

All for His Boy, Says McGuigan Tells Why He Took Electric Contract

Wants to Give His Son a Start
in Life—An Interesting
Story.

Toronto World: "I never left anything I undertook till it was completed," is what Frank H. McGuigan says is the principle that has given him success in life.

Everybody who knows him will declare that this is no idle word, and that those who are competent to speak on hearing that he had been awarded the contract for the construction of the electric transmission line from Niagara, congratulated the commission and the Government on having dealings with such a reliable and competent man.

Mr. McGuigan is well liked by all who come in contact with him. "One of my greatest pleasures in life," he says, "is to assist my fellow man. I have been handling men since I was 17," he declared, "and I never had so much pleasure from any promotion or increase of salary as in helping some worthy fellow when I had the chance."

Mr. McGuigan is one of the biggest railway men on the continent. He is a big man every way, big in resources and big in execution. One of his monuments is the reconstruction of the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway between Montreal and the Niagara and Detroit Rivers, and between Port Huron and Chicago—now one of the finest double-tracked roads in America. One of his last works was the elevation of three miles of track on the Grand Trunk between Elsdon and Chicago on the south side of that city.

Irish-Scotch.

Mr. McGuigan is come of a great parental combination. A Highland Scotch mother and an Irish father. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1850, four months after his parents left Scotland. He once told Andrew Carnegie what a narrow escape he had of being a Scotchman, a privilege of which the Skibo Castle man is very proud. There was a time, too, when Carnegie and McGuigan drew pay on

the same payrolls as the library builder was much interested to hear, reminding him of his old days in the Pennsylvania Company.

Mr. McGuigan's father had taken up contracting and had the work of constructing the Grand Trunk from Hamilton to Port Credit, with headquarters at the latter place. This was in civil war times, and when wages went up to ruinous limits, the profits of contracting went in the opposite direction to the wages. The elder McGuigan died 39 years ago, and young Frank had to make his way in the world. He went into the railway service.

Mr. McGuigan lost his mother last April. Of five sisters four survive, and he has a brother, Joseph S., who has charge of the Frisco terminals at St. Louis.

All For His Boy.

Mr. McGuigan has resided at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, for 12 years and regards it as his home. His own family consists of his wife, whom he married in 1873, two daughters, Mrs. Irving Varma, of Portland, Maine, Mrs. Harry L. Padlock and his baby, F. H., Jr. The babyhood is a joke. Mr. McGuigan is a great big man physically as well as mentally. He is six feet four in his stockings. Mr. McGuigan relates how he desired to have his son go to Harvard, and how Frank junior refused, having resolved to become an engineer. He is a graduate, therefore, of the Massachusetts Technical Institute, Boston. Mr. McGuigan states, and nothing could be more interesting as a sidelight upon his character, that it was to provide his son with a career that he had determined to go into contracting, and has had in consequence the hydro-electric power commission's contract awarded him. Mr. McGuigan thinks that no matter how large the salary, the man who never becomes his own master will not wholly succeed in life. He has now going to undertake on his own account what a long record has proven him to be perfectly fitted for in the service of others.

Among McGuigan's, as he is known across the border, will have the good wishes of all who know him in his new venture.

Knights of Round Table at Dinner

The Knights of the Round Table were entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Tecumseh House by Mr. T. F. Beidler, of Cleveland. In the absence of Mr. A. E. Rendle, the founder of the order, Mayor Stevely took charge of the proceedings.

A very excellent time was enjoyed. The dinner was a splendid one, and did honor to the proprietor, Mr. Geo. H. O'Neill.

The toast list was capably handled by the chairman, and included speeches by Mr. T. F. Beidler, Mayor

Stevely, Major Beattie, M. P., ex-Ald. Gillespie, Howard T. Beidler, Dr. A. V. Becher, Mr. A. W. White, H. E. Buttery and David J. Cowan.

Mr. W. H. Skinner sang several songs in fine voice.

Among those present were Mr. T. F. Beidler, Cleveland; Mayor Stevely, Major Beattie, H. E. Buttery, Fred Treblecock, Major Schofield (California), G. W. Tackaberry (California), J. J. Cowan, W. H. Skinner, Dr. A. V. Becher, George H. O'Neill, Arthur W. White, Howard T. Beidler (Cleveland), ex-Ald. Thomas Gillespie and others.

Rowdies Damaged Merry-Go-Round

Unless present plans go astray, a number of young men who last night amused themselves by taking possession of and roughly using the new merry-go-round at the public playgrounds will find themselves in hot water very shortly.

The merry-go-round cost the association \$361 to install, and is intended solely for the use of the younger children. Last night a number of rowdies appeared on the play-

grounds and damaged the apparatus considerably, apparently being governed by a desire to make the pleasure of the children and to make themselves as obnoxious as possible. Supervisor McGuire obtained the names of the offenders and they will be called upon to answer to charges of malicious mischief.

A meeting of the Playgrounds Association has been called to determine upon the best course to be pursued in the matter.

Local Flower Show Closed Last Night

The August flower show closed in the city hall last night, and the unanimous opinion was that it was the finest thing of the kind ever put on in this city. The harpers supplied sweet music during the evening, and there was a constant stream of visitors thronging the hall. The president and officers of the Horticultural Society are delighted with the splendid response by exhibitors and the extreme-

ly apart attendance. Apart altogether from the attractiveness of these exhibitions as a beauty show is their educational influence, and that can be seen in every section of the city. London has a widespread reputation as a place of beautiful homes and home-surroundings, and to the London Horticultural Society the credit is due for much of the city improvement in this way.

