

BARONET'S HEIR FOUND STARVING HAD CHEQUERED CAREER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Man of Many Adventures Finally Stranded Through Disablement.

Heir to a baronetcy, and an ex-officer in the army, Joseph William Spearman finds himself starving in London, after crowding years of adventure in his twenty-nine years of life.

He is the eldest son of Sir Joseph Layton Elmes Spearman, second Bart., of Craighour, Gullane, East Lothian. The title was created in 1840, the first baronet being Sir Alexander Young Spearman, at one time assistant secretary to the treasury, and afterwards comptroller-general and secretary to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt.

The present baronet is his grandson, and it is his great-grandson whose plight has been discovered by a representative of Lloyd's News. It may be added that his identity was vouched for by a barrister who has known him and his family all his life.

Sitting in his barely-furnished room in one of the mean streets off the Old Keat road, Mr. Spearman told of the hard times that had befallen him. There was no need to tell of the privations he is suffering—that is all too plain. "I've been tramping all over London to try and find work," he said, "and I'd welcome any job. My wife and I are penniless and hungry."

Mr. Spearman was born August 22nd, 1879, and after education at Shrewsbury served for a year in the 3rd Suffolk (Militia) regiment, at sub-lieutenant. Then a roving spirit came over him. "I sailed for Canada on November 26th, 1898, in the Labrador," he said, "with the idea of taking up ranching. My first taste of adventure soon came. I was crossing the continent on the Canadian Pacific railway, and we were going through the Rockies when the train jumped the rails and fell into a ditch to the right of the track. We scrambled out unhurt and saw how narrow had been our escape, for had the train gone over to the left we should all have been dashed to pieces hundreds of feet below. There was no dining car on the train, so we were to have a meal at a station some way ahead, and twenty of us had to share out a tin of salmon and a few biscuits till relief arrived, twelve hours later. I had a flask of whisky, and could have sold it over and over again for its weight in gold."

"Eventually I reached Ashcroft, where Sir Arthur Curtis disappeared from Rogers' Focock's expedition. From there I went 200 miles by coach up the Cariboo route to a place called Soda Creek, where a spring of water bubbles up, all fizzing like soda water. Then I got into the Chilcot country and apprenticed myself to learn ranching. So began three years of a regular cowboy's life, with plenty of ups and downs, and enough fun breaking in horses and branding cattle to keep one lively. Of course, I was very raw at first. My first load of hay slipped off my cart, and I had a busy time getting it back again. But, for excitement give me branding cattle when a rope breaks, and a steer tries to knock you for your trouble. That taught me some new ideas in springing over six-foot fences."

Many misfortunes. "In 1901 I thought I'd try town life again, and made my way to New Westminster, British Columbia, where I took an office and started an agency for the Veterinary Science Association, the idea being to visit farms and sell books on horses and cattle. A local veterinarian surgeon seeing the plates on my door and fearing opposition, tried to get me arrested for practicing without a license or qualifications, and I had to convince the authorities that I was a mere harmless book-panvasser. "Books didn't pay very well, and during the next two years I tried my hand at all sorts of things. I helped in a tobaccoist's shop, worked in a salmon cannery, and went on a farm as a haymaker."

"In 1903 I came home for a short holiday, and raising some money I returned to Vancouver and bought a small fruit farm. But luck was against me, some pest killed all my apple trees, and before long I was wandering about doing any odd jobs I could get."

"In January, 1907, I came to South London, and with a little money started a left started a tobaccoist's shop in the Old Kent road, and married the daughter of a butcher who lived near by. This caused the entanglement from my father, and on July 12th, 1907, I again sailed westward, intending this time to take up poultry farming in Toronto. But land was too expensive, so I took a lodging-house, which was mostly used by English people who wanted to stay with me for fishing, and bolted without paying as soon as they got work."

"Down on my luck again, I did all sorts of odd jobs, digging foundations, making concrete footings and the like. Then came my worst misfortune of all. Some coffee had frozen in a pot, and as I chipped it with a knife a splinter of icicle of coffee flew up and made a slight wound in my right hand. Elong poisoning set in, and here is my hand half crippled, so that I can do no heavy jobs, though I can manage to write and do clerical work—if only I could get it."

"At last my wife and I determined to return and landed in Liverpool last September. We were penniless. A local relief society helped us for a time, and a fortnight ago we reached London. Now what we shall do I cannot say, for we are at our last penny."

