

MILLERTON, N. B., SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1911.

Late John McKane, "Fife Millionaire"

A Scottish Newspaper Has An Extended Account of His Adventurous Career.

Under the heading "Fife Millionaire- | "My opponent for the franchises of the the late John McKane.

known as "The Nevada Man."

more than a million pounds in gold min- House.' Neither had Gallrgher. Then ing and other enterprises. The son of a we decided to go together. constable in the Fife county police force, served his apprenticeship in the Royal Bank of Scotland under Dr. John Ross, and in 1884 emigrated to New Brunwick, where he entered the service of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Without the faintest idea of becoming a mining king, McKane toiled for a decade as a banker. Then the fame of Rossland's silver mines was bruited about, and he was stirred. He "yearned toward the sky line where the strange roads go down," and, taking Horace Greely's advice, he, as he said, "hit the trail." He came home, and interesting many of his Fife friends in the Rossland boom, he in 1896 floated a company. McKane plunged but the venture was not successful.

Turning his attention to politics, he was a candidate for the legislative house of British Columbia, and also ran for membership in the parliament of the Dominion at Ottawa. On both of these occasions he was beaten, but beaten only by a small majority and after a hard

Adventurous Career of a Policeman's miners was a lawyer named Gallagher, Son," the Leven Advertiser and Wemyas who was known far and wide by the sob-Gazette (Scotland) of June 21 has the fol- riquet of 'Big Bill.' He was six feet lowing account of the life and death of four - that's why. There is nothing small about Yale-Cariboo. The constit-A cablegram was received in Dunferm- uency stretches from near the boundary line on Saturday from Oakland, Californ- line of the United States far northward ia announcing the death of John McKane into the uttermost parts of British Columbia-hundreds of miles. After I had Born at Markinch in 1862, the deceased campaigned the more settled of this tract had a remarkabla career, during which he there was still one polling place I had is reputed to have amassed a fortune of not visited, the 'Hundred and Fifty Mile

"Peary may have got farther north he spent his boyhood in the Dunfermline than that but I doubt it. However, afdistrict, his father at that time stationed ter days of travelling through the mounat North Queensferry. Finishing his ed- tains we arrived. The free and indepenucation at Dunfermline High School, he dent electors well gathered in the largest saloon in the place, and the opening having fallen to me, I started to deliver my address. I hadn't twenty words out when a big miner stood up and motioned to me to stop, and turned around and said:

> "Boys, we dont know McKane, and we dont know Big Bill Ga'lagher, and we dont care about the election. Let's cut the talk, settle it by a draw and the forty-five votes in the camp goes to the winner of the first jackpot."

> "Well that was popular. It took. The meeting adjourned right there, and had not Big ill Gallagher won the first jackpot and the forty-five votes in the camp he would never have won his seat in parliament, and I would probably never have seen Nevada."

McKane became known as the "Nevada Man," because he was credited with all the actors, he most admired. Steeped doing more than any other to make the state containing Goldfield, Bullfrog and Tonapah, famous. With the advent of Schwab into the affairs of Nevada was started the stream of capital necessary for the mining development of the state.

not only did he repay the shareholders who had invested money in his unsuccess ful Company all their money, but added 5 per cent interest from the day of subscription. Mr. McKane, it may also be District, Lower Derby, for ensuing term. mentioned, also owned miles and miles of timber in New Brunswick.

AN ANTHEM WRITER. When the McKane fortune was established on a firm basis, he took a brief vacation from the Alkali dust and the meagre comforts of the camps. For a holiday he went far into, the woods of Canada, sunk the man of action in the dreamer, and communed with nature in her wildest mood.

While there came to him the news of the death of Sir Henry Irving, whom, of

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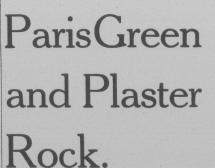
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fight. Of one of these instances he was wont to tell the following story that will and the result was soon seen in more illustrate the customs of the mining stable values of the properties and th⁹ camps of the west.

MINERS METHODS.

"It was when I was making the race he had gained some wealth in Nevada, New York: in the district of Yale-Cariboo," said he. McKana returned to the old country, and

the mining development of the state, and the result was soon seen in more Bradford. And the sighing of the wind sfeady stream of gold they produced.

in the lonely forest took up the refrain, "into Thy hands," and there, in the sol-itude, John McKane's first anthem was To his credit, be it recorded, that after born, and today it is being published in

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