

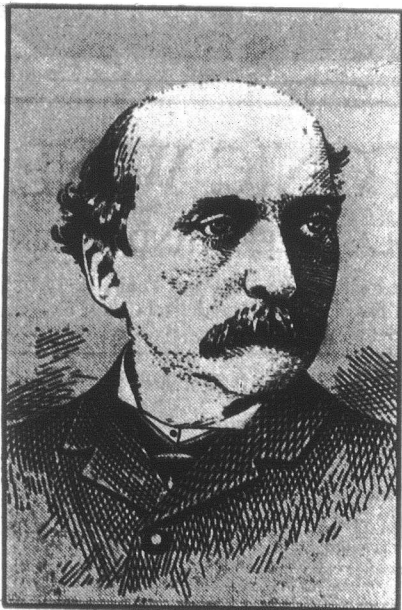
F. W. G. Haultain.

"The oldest and the youngest of Canadian Premiers." Attorney-General and Premier of the Northwest Territories, son of Col. F. W. Haultain, formerly member of Canadian Legislature in Liberal interest.

Laird was their first Lieutenant Governor; when the controllable income was \$526, and the whole of the civil service consisted of the clerk of the council, viz., Mr. A. E. Forget, the present Lieutenant Governor; up to the present time, when there is responsible government with departments and all the paraphernalia of administration, with a controllable income of \$1,108,289, and a Civil Service that is counted by hundreds.

THE YUKON.

It remains to add that in 1882 the Territories were divided into the districts of Assiniboia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Athabaska, for postal purposes,



Nicholas Flood Davin.

Deceased. The first M.P. for the Northwest Territories. Journalist, poet and legislator. An accomplished and fluent speaker; one of the orators of his day. Established The Leader in Regina in the early days.

and the divisions were afterwards adopted as the basis of electoral divisions and judicial districts, excepting Athabaska, which is still unorganized. In 1897 the vast portion of the Territories outside these districts was divided into the districts of the Yukon, MacKenzie, Ungava and Franklin. Shortly before this date, the discovery of gold in large quantities on the Klondyke and other streams feeding the Yukon attracted a large population to the barren and inhospitable region bordering the Arctic Circle. The population increased so rapidly that a separate administration became necessary, and in 1893 the Yukon was created by the Federal Government into a separate Territory, administered by a Commissioner, aided by an Advisory Council. WM. TRANT.

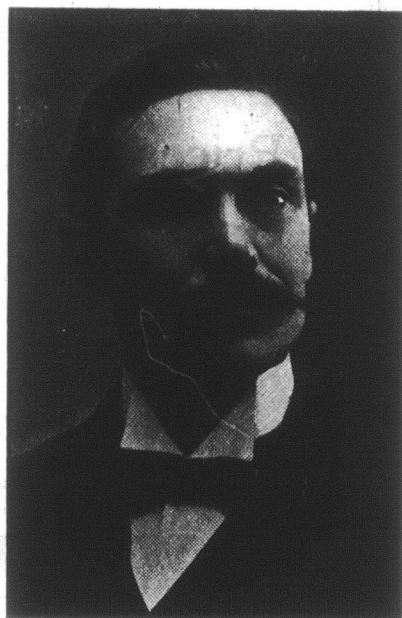
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One Winter's Afternoon.

There is a keenness which belongs entirely to winter; there is something in its sin unchoked ears and chaste beauty that makes a new life tingle in one's veins. It is at such moments that the whole world is akin. We all feel like a lot of jovial, innocent-minded Mr. Pickwicks.

In one of Manitoba's most beautiful districts there is an abrupt hill which rises from a small lake or pond. One afternoon recently, in a glad elasticity of spirit, I was tramping through the wood at a smart pace, when I came upon a crowd gathered at the top of this hill. Toboggans were as numerous and as active as the most ardent sport could desire, or, to use school-boy parlance, "the pot was kept boiling." The ascent of man was neatly balanced by the descent of man.

In winter there is a blessed annuity of earth and sky and air. Winter, the skillful artist, brushes in his colors from a dull palate, yet these sunless greys and cold blues have beauties all their own. And if the monochrome of winter needed lighting up, here it was in the crimson sacks, blue toques and scarlet sashes of her devotees. The naked trees were wrapped in swathings of ice and millions of silver tresses and



Walter Scott.

Known as the "boy member." The second and present representative for the Territories in the House of Commons. Was elected as a "no speaker," but has made himself felt in the legislative halls when matters affecting the West have been up. Is a printer by trade and editor of The Leader, of Regina, and president of The Leader Co.

icy lances were pendant from their boughs. "Forms most delicate, pure and clear, Frost-caught starbeams fallen sheer In the night and woven here In jewel-fretted tapestries."