Since this interview our representative has been able, with the assistance of the Church Army, to secure temporary employment for Mr. Spearman, who hopes soon to get such regular work as will enable him and his wife to face the future with less dread. —*London's Weekly News.*

CAVALRY CORPS FOR VANCOUVER

Vancouver, March 12.—Definite action was taken last night in the direction of forming a mounted corps of infantry at Vancouver. The question was broached by Captain Lempthorne at a meeting of the South African campaigners and warmly supported by Captain Hart-McHarg and others. It was pointed out how necessary such a corps was in a country such as British Columbia and how a movement of the form one had often been set on foot but had never matured. The campaigners instructed their president, R. G. Maxwell, to communicate with the authorities at Ottawa, so that they could commence the establishment of a corps right away, and they promised to form the nucleus of the proposed regiment.

VANCOUVER MAN FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

W. H. McCormack Alleged to Have Secured Money on False Pretences.

Vancouver, March 12.—William Herbert McCormick, son of Mrs. Enead McCormick, of Robson street, widow of the late George McCormick, who was manager of the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company's plant at Port Moody when he died there on October 13th, 1907, was arrested on the street at 2 o'clock this afternoon by city detectives on a charge of obtaining thousands of dollars by false pretences.

The charge against the young man, who is not more than 25 years of age, is laid by C. D. Rand, the well known real estate broker, who is alleged to have been victimized to the tune of \$6,000. Legally, it is stated, Mr. Rand is not under obligation to become the victim of this alleged fraudulent work on the part of the accused, but as a proposition of moral right Mr. Rand has already protected his clients, who on the strength of his representations, loaned the money which is alleged to have been turned over to young McCormick on the security of a deed which is now alleged to be a forgery.

Having assumed the responsibility and the loss, Mr. Rand lost no time in swearing out a warrant for the arrest of the young man. Some difficulty was experienced in tracing him.

Behind the arrest is a human interest story involving the alleged refusal of the mother of the boy to protect him against arrest and the possible consequences of his alleged criminal action. The McCormick estate is said to be valued at anywhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000, but Mrs. McCormick, it is alleged, after having considered the matter for some time, finally decided that she would not intervene to save her son. Two sisters and a brother of the accused young man reside in Vancouver. The accused is married, his wife having been a Miss Wright, of Enderby.

Some time during the month of December last it is alleged that young McCormick presented himself at Mr. Rand's office, declaring that he wished to transact some business in connection with the obtaining of a loan to enable him to engage in a coal and wood business in Vancouver. As the father of the young man had been personally known to Mr. Rand the latter saw nothing strange in the request, and as soon as he saw the securities produced he had no hesitation in arranging the loan. The security consisted of a certificate of indefeasible title and a deed bearing what purported to be the signature of Mrs. McCormick and conveying to the young man the Robson street home of the young man. Everything appeared to be in order with the documents and matters were all right at the land registry office. The loan was made, \$4,500 being advanced by a client of Mr. Rand's. The encumbrance was registered at the land registry office.

Early in the present year the young man is said to have again met Mr. Rand with a request for more money to satisfy the demands of his growing business. He is said to have declared that he had not sufficient teams to make delivery of his orders, and as he wished to buy a carload of horses he asked for \$3,500 more on the original security—and he got it on a note to run for three months. Two weeks later McCormick turned up and said he wished to take the note up and pay interest for the two weeks, but the man who had loaned the money refused to agree to this save on the payment of the full interest for three months, the accommodation, he thought, being worth the money. McCormick then concluded to keep the principal till due date, according to a statement made to-day.

The document came when Mr. Rand sent notice of the due date of interest on the loan of \$4,500 to McCormick addressed to the wood yard. This notice was opened by the brother of the accused. He is said to have been perplexed as the result of an interview with Mr. Rand when he learned the facts of the case. Investigation by the brother of the papers in the land registry office followed, and finally the whole case was laid before Mrs. McCormick. She thought it over carefully and decided she would not take up the liabilities alleged to have been contracted by her son. The signature to the deed is said to have been pronounced a forgery.

The father of the accused came to British Columbia from Ontario and was for some years a member of parliament, having represented Collingwood at Ottawa.

CHAMPION OTTAWAS.