A Big Joke on West End Lawyers

Lawyers as a general thing have the best of the remainder of humanity in mostly any line. If they get you in the witnessbox, they give you cause to remember it, and if they themselves are called upon to testify, they simply look at the witness and make a show while he bows and scrapes and thinks up questions calculated to smooth over the ruffled feelings of the witness.

Consequently, when a joke was perpetrated on a certain firm of lawyers on Talbot street this morning, there was huge merriment noted amongst the populace.

The lawyers referred to are good fellows, and they can appreciate a joke. Knowing this, the people laughed heartily, and called all passersby to observe the cause of their hilarity.

Came From Australia to See Brother

Mr. S. Clark, draper, of Adelaide, South Australia, accompanied by his wife, is visiting his brother, Mr. Lewis Clark, the well-known local printer, at 530 English street.

Mr. Clark came especially to Canada to see his brother, and was about seven weeks travelling to his destination. He sailed from Adelaide to Cape Town, South Africa, and thence to Liverpool.

He and his wife have been residents of Adelaide for 25 years, or since 1883. They are English born, but have made their home in Australia, and will return there on Sept. 15, sailing from Montreal on the Empress of Ireland. Mr. Clark speaks hopefully of the future of Australia, which, he says, is

There on the office door of the lawyers was the sign:

"BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS." Even lawyers, who passed the office, stopped and laughed till they were sore. Nobody appeared to know whether the lawyers were running a private detective office, and were giving advice gratis, or whether there was a lurking suspicion in regard to the legal gentlemen.

At all events, the plating of the card on the legal door, obviously the work of a wag, was the cause of great merriment, and the lawyers were joked unmercifully. They vowed vengeance on the jokers, and those who know them are prepared to wager that ere long somebody else will have cause to regret that something witty has been perpetrated.

1,056 INCREASE IN 3 WARDS FALLING OFF IN WARD TWO

Interesting Figures as to Population of the City Made Public by
Assessment-Commissioner Grant—Increase
in Assessment.

Assessment Commissioner Grant has completed the work of assessing ward 2, and while satisfactory increases are noted in the assessments, there is a decrease of 125 in the population of the ward.

In 1907, the population was 9,637, while this year the population is 9,512. The property values, however, still continue to increase. The assessment on the land is \$2,222,659, an increase of \$5,876.

The assessment on buildings amounts to \$2,849,155, an increase of \$118,529.

The business assessment shows a decrease of \$455, being \$828,690 this year, while it was \$829,145 last year.

The total gain in assessment is \$226,389.

FOR THREE WARDS.

The figures for the three wards, which have been assessed, show a gratifying increase altogether.

The total increase of population is 1,056, and the total gain in assessment is \$683,054, a very gratifying increase.

"The loss in population was principally in the boarding-houses of the business parts of the ward," said Assessment Commissioner Grant, "out it may have added to the other sections of the city."

Ward 2, north of Cheapside and west of Wellington street, has not been built up to any extent, although most of the land has changed ownership at good figures, and is one of the best residential sections of the city. With the new sewerage system no doubt it will soon make rapid strides. We expect a good report from No. 1 ward. South London has taken the lead in building this summer.

The figures speak for themselves:

NO. 2 WARD.						
Year	Population.	Land.	Buildings.	Business.	Income.	Total.
1908	9,512	\$2,222,659	\$2,849,155	\$828,690	\$433,989	\$6,334,493
1907	9,637	2,156,783	2,730,626	829,145	391,550	6,108,104
	x125	x65,876	x118,529	x455	x42,439	x226,389

Ward.

TOTAL GAIN IN WARDS 4, 3, AND 2.						
Year	Population.	Land.	Buildings.	Business.	Income.	Total.
Four	773	\$100,453	\$101,862	5,300	10,835	217,950
Three	408	70,559	\$146,660	15,770	5,726	238,715
Two	125x	65,876	118,529	455x	42,439	226,389
	x1,056	x236,888	x337,051	x20,615	x58,500	x683,054

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refused to accept the position.

Meetings are being held daily at the strikers' tent, on the corner of Elias and Elizabeth streets, where the prospects of the men are discussed. The men are very jubilant and show signs of proving that the company is losing financially by the strike.

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ESTIMABLE LADY HAS PASSED AWAY

Death of Mrs. Anna Keene, Wife of
Mr. Henry B. Keene, of St.
James Street.

In the death of Mrs. Anna Keene, which took place this morning at 9:45 o'clock, at her home, 454 St. James street, London loses one of its most esteemed citizens.

Mrs. Keene is survived by her husband, Mr. Henry B. Keene, the well-known merchant, and five children: Oliver, of Queen's avenue, and Arthur, Miriam, Alice and William, at home.

She was a life-long member of the Maitland street Baptist Church, and took an active interest in church work, being a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Aid Mission Circle. Her death will be felt greatly by those with whom she had been associated in her numerous charitable and Christian endeavors.

The family residence will take place from the family residence on Sunday at 3 p.m., services at 2:30.

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