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In the early part of the eighteenth century, there lived in the town of Ennis, in County Clare, Ireland, two families that were well known and highly respected by all within the limits of the county. They were the families of Michael Farrel and O'Conor. The Farrel and O'Conor families adjoined each other for generations the owners of the best of friends, and deeply interested in each other's welfare. Michael Farrel and Patrick O'Conor were born within a few months of each other, went to school together, and having many traits of character in common, they grew up into manhood with as much knowledge of one another's doings and ambitions as if they had been brothers; and when they came for them to assume the responsibility of perpetuating the family names they married the same girl. When, within the next two years, their sons were born to Patrick and Aileen O'Conor, it was no surprise to the neighbors or to their parish-priest, that at his baptism he was given the name of Farrel.

Farrel O'Conor was "born with a silver spoon in his mouth," and being the only son, he was spoiled long before he was old enough to be aware of the wealth of money and property that he was heir to. Neither money nor effort was spared to give Farrel the best education that could be secured for him, nor was he allowed to meet that he was supposed to follow the footsteps of his father, and to perpetuate the traditions of the O'Conor family, after his father had died to his rest. Farrel, however, was a streak of wanderlust in him, and did not take kindly to the life assigned for him by his father; and frequent disappearances from home for days at a time, were caused by deep anxiety to his mother. The port town of Limerick was only twenty miles from Ennis, and Farrel would sail for the inconvenience of getting there and back again, by night of the vessels in port, and he would sit for hours on the wharves watching the loading of them with tea, butter, and other products of the surrounding country. The lure of the Atlantic that came to him from the mouth of the river Shannon some miles away, became less able to resist, every time he watched its waters flowing onward to the sea during his visits to Limerick.

Farrel was fond of his mother, and

because of her anxiety, he gave up many a tempting excursion to the sea-board that would keep him from home overnight. Just after he had passed his twentieth birthday, his mother was called to her rest, and for a year Farrel stayed so continuously at home that his father began to hope permanent change had come over him, and that he would marry and settle down before God called him (his father) to follow his mother. At twenty-one, however, the pent up longings for a personal knowledge of the ocean that washed the western boundary of his Island home, and the big world that lay on the other side of it, broke out afresh. Within a few days, during a temporary absence of his father from home, Farrel was missing, and a note addressed to his father and found by him upon his return, told of the carrying out of his wishes from boyhood; and that he had left home for a year or two, to go somewhere out into the big world of his longings and his dreams. It was not a great surprise to his father, though the results of Farrel's action were obvious to everybody in the old man's daily life, and it was no surprise to them when, within a year, the old housekeeper found that he had died during the night.

After the funeral the will was read in the presence of the parish-priest, and a few of the old man's neighbors who were called in as witnesses. Everything was left to his son Farrel. Arrangements were made to keep the house open and in order for Farrel's return. Five hundred pounds was set apart for a search to be made for him, and to acquaint him of his father's wishes. This was to hold good for three years, and if he had not returned up to that time, the property was to go to Peter, the youngest son of his old friend, Michael Farrel. In the meantime Farrel O'Conor had left Limerick in a vessel bound to the south of England. There he watched the outfitting of H. M. warships for active service in the North Atlantic. It was his first sight of the British Navy, and he was fascinated by it and the ideal life that it offered. Just then the intelligence reached England of the capture of St. John's, Carboneau, and Trinity, Newfoundland, and the devastation of the trade and fishery by the French; and as sailors were in demand, Farrel had no difficulty in being accepted as one of the crew of H.M.S. Syren, commanded at the time by Capt. Douglas; and within a month he was on the coast of Newfoundland, chasing the French from the places they had captured.

The seafaring life that Farrel had dreamed about as a young man, to his own surprise, had begun to lose its charms for him, and his thought turned towards home. Having been

sent on shore with a party of marines at Ferryland, he took advantage of the first opportunity to desert, and during the next few weeks he had all that he could do to prevent his being captured, and to find food enough to sustain life. By his own actions he had burnt the bridges behind him and County Clare, and consequently he knew nothing of what had gone on since he left two years ago, nor how anxiously they were trying to find him. For weeks he roamed the Avalon Peninsula and one day, more dead than alive, he found himself in Dildo at the head of Trinity Bay. Here he remained for the winter. During this time he arranged to give value for his board and lodging and to outfit himself with decent clothing. He longed to hear something about Ennis and the old home there, and it possible to return. To do that he was advised to try to get to Trinity as vessels were coming and going all the time between Trinity and Limerick. To get to Trinity at that time of year was not an easy task, and when he had accomplished it, he was suffering from the effects of cold and privations such as he had not been accustomed to in his earlier days, and which were making havoc of a constitution that was never robust.

