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Pilchards a Marine Fish

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Jas. E. Eager

ISLAND ONLY A MIRAGE.

Arctic Explorers Floated Directly Through Location.

Keenan Land, which is charted on maps of the Arctic region, it now appears, is no land at all, but just deep sea. According to the testimony of Storker Storkersen, second in command of Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Arctic expedition, organized by the Canadian Government, this so-called "land" is non-existent, the whalers who thought they had discovered it some fifty years ago having seen an illusive Arctic mirage.

As represented on the chart of the Arctic region, Keenan Land apparently is about fifty square miles in extent, but, while drifting on a huge ice floe and buffeted by variable winds, Storkersen and his comrades floated directly through the space whereon the mythical Keenan Land was supposed to be. "Evidently," said the explorer, "it was only a mirage, for instead of land there we found very deep water. We made soundings of 3,000 metres without finding bottom."

So Keenan Land must be banished from the maps, along with that other mythical place, Crocker Land, which Peary thought he had sighted in the north years ago, but which upon investigation by Donald MacMillan proved also to be merely a mirage, an illusion of the Far North which often baffles explorers and navigators in those frigid seas.

Storkersen and his associates were adrift eight months on their ice floe, which was about fifteen miles long by seven wide. Finally the ocean froze, permitting them to make a dash to the mainland across the virgin ice. During the time they were marooned on the huge raft of ice they made many soundings. "The greatest depths we found," said Storkersen, "were 4,500 metres, or about three miles. Because of the fact that we lost much of our sounding wire, most of our recorded soundings were 3,000 metres and no bottom."

Altogether, Storkersen says, he explored a region of about 45,000 miles while cruising on the giant ice cake, making, all told, for the Canadian Government Arctic expedition a record of exploration covering approximately 250,000 square miles. After drifting at the caprice of the shifting winds for six months the explorers found themselves fifty-five miles from their starting point on the Northern Alaska coast, north by east. "The drift of the ice," said Storkersen, "is governed by the direction of the wind, as proven by our adventure on the ice floe."

"Our object was to determine the currents in Beaufort Sea, to take a line of soundings and to try to discover uncharted land, if any existed. I consider that man happiest who conducts an uneventful expedition, because an adventurous trip is often a sign of incompetence. We had no thrills and we made our journey in comparative comfort and without hardship."

Romance in History.

It was in June, 1671, that the French took over the northern portion of the Province of Ontario. Most Canadians are still interested in the exploits of the *coureur des bois*, and in the adventures of Perrot, the most picturesque figure in the ceremony of June, 1671, when the Deputy Governor, "in the name of the High, Most Powerful, and Most Redoubtable Monarch, Louis XIV. of France, most Christian King of France and Navarre," took possession of "St. Marie du Sault, as also Lakes Huron and Superior, the Island of Manitoulin, and of all the lands, rivers, lakes, and streams contiguous to and adjacent here as well discovered or to be discovered which are bounded on the one side by the seas of the north and on the other side by the seas of the south—in its whole length and breadth."

The Most High, Most Powerful, and Most Redoubtable Louis and his successors held the lands about the lakes for less than a century after their annexation, but among the men who carried the badge of Canada on the fields of France these last five years were hundreds who could have traced their descent directly from the hawk-eyed *coureurs des bois* who stood about Perrot on the day when a great province was added to New France.

His Difficulty.

At a training camp during the war the officer of the day was making the rounds of the post. It was during challenging time. He seated himself on the corner post of a fence and waited for the sentry. The sentry, a raw recruit from the woods came slowly up and stopped only a few feet from the O. D. After waiting in silence for a few moments the officer asked: "Well, what are you going to say?" "Durned if I know what to say," drawled the recruit. "If you were walking I'd say 'Halt!'"

THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

High Praise Given to the Soldier Settlers.

The British Columbia Farmer estimates that 6,000 returned soldiers will settle on the land in that province with the assistance of the Soldier Settlement Board. While it is not expected that all will make good, the writer predicts that at least 85 per cent. will do so. He says:

"There may be many among this 85 per cent. whose success will only be comparative, but I am convinced that among them there will be a much higher average of real successes than there are among farmers as a class, or in any other calling."

"I am chiefly convinced that this is so for a number of reasons, but chiefly from the actual knowledge I have of what the men we have already placed are doing. Our supervisors are keeping accurate tab on what the men have done, and the reports that are coming in are most encouraging. Our qualification boards are composed of practical men. They have real knowledge of the lands of the province, and are able to give enquiring applicants information of value about conditions that prevail in the various districts, and the qualifications which are necessary. These men take no arbitrary stand or make no decided effort to change the plans of any applicant, even if they believe him to be making a mistake, but they do not fail to give the young men the benefit of their advice, and in many cases prospective errors are avoided."

