, as a fresh breeze carried the burning embers to some distance. The building was erected in 1857. It is thought the walls are in good shape and can be utilized in rebuilding.

Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 24.—The extensive lumber yard of Col. Aaron T. Bliss, at Carrollton, three miles below this city, was wiped out by fire during the night. Col. Bliss estimates his loss at \$50,000, fully insured. Property adjoining was damaged to the extent of \$5,000.

Tragic Ending

To a Quarrel That Occurred Ten Years Ago.

John Ratz's Trial Results in a Verdict of Manslaughter.

Pembroke, Ont., Nov. 24.—John Ratz was brought up for trial this morning for the murder of Kurze at Barrie, Renfrew county, on Monday, April 19 last. Kurze and Ratz quarrelled ten years ago, but to all appearances were friends. While at Drohan's hotel, on the night of April 19, the conversation drifted to the old quarrel. Both got angry, and agreed to settle the matter by fighting. They went outside, but friends interfered, and peace was restored for the time. They went back to the hotel, when Kurze struck Ratz a blow in the face with his fist. Ratz then went out, but returned shortly, and taking a poker from the wood-burner, struck Kurze a blow on the back of the head, fracturing his skull. Kurze dropped to the floor unconscious. He was taken to the general hospital, but he never regained consciousness, and died on the following Saturday.

Ratz was arrested and charged with murder. The grand jury found a true bill and the trial proceeded. The defense said the blow was delivered in self-defense. Ratz was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary.

THE GUIDENSUPPE TRAGEDY.

Thorn's Trial Again Under Way—Damaging Evidence Against Both Prisoners.

New York, Nov. 24.—During the Guidensuppe murder trial today Bernard Buia, the owner of the Woodside cottage, and his wife identified Thorn as the man who said his name was Braun.

Mrs. Clara Wundheimer, whose residence in Woodside is in the rear of the famous cottage, identified Mrs. Buia as the woman who had entered the cottage with Guidensuppe. Mrs. Buia identified Mrs. Buia as the woman who was with Thorn when he got the keys of the cottage. Mrs. Buia also pointed out Mrs. Buia as the woman who called with Thorn when he hired the cottage, and who was introduced as Thorn's wife. At that time Thorn gave his name as Braun.

The court room was crowded with eager listeners, as the web of damaging testimony was being woven around the accused.