In spite of all that, there was something about him that indicated a man above the common-place, and he had no difficulty in gaining admittance to the first house he came to in Trinity, and being kindly treated by the occupants. During the night he was taken ill with pneumonia contracted on the sea-board that would keep him from home overnight. Just after he had passed his twentieth birthday, his mother was called to her rest, and for a year Farrel stayed so continuously at home that his father began to hope permanent change had come over him, and that he would marry and settle down before God called him (his father) to follow his mother. At twenty-one, however, the pent up longings for a personal knowledge of the ocean that washed the western boundary of his Island home, and the big world that lay on the other side of it, broke out afresh. Within a few days, during a temporary absence of his father from home, Farrel was missing, and a note addressed to his father and found by him upon his return, told of the carrying out of his wishes from boyhood; and that he had left home for a year or two, to go somewhere out into the big world of his longings and his dreams. It was not a great surprise to his father, though the results of Farrel's action were obvious to everybody in the old man's daily life, and it was no surprise to them when, within a year, the old housekeeper found that he had died during the night.

LOCAL ITEMS.
 Mrs. Dampier, of the Church of England Orphanage Staff, is visiting relatives at Trinity.

Rev. E. P. Hiseock has settled down to his work in the parish. He is lodging in the rectory and getting his meals at the Garland.

The views of the Governor and party, that were taken by Mr. W. Bannister of Trinity East on the day of the Governor's visit to Trinity are very good, and have found a ready sale. Copies may be had at any time. Orders may be left at Garland Hotel, or with Mr. Bannister, Trinity East.

The chestnut and oak trees that have sprung from the nuts and acorns that I brought from Nova Scotia, and planted in the cemetery here last year, have survived their first winter, and are now about a foot high and decidedly healthy looking. I hope the others that I supplied to friends in different places have done as well.

Mr. Gilmore, who represents Butler Bros., New York, registered at the Garland this week, and gave his usual close attention to business. We are always glad to see him, and we can understand why he has represented the same firm for fifteen years.

Miss Marie Eriksen came home this week for the summer holidays. Always welcome, Marie.

Mr. Simms and family have gone to Fogo for the summer. Mr. Simms is the Principal of the school here, and will return in the fall.

Mr. White of Bonavista spent the

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week-end in Trinity with friends; and his brother (Mr. Walter White) of Ryan Brothers.

Mr. Edwin Grant, Mrs. Grant and Miss Grant are spending a week or two with Rev. and Mrs. Hunt at the Parsonage, New Harbour. Mrs. Hunt is Mr. Grant's daughter. Mr. Grant will soon leave for Blanc Sablon.

Miss Guy, who has been teaching at Bonae Bay, is home for summer vacation. We are glad to see her, and to hear good reports of her work.

Miss Alice Ryan (daughter of Head Constable Ryan) who has been in the employ of Harvey & Co. at Belleoram, has brought home last week, suffering from neuritis, and is still quite ill. Her illness is a result of unselfish devotion to duty, and having had to share in the unprecedented hardships of a winter on that coast, such as were calculated to affect the strongest constitution. Home and home treatment should quickly change things for the better.
 W.J.L.
 July 14th, 1923.

Just Folks.
 BY EDGAR A. JUBST.

LEARNING.
 Take our President to-day—
 Once, and not so far away.
 He couldn't spell the simplest word
 Mortals ever spoke or heard.
 Couldn't add up two and two,
 Didn't know where cotton grew;
 Had to learn all that some way.
 And he's President to-day.

But you, if we knew the truth,
 He made plunders in his youth.
 And in school our President
 Wasn't always excellent;
 But he had his troubles, too,
 Just like me and just like you,
 Wondered, too, at every turn
 Why there was so much to learn.

There was nothing when he came
 Proving he was born for fame.
 Nothing more of skill or joy
 Than God gives each normal boy.
 He possessed, you have as much
 As was his to grasp and clutch.
 By his conquest he inspired
 All the knowledge he acquired.

You begin where he began.
 You're a boy and he's a man,
 But with all that he can do
 He was once a boy like you!
 And for all that makes him great
 He has had to work and wait.
 Had to learn it, day by day,
 You can learn the self-same way.

Standard Motor Signals.

The confusing variation in motor signals in different localities is at last to be cleared away by the adoption of standard motor signals for the whole country, as The Daily Mail suggested some months ago.

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NO USE.
 Judge—The police say that you and your wife had some words.
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Regatta Committee Meeting.

JUVENILE RACE ON PROGRAMME.

At last night's meeting of the Regatta Committee, two additional races were added to the programme, viz: Juvenile and Senior League Football. The matter of having a swimming race on the programme was discussed at length, but it was not given a place.

After the adoption of the minutes, Hon. Secretary, C. J. Ellis read a communication from Bowring Bros. granting permission for the use of the Lake side grounds for the purpose of holding the Regatta.

The Junior Football League in reply to the Committee's request sent in the following rule governing their race.