The bonnie lads and lasses looked radiant even for Canadians. The little chaps made the rapid descent on sleds and presented an appearance not unlike that of a frog. One venturesome rascal attempted the descent on a board. The result was disastrous. At first I was timid of entrusting my life into the hands of such youthful irresponsibles, but at last consented to have "just one try." And so it happened, that after winding my skirts carefully around me, I sat down on the flimsy looking board. The small shaver in front took my feet into his keeping and clung to them affectionately.

Swish! Swish! we were off. Dr. Johnson thought riding in a fast post chaise one of the most exciting experiences of life. I wonder what the dear old gentleman would have said to a toboggan ride down a Canadian hill.



HON. MR. MCGUIRE.

Who replied to the toast of the Learned Professors at the inaugural banquet of the City of Prince Albert. The first judge and Chief Justice in Saskatchewan.

Two bumps at the bottom, a rapid ascent into the air, and an equally rapid descent to earth. I came down on one of the hard ribs of the thing and right there I realized what pirates meant by the term, "shivered timbers."

My small escorts, who in the natural course of events, should have had all the breath shaken out of their bodies, really enjoyed the experience, or, on second thoughts, it might have been my discomfiture that made them laugh so heartily. I made several trips after that, but on the whole found it was far more fun to stand at the top and laugh at the others go down, or where the bump was at the bottom and see them shoot vertically into the air and alight again.

The girls, in sweaters and toques, were regular sports and quite competent in carrying themselves up the hill and of giving a hand to help with the toboggan. One damsel attracted my special attention. This little coquette sat herself in the centre of the sled and ordered one of her humble attendants to get on in front, but before the mandate could be obeyed, she had innocently lifted her feet from the ground and found herself sailing down the hill. Two gallants rushed after her, quite unconscious of possible broken necks, and in the end were too late to rescue millady. For, in her desperate efforts to save herself, she rolled off the sled. It came on top of her, and away she went, muff, petticoats and all. One poor man had a hard time to ascend, encumbered, as he was, with a girl and toboggan. The girl seemed to slip back two steps to every three that she took, while the *enfants terribles* stood at the top and shouted complimentary remarks at them.

There was a party in snow-shoes, and a man on skis. These foreign looking things bore him quickly down amid the gratified shouts of the spectators. His ascent was not so glorious, for the long sticks kept hitting together between his legs. The sight was screamingly ludicrous, and we all became *les enfants terribles* and laughed unmercifully.

When the sun was beginning to fall, in

gold and scarlet across the snow, we turned our steps homeward. The snow was falling. The wind had risen and was whirling magic melodies among the ice covered branches. And as I looked away in the distance at the white fields and the falling snow, I thought of those "mercy lines."

"Softly, softly falleth the snow,
Over the valleys, lone and low;
Over the rugged and bleak hill side,
And the desolate fields outspreading wide
So from thy throne of light above,
Look Thou upon us, O Lord of Love,
And cover our sin and remove our woe
By Thy dear mercy's robe of snow."
—Kathleen Ferguson Murphy.

Get the incubator ready if you want an early crop of broilers.

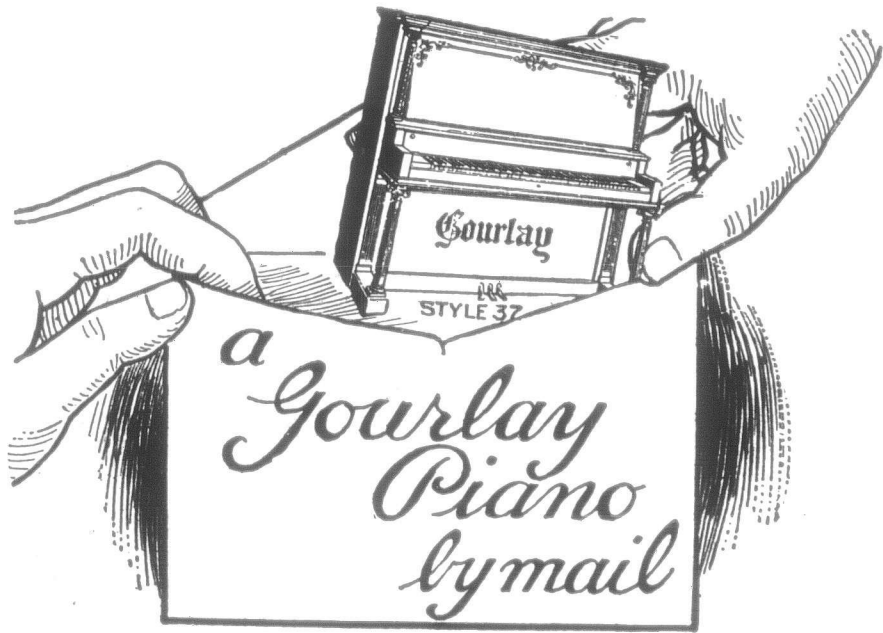


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