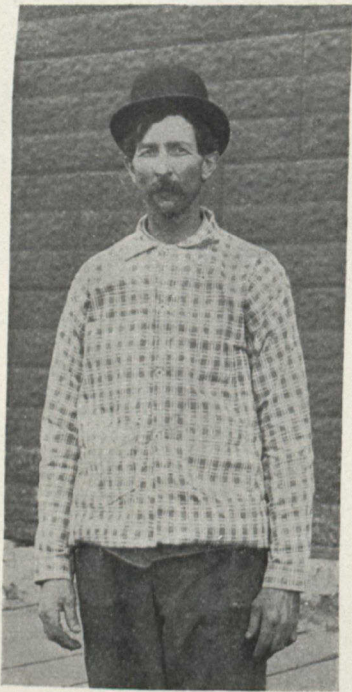


PEOPLE AND PLACES

Cured of His Typhoid.

FRIGHT will sometimes cure a nervous malady, but it is not often one hears of typhoid being cured by sudden exertion.

Mr. I. T. Walker, one of the sufferers by the recent fire in Rainy River district, was ill of typhoid when



"A typical lumber-district pioneer who was restored to health by the recent forest fire."

the fire struck Beaudette. He was forced to get up and dress. Here is his story as told to a newspaper man: "I was in bed with typhoid fever on Monday, when the fire started," he said, in describing his experiences. "I could hear the roar of the flames, and when my wife came in crying with fear I did not know what to do, for I could not get up. Finally, when the flames came nearer, and it was seen that our home could not escape, my own fear overcame my weakness. I got out of bed, gathered together an armful of blankets and carried them and our baby down to the river. When the fire approached we waded into the stream. I do not know how long we stayed there, but it seemed about two hours. When the fire had passed we came out and made our way to a place of safety. I cannot understand it. Before the fire I was too weak to get up, and to-day I am able to be around, and though somewhat weak, am not suffering at all."

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The Ottawa Thirst Problem.

CANADIAN municipalities are fast learning that nothing may so enhance or detract from a town's reputation as the condition of its water supply. Ottawa has a thirst problem which seems to be the fashion just now—remember Toronto and Moose Jaw. The condition of affairs in the capital is something similar to that of the western town. Ottawa wants a longer and taller drink. Lately, A Hazen, one of those New York experts whom Canadian municipalities have a habit of calling in when anything at all disputatious arises, has been on the job in the city trying to figure out how Ottawa is to obtain a larger water supply. Mr. Hazen has submitted his report. He has decided that the new reservoir must be McGregor Lake. This is one of the pretty pools of the Gatineau chain, and is located about fourteen miles from town. There are rocks on the shore, and a myrtle fringe of pine trees. According to the *Ottawa*

Journal, no one in the city in particular has till now paid much attention to McGregor Lake. Campers would occasionally make a day of it out there. Just now even the lawyers are nodding their heads when McGregor is mentioned. The lake has become of special interest to the legal gentlemen. For, indeed, there may be a nice constitutional point involved if Ottawa authorities agree to follow Mr. Hazen's advice and begin to pump water into town from McGregor. The crux is this: Has Ottawa the right to build works on McGregor? Ottawa is in Ontario; McGregor is part of the territory of the province of Quebec.

A question of greater importance than this technicality to the citizens, however, is that of the quality of the French lake's water. Mr. Hazen says that it is "extremely desirable as a source of public water supply"; better than the Ottawa River, even after the process of decolourisation and filtration have been applied to that stream.

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The Hero of Allahabad.

IN our schoolboy days we have all read of the boy hero of Allahabad, the sole survivor of the Sepoy massacre in that city when the Indian Mutiny broke out. The Indian Mutiny is such ancient history that all track of the boy, Harry Roberts, has for years been lost. It was taken for granted that he was dead. Last week, at a meeting in Winnipeg of the veterans of Western Canada who are forming a big organisation, Harry Roberts turned up and enrolled, and when the veterans of the army and the navy, the Crimea, the Indian Mutiny, the Canadian Rebellion, the Boer and the Maori Wars, found who he was, he was given a wildly enthusiastic welcome with three British cheers, given as only British veterans can give them.

In an interview with a representative of the *Courier*, Mr. Roberts said: "I was born in Allahabad, India, in 1846, where my father held a responsible position with the East India Company. My mother was a native of Cashmere. I was the youngest of six brothers and sisters. I was educated in Hindustani, and knew but little English. The mutiny broke out in 1859, and the horrors of that terrible massacre haunt me still."

"My father, mother, three brothers



Harry Roberts, Hero of Allahabad.

and two sisters were horribly tortured and killed, whilst I was left for dead bathed in blood, and pierced by a sword thrust. I was trying to rouse my dead parents when the soldiers found me. The doctors said that I could not recover from the awful wounds that I had received from the

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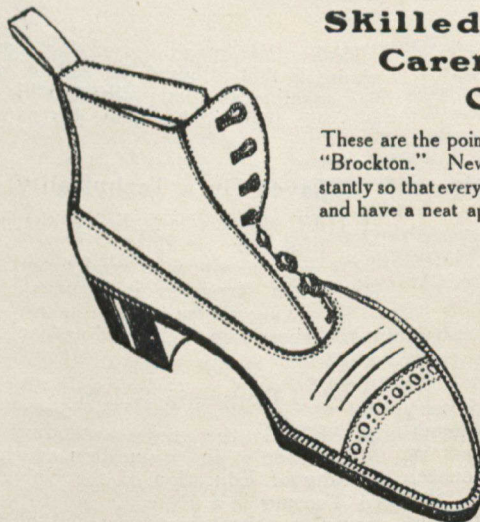
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