New York, March 15.—The Ottawas of Ottawa, champion hockey players of Canada, on Saturday night won the two-day meet here with their rivals, the Wanderers, of Montreal, taking the \$1,000 prize which was offered for the two games. The game on Saturday night was a tie, 8 to 8. Friday night's score was 6 to 4, making the total score for the two games, Ottawa 14, Wanderers 12.

NEW WRIGHT AEROPLANES.

London, March 15.—The Wright brothers have placed an order with a London firm for the immediate construction of six aeroplanes.

PRRAISE GIVEN FIFTH AND CADETS BY D. O. C.

Regimental Orders Issued With Lists of Promotions and Other Information.

The following orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment:

The following extract from G. O., January 10th, 1909, is published for general information:

"British Columbia Regiment—General order 153, October, 1906, under the above heading is amended to read: 'Capt. W. H. Langley is transferred to the corps reserve, October 8th, 1906.'"

The following D. O., 134, March 3rd, 1909, is published for general information:

"Garrison Church Parade—The district officer commanding desires to express to all ranks his satisfaction and appreciation at the excellent showing made by the different units at the garrison church parade on Sunday last. The smart soldierly appearance and steadiness on parade of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., and Nos. 108 and 170 cadet corps, was particularly noticeable, and reflect credit on all concerned."

The following men having failed to satisfy the officer commanding in the performance of their regimental duties will not be issued uniform nor permitted to parade with their respective companies until further orders: No. 275, Gurr, A. Bayley; No. 229, Gurr, H. E. Bottomley; No. 228, Gurr, D. M. A. Mayall; No. 255, Gurr, C. D. Lucas; No. 296, Tptr. R. O. Todd.

The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment and will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names: No. 231, Gurr, W. S. Taynton; No. 285, Gurr, J. F. W. Jameson; No. 173, Gurr, Wm. J. Fynn; No. 176, Gurr, Wm. Norman.

R. O. No. 8, para. 1, is corrected as follows: No. 204, Gurr, J. Hutchinson to read No. 227, Gurr, J. Hutchinson. The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following promotion, effective for this date, to complete establishment:

No. 1 company—To be signalling sergeant, No. 47, Corpl. H. R. Selfe; to be corporals, No. 37, Gurr, D. Rochford, and No. 84, Gurr, B. Gosman.

No. 2 company—To be sergeants, No. 138, Corpl. W. C. Thompson; No. 187, Gurr, W. J. Wilby; to be corporals, No. 140, Gurr, A. Bredford; No. 135, Gurr, T. Osborn; No. 189, Gurr, A. G. Murray.

No. 3 company—To be sergeant, No. 261, Gurr, H. O. Savage. Capt. H. M. Robertson having reported for duty on his return from leave will resume his duties as regimental medical officer.

Uniforms will in future be worn at all company and regimental parades.

BENDRODT WINNER OF FINAL SKATING RACE

Beat Howell in Fast Ten-mile Event at Vancouver.

James Bendrodt, the local skater and member of the J. B. A. A., won the final skating race at Koller's rink, Vancouver, Friday night from Bert Howell, of the Terminal City, and was accorded an ovation by the crowd, being carried from the rink on the shoulders of the spectators.

The final race of the three was ten miles, which Bendrodt completed in 35 minutes 20 seconds. It was a hard and strenuous contest, with a finish that called on the greatest speed and endurance of both men. The following wire was received this morning from Bendrodt: "heart-breaking ten mile race last night. Time, 35:30. Carried off foot on shoulders."

The match between Bendrodt and Howell was over three distances—three, five and ten miles. Bendrodt won the five and ten mile events and was beaten in the three mile race by half a lap. The event carries with it the championship of British Columbia.

VESSELS CHARTERED.

The Italian ship Amphitrite, Capt. Maresca, has been chartered to load a cargo of lumber at Everett for the West Coast. While it has not been confirmed, it is said her charterers are Bowering & Co. The Amphitrite arrived at San Francisco February 26th from Hamburg with a cargo of cement and coke. She was 125 days on the passage.

The barkentine Georgina, which has been at Port Hadlock for several weeks, has been fixed by W. R. Grace & Co. to load a cargo of lumber at Tacoma for Callao. Her cargo is now being prepared at the Danaher mill. The Georgina arrived on the Sound January 31st from Callao.

