

Since I lived there in truth; and 'tis only through tears I can see the old place. For the street it has grown Till the highway is paved, and the houses are stone; And 'tis only in dreams, when the stars glimmer down, That I live in the street at the end of the town.
—Charles Gordon Rogers, in the Independent.

A CANADIAN AUTHOR.

Mr. Gilbert Parker, of London, Eng., arrived at the Windsor yesterday afternoon and spent the evening with Mr. W. C. Van Horne. Until comparatively lately Canada was an unknown land to most readers of modern fiction; then Mr. Gilbert Parker arose, and in a series of remarkable stories, afterwards published under the title of "Pierre and His People," showed that a wealth of material lay buried in both the old and new world Dominion. Then followed in quick succession the exquisite "Parables of a Province," and a novel, "The Chief Factor," in which the author strove with success to invest with romance the early history of the famous Hudson's Bay Company, which even now holds somewhat the same sway in the far Northwest as that which once belonged to John Company in the far East. He is the son of a British army officer who came to Canada with Sir John Colborne in the early thirties and was born in 1861. He was always devoted to books, and says that before he was eighteen he knew twelve plays of Shakespeare by heart and Dickens, Scott, Thackeray, Moliere, Corneille and Racine, filled the world he lived in, partly he supposes, because he did not come across any more modern works of fiction and poetry. He first thought of studying medicine, but his people wished him to go into the Church, and he actually went through his theological studies. It was only too clear to himself, however, that literature was his vocation. He felt that his life was wrapt up, if not in the making of books, at least in the reading and speaking about them. For years he held a lectureship in Trinity College, Toronto, and says that he might have been there still if his health had not broken down, and he was ordered to go to the South Seas. This gave him a chance of commencing his story writing, and he published little of it. He lectured on literary subjects in Australia, and was for some time associate editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, and published therein "A Stranger's Impression of the Country." He went to London three years ago, and many of his stories were published in the magazines there. He returned to Canada in 1890 to refresh his impressions and is here for a similar purpose now. He is never so happy, he says, as when writing of Pierre and his people in some form or another. In the "Trail of the Sword," published in the Illustrated London News, he took for his hero Pierre Le Moyne, of Iberville, of whom Baron de Longueuil is a descendant. Le Moyne he describes as one of the most fascinating personalities, courtiers, horseman, sailor, soldier, filibuster and discoverer.—Montreal Gazette.

DESIRABLE POLICY CONTRACT.

The North American Life Assurance Co., which was the pioneer Canadian company to introduce here the Tontine system of life insurance, has formulated another desirable plan, named the investment annuity policy. This policy provides that on the maturity of the policy the proceeds of it are paid in instalments to the beneficiary, thus obviating the possibility of the loss of the principal amount of the insurance through lack of business experience of trustees or others entrusted with it for investment purposes. Briefly stated, the advantages of this plan are, that at death, or at the end of the endowment

period, if the insured is alive, the company promises to pay the amount of the insurance in 20 or 25 equal annual instalments, the first of such instalments to be paid on the death of the insured, or on the completion of the endowment period; a much lower rate of premium is chargeable for it than for the company's other plans of insurance, in view of the payment of the face of the policy being extended over a series of years to be selected by the applicant, and it has the additional feature of the mortuary dividend, thus increasing the amount payable under the contract in case of death within the investment term selected. It is thus seen that this form of policy at once secures to the beneficiary an absolute guaranteed income, not subject to fluctuations, as the income from investments generally is, and that for a specified period. Some of the important features referred to and others which the policy contains are not embodied in any other contract of insurance offered the insuring public. The company's favourite method of accumulating the profits is equally applicable to this plan of insurance, as it is to the other investment forms of policies of the company; and those who desire to examine more thoroughly this investment annuity policy can secure full information by applying to the head office of the company, 22 to 28 King street west, Toronto, or to any of its agents.

AN AUCTIONEER'S STORY.

MUCH EXPOSURE BROUGHT ON A SEVERE ATTACK OF RHEUMATISM.

Bed-fast for Weeks at a Time—His Trouble Aggravated by an Outbreak of Salt-rheum—An Experience of Interest to Others.

From the Stayner Sun.

There are few people in Simcoe County who do not know Mr. Thos. Furlong. For twenty-eight years Mr. Furlong has been a resident of the county, and for twenty-two years has been a travelling agent and an auctioneer, and it is safe to say that he is just as popular as he is well known. In a business of his kind Mr. Furlong is naturally exposed to all kinds of weather, and the result has been that for some years past he has been badly crippled with rheumatism and has suffered great pain and inconvenience. Happily, however, Mr. Furlong has found a release from this suffering, and his recovery has excited so much interest in and about Stayner that "The Sun" determined to secure the particulars of his cure and give them for the benefit of others. When seen with regard to the matter, Mr. Furlong expressed the greatest willingness to make public the particulars of his cure in the belief that it might be of benefit to some other sufferer.

"You are of course aware," said Mr. Furlong, "that my calling subjects me to more or less inclement weather, and this was the main cause of my suffering. Some nine years ago I first felt the symptoms of rheumatism. I did not pay much attention to it at first, but gradually it became so severe that it was with difficulty that I could hobble around, and my business really became a burden to me. I consulted several physicians who did all they could for me, but without giving me any relief. During a part of the year I was bedfast for weeks at a time; and as the remedies I tried did me no good, I began to believe that there was no cure for me, and you will readily understand how despondent I was. To add to my distress, I became afflicted with salt-rheum of the hands, and had

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days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, knew what it was, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other. When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly

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stand. I looked like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." MRS. ELLA A. GOFF, 61 Terrace Street, Boston.

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to keep my hands covered with cloths from one year's end to the other. I had read of some remarkable cures of rheumatism by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and at last I made up my mind to try them, though I must admit that it was with a doubting heart, for I had spent a great deal of money for other medicines without obtaining any benefit. However, they say that a drowning man will clutch at a straw, and it was with much of this feeling that I purchased the first box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Before that box was all gone I experienced some relief, which warranted me in continuing the treatment; and from that out I steadily progressed toward complete recovery.

I have used in all eight boxes with the result that I am to-day free from pain and ache, and not only did Pink Pills relieve me of the rheumatism, but they also drove out the salt-rheum, and, as you see to-day, the hands which had been covered with cracks, fissures and scabs are now completely well. This splendid result is due entirely to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills; and you may be sure that it gives me the greatest pleasure to warmly recommend them to others.

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These Pills are manufactured by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., and Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trade mark and wrapper, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50. Ask your dealer for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and refuse all imitations and substitutes.

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