"Those only shall row in this race who have been registered with the Newfoundland Junior Football League for their respective teams, up to and including July 7th, 1923. The decision of the League as to qualifications shall be final in all cases."

It was proposed by C. E. Hunt, seconded by A. W. O'Reilly that the rule be incorporated in the general rules governing the races.

The Newfoundland Football League through Secretary B. B. Harris, reported that the League had no objection to teams entering for a race but should any decide to do so the League would not be a court to decide any disputes that might arise. In this connection the representatives of four Clubs, Messrs. Maddigan, Stick, Ewing, Hart, wrote asking that the race be replaced on the programme. Vice-President Higgins suggested that should the race be put on the programme, that the football captains be communicated with and requested to make their own rules governing the race as in the case of the Junior League and also that they appoint their own court to make decisions as to qualifications.

On motion of Mr. K. Ruby seconded by E. Brophy, it was decided to replace the League Football race on the programme with the understanding that the captains of the teams competing constitute a court.

Mr. E. Brophy reported that a number of Juvenile crews were practicing it was suggested that this race be again placed on the programme. The crews practicing are Post Office, Quidi Vidi, St. Joseph's and Southside. It was decided that the race be replaced on the programme. The crews intending to compete must therefore report at next Friday night's meeting and present certificates.

Owing to the small attendance at the regular meetings a discussion arose over the number of people who sport committee badges on Regatta Day, and in various ways take charge of the proceedings. The number of active workers being small in comparison with the names on the official list, it was suggested that the list be revised. Messrs. Hunt, Moore Hanley, Ellis and Williams took part in the debate. The latter gave notice that at the next meeting of the committee he would ask to have eliminated from the programme the names of members who do not attend the meetings, excepting only those, who through engagement at the course, are unable to attend.

A crew from the Commercial Cable Co. Staff, asked permission to row in the Mercantile Race. The Secretary was requested to reply acknowledging the request. It was felt that the crew should enter for the Amateur Race as there were six crews practicing for the Mercantile, whereas there are only two crews so far practicing for the Amateur Race.

Mr. Arthur Johnson on behalf of a number of swimming enthusiasts, asked that a swimming race be placed on the programme. The discussion over this matter was rather lengthy, practically all present joining in debate. It was felt that the Committee had not the facilities to conduct this race in a manner that would make it interesting to those on the bank therefore the request could not be acceded to. It was suggested that as a number of clubs have been formed, that they arrange a meet some afternoon of a half holiday during the season, when members of the Committee would render all the assistance possible in the carrying out of their programme.

On motion of Mr. E. Brophy, the Guards' Band were given permission to hold a concert on the summer evening



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It was decided that the following crews enter on Friday night next:—Amateurs, Senior Football, Junior Football, Mercantile, Juveniles, Intermediate and Intermediate Fishermen. Birth certificates will be required for Juveniles, Intermediate and Intermediate Fishermen.

A vote of condolence to the family of Councilor Dewden on the death of his brother was passed and placed as the records of the Committee.

The Secretary read the following correspondence re permission to use wheels of fortune:—
 St. John's, Nfld.,
 July 7th, 1923.

Hon. F. J. Morris, K.C.,
 Judge Central District Court.
 Dear Judge Morris,—I am directed by the Regatta Committee to forward you a copy of Resolution, duly passed by them, as follows:—

"That this Committee respectfully suggest to his Honor Judge Morris that in their opinion, permission to operate Wheels of Fortune on the Boat Clubs, be granted only to the Race Clubs, directly concerned in Regatta work."
 Soliciting your kind consideration for the above.
 I have the honour to be,
 Your Obedient Servant,
 (Sgd.) CHAS. J. ELLIS,
 Hon. Secy. Regatta Com.

St. John's, Nfld.,
 July 10th, 1923.
 Charles J. Ellis, Esq.,
 Hon. Secy. Regatta Committee.
 Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of copy of resolution passed by the Regatta Committee in reference to granting permission to operate wheels of fortune on Regatta Day. In reply thereto I beg to say I will be guided by the opinion of the Committee as set forth in the resolution and will grant permission to operate wheels of fortune on the race course on Regatta Day only to the Boat Clubs directly concerned in Regatta work.
 I have the honour to be, Sir,
 Your obedient servant,
 (Sgd.) F. J. MORRIS,
 Judge C. D. Court.

M. P. as Theatrical Star.

Political circles are much amused at the announcement that Mrs. Hilton Phillipson, or Mabel Russell, as she is better known, M. P., will quit the House of Commons for the stage for one day only to help at the Theatrical Garden Party. The latest woman candidate for St. Stephen's is Miss Louise Owens, for twenty years the confidential secretary of Lord Northcliffe. She is going to throw in her lot with the Conservatives, and has already arranged with Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Lord Derby as to a prospective constituency. She is interested in the industrial development of Glamorgan.



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