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Mrs. F. Forler, Valleyfield, Que., says:—"I always use Baby's Own Tablets for my little one, and therefore never need a doctor. When my baby is feverish or restless I give her a Tablet and in a couple of hours she is all right. They have been of the greatest benefit to her when teething, and give just the thing in all emergencies." These Tablets promptly cure colds, indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, destroy worms, break up colds, and make teething easy. Good for children of all ages. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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FISHERY QUESTIONS GO TO FULL COURT

Provincial Government Will Later Take Case to Privy Council.

Vancouver, March 12.—A. B. Pottenger, registrar, received yesterday, the list of questions to be submitted to the Full court for answer by W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, representing the provincial government. No matter which way the case is decided locally, the question will undoubtedly appeal to Kendall to Judge Howay and the crown losing its appeal to the Full court on Judge Howay's decision.

Briefly, the provincial government is asking the Full court whether the fisheries of British Columbia are not the property of the province and has the province the sole right to authorize fishing? The copy of the approved minute of council filed to-day in the office of the registrar of the Supreme court in Vancouver, is dated at Victoria, March 10, 1909, and provides that the questions it sets forth relating to the fisheries of British Columbia shall be referred to the Full court for hearing and consideration. The questions are: "1. Whenever a regulation is made by the lieutenant-governor in council, under the powers conferred by section 9 of the British Columbia Fisheries Act, 1901, and amendments forbidding fishing within any waters within the province, except under authority of a fishing lease, permit or licence, is not the right of the public, and of every individual to take fish in such waters as defined by said act, taken away to the extent of such prohibition, and are not then the fisheries so dealt with the property of the Crown in the right of the province of British Columbia, or in the alternative is not the sole power to authorize the use by any person of such fisheries in the Crown as aforesaid?"

"2. Is it not competent for the Crown in the right of the province of British Columbia in the exercise of its rights of property in, or of its rights to authorize the use of such fisheries, however acquired, to prescribe the time, place and mode, and by which leases or licences of the Crown shall be taken, and such terms as are not made illegal by laws or regulations enacted or made by or under the authority of the parliament of Canada?"

"3. Did the grant of land by British Columbia to Canada, made by section 2 of chapter 14 of the statutes of British Columbia for the year 1884, convey to Canada: "(a) Any right or title to fisheries in the tidal waters embraced in said grant, or any right or title to such fisheries whenever by competent authority the public right of fishing in such waters should be taken away?"

"(b) Any right or title to fisheries in non-tidal but navigable waters embraced in said grant?"

"4. Is it competent for the lieutenant-governor in council legally to make all or any of the following fishery regulations set out in schedule A, hereto, assuming that at the time said regulations are made the regulations made by the Dominion authorities in the premises are those set out in schedule B hereto?"

"The schedules A and B referred to are respectively those setting out the provincial salmon fisheries regulations, and the federal salmon fishery regulation in existence at the time the provincial authorities enacted those contained in schedule A."

Last fall test cases of the legality of the provincial regulations were made in New Westminster in the two cases of Kendall vs. North, the crown winning at the trial, losing on appeal of Kendall to Judge Howay and the crown losing its appeal to the Full court on Judge Howay's decision. The crown asked the Full court for leave to appeal to the privy council but was denied that privilege. It could have appealed to the privy council for leave to carry its appeal before the judicial committee of the privy council and such action was for some time discussed. The government has now concluded to abandon the contemplated appeals in the Kendall vs. North cases and confine its case to the broader issues involved in the list of questions on which the judgment of the Full court is being sought.

HE IS BACK AT WORK AGAIN

ABRAHAM GARAND'S RHEUMATISM CURED BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

He Suffered for Five Years and Was Four Months Off Work But Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Alfred Station, Ont., March 12.—(Special.)—After being "off" work for four months by kidney disease and rheumatism, from which he had been a sufferer for five years, Abraham Garand, a section man on the railway here, is back at work again and he gives all the credit for his cure to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I am forty-one years old," Mr. Garand said when asked about his cure. "And, have been section man here for ten years. For five years I suffered from kidney disease and rheumatism, also sciatica in my right hip, which descended to my feet. For four months I could not work. Reading of cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills led me to try them. I used nine boxes in all and to-day I am advising all who suffer from rheumatism to use Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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—A general meeting of the King's Daughters will be held on Wednesday afternoon at the provincial headquarters to discuss the coming flower show and convention to be held in June. All members interested in either of the events are requested to attend.

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