"Then," continued the speaker, "these men by the assistance rendered them by the Settlement Board, are placed in a position that in many cases would take them four or five years' of their lives to secure. In fact, if the assistance had not been extended it is practically certain that in hundreds of cases the opportunity to get into this great producing industry, but would have gravitated to the cities, or into some non-producing activity. The small amount of money most of the men are able to put into the business would be utterly inadequate to give them the start. They are placed almost immediately in the producing class. How many men the Settlement Board will place in this province before the applications cease I could not hazard a guess, but the number will not be less than 6,000, and they will be settlers of the very salt of the earth. In no other way would it be possible for any Government to secure such a splendid class of settlers. In fact, viewing the wonderful success of the movement to secure the establishment of the soldier on the land, and the great demand there is among the men to get on the land, one is almost convinced that it would be a good idea for the Government to extend the scope of the land settlement plan to include classes other than soldiers."

Revisiting No Man's Land.

Many a Canadian who fought in the war is wondering what the front looks like now, a year and more after the last shot was fired.

A newspaper writer, who was recently over the ground, states that one actually sees much less change than would be expected. It is so easy to destroy, so difficult to restore.

From the Ypres-Bailleul road, from Hell Fire Corner, from the La Bassée-Lens road, from the Arras-Douai road, and from many other such points, one might almost imagine that the armies had withdrawn but yesterday from their lines.

Everything easily lifted has been picked up and carried away by the seekers of souvenirs, but the change that most impresses the soldier is the silence, the now vacant highways once crowded with war traffic. The noise of war is gone, and the color of khaki is seldom seen. You look out over regions that seem to be forever reduced to silence and sterility.

The restoration of France and Belgium is going to be a long job. Those know best how complete the destruction was who were present and saw it done.

Girl Trade Unionists.

Eight thousand girl workers are members of the trade union movement in Toronto. The membership is drawn chiefly from among the female stenographers, clerks and accountants in the railway offices.

Old Clothes.

Charity Collector—Have you any particular use for your old clothes? Surly Citizen—Sure, I'm wearing them.

Happy Occasion.

Mother—What's the matter, darling? Child—P-p-pa hit his finger with the hammer. Mother—Don't cry about that; you should laugh. Child—I-I-d-did.

James Higginson, Sr.

This week we are called upon to record the death of one of Waterdown's oldest and most highly respected citizens in the person of Mr. James Higginson, Sr., which occurred at his home here on Thursday, Feb. 19th. He was in his 89th year at the time of his death and had resided here for the past twenty years. About two weeks ago he contracted a severe cold which gradually developed into pneumonia which ultimately caused his death.

Deceased was the fourth son of the late Thomas and Mary Higginson, and was born at Vankleek Hill, Que. in 1831. He received his early education at the schools in that town. At an early age he engaged in the store business in Prescott, and when the Fenian Raid broke out he was one of the first to volunteer his services and enlisted in the Prescott Battalion of which later he was made captain. He was justly proud of the Veteran's medal which he had in his possession. He remained in Prescott a few years and then moved to Wentworth county settling on the 4th concession where he engaged in farming for a number of years. Feeling the cares and worries of farm life weighing heavily upon him he decided to live a retired life and removed to Waterdown to enjoy a well earned rest, his youngest daughter being his favorite companion during his declining years.

On February 21st, 1865 deceased married Eliza Feilde, nine children blessing the union. In religion he was a devout member of the Anglican church, and when his health permitted was a regular attendant at the services of his church. He was a man of high moral character, kind and possessing a lovable disposition. These and other noble traits of character endeared him to a large circle of friends who will deeply regret his death and extend to sorrowing relatives and friends deep sympathy.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jas. E. Eager and Miss Alice Waterdown, and five sons, James of East Flamboro, Frederick, George, Albert and Herbert of Alberta.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon last at Grace church, Inverness being the cemetery adjoining the church. The pallbearers were Dr. Jos. E. Eager, L. J. Mullock, and Edward, Albert, Stewart, and Harry Feilde, nephews of deceased. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. J. Leake, Hamilton.

Knox Church Services

Services in Knox Church will be conducted next Sunday by the Rev. J. F. Wedderburn. His morning subject being "Seekers After Righteousness" and in the evening "The Highest Calling".

Greenville

Mr. and Mrs. Gumbert of Port Credit have been visiting with Mrs. Walter Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Day spent Sunday at W. Taylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. Tiplady of Hamilton spent the week end at Mr. F. Hone's.

Mrs. I. N. Binkley has been ill with Bronchitis.

Gordon Jackson was home yesterday.

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