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Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain conditions a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted the homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

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GETS HORSE.

J. J. Foran Establishes His Right To It.

Yesterday afternoon an order was made by Judge Monck, giving J. J. Foran possession of a horse which had been stolen from his pasture field three years ago. The horse had been sold and resold until Mr. G. Green, Toronto, purchased it. He advertised the horse for sale, and Mr. Foran saw the advertisement, wrote for a complete description, and later identified the animal as the one stolen from him. He replevined it, after giving security, and yesterday's order confirmed his right of ownership. The sales have been traced back and the men who have had possession of the horse are helping recoup Mr. Green. It is a very valuable animal.

A BIG DEAL.

Inland Company Said to Have Purchased $250,000 Property.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—It is announced in Fort William that the Inland Navigation Company of Hamilton has purchased a large area of water front property on which a dock and freight sheds will be erected for storage of cargoes to be brought by the company from Hamilton by their large fleet of freighters. The purchase price is said to be a quarter of a million dollars. The company next season will be a big competitor for western business.

For twenty-four years Vapo-Cresolene has been extensively used for all forms of throat and bronchial troubles. All Druggists.

STEAMER ASHORE.

London, Dec. 22.—The German freight steamer Salitas went ashore at Dungeneness, a headland projecting into the English chanel during a gale to-day. The vessel was bound from Tacoma via various ports for Hamburg.

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CHEAT AND SWINDLER, ETC.

Names Applied by Danish Experts to Explorer Cook.

Findings of the Committee That Examined His Data.

Copenhagen Newspapers Want Soft Place to Fall On.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The committee appointed by the University of Copenhagen to examine the Polar records of Dr. Cook has issued the following report:

First, the report of the expedition sent to the university by Dr. Cook is the same as that printed in the newspapers during the months of September and October last.

"Second, the copy of Cook's notebooks does not contain any original astronomical observations whatsoever, but only results.

"Third, the documents presented are inexcusably lacking in information which would prove that the 'astronomical observations' therein referred to were really made; and also contain no details regarding the practical work of the expedition and the sledge journey which would enable the committee to determine their reliability.

"The committee therefore is of the opinion that the material translated for examination contains no proof that Dr. Cook reached the Pole."

The report is signed by all six members of the committee, who were assisted in their inquiry by Knud Rasmussen, the explorer, who has hitherto championed Cook.

The University Council issued this statement:

"The documents handed the university for examination do not contain observations and information which can be regarded as proof that Dr. Cook reached the North Pole on his recent expedition.

CALL HIM NAMES.

This city and the various towns in the provinces are greatly excited over the Cook fiasco. The attitude of simple faith in Cook's claims has suddenly turned to one of wrathful indignation. If the so-called explorer were in Copenhagen to-day he would surely get a reception decidedly the reverse of the one accorded to him a few months ago, and would very likely receive a thrashing if he fell into the hands of the indignant people.

Prof. Stroemgren, chairman of the university commission which pronounced Cook an impostor, in presenting the report to the university, said: "It was an offence to submit such papers to scientific men. Of course, the university erred in honoring Dr. Cook, and there was no excuse for men of science erring in such a matter."

The disgust of Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, is in proportion to his former championship. He says: "Cook is an impudent cheat. No schoolboy could make such foolish calculations as he did. He has killed himself."

Commodore Gustav Holm, the Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said: "Cook's papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined his observations first, and agreed unanimously that they were worthless."

It is stated that the Senate of the university contemplates depriving Cook of the degree it conferred on him, but has not reached a definite decision yet.

It is declared that the Crown Prince, who was completely won by Cook's claim, is angry with the Danish scientists and the Greenland administration for misleading him, but the King, who was inclined to be skeptical throughout, and refused to decorate Cook, is rather amused at the hoax Cook perpetrated.

NEWSPAPERS ANNOYED.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The morning papers generally find comfort for the Cook affair in the thought that the only fault that may be charged against the Danes is that they accepted the explorer's word as that of a gentleman.

The Politiken says: "Frankly, we regret only that the honorary degree was bestowed upon this man by the University of Capenhagen. But one member of the university council advised against the action taken."

The Koebenhaven says: "Cook's abasing of our university is his greatest shame. Fortunately the university itself tells the world of its mistake."

Other papers recall that all the Scandinavian explorers who were acquainted with Cook supported him, and that under the circumstances any other city would have given the explorer a similar reception. They intimate that at the time other cities envied Copenhagen its opportunity to first welcome and honor him.

Minister Egan said that the finding of the University of Copenhagen was, of course, final, unless the matter should again be opened by the presentation of the material said to have been left at Etah.

EGAN ON COOK.

New York, Dec. 22.—The ladies of Denmark will never believe that Dr. Cook was wrong, and my daughter, who is with me, will weep when she hears the respond," said Dr. Maurice F. Egan, N. S. Minister to Denmark, whom the Danes now partly blame for his strong partisanship of Dr. Cook, which led them to recognize the American explorer on his arrival in Copenhagen as the discoverer of the North Pole.

Dr. Egan reached here to-day on the steamship Oscar II., and will remain during the holidays.

CODE WORDS.

Telegraph Companies Want to Cut Them in Half.

Board of Commissioners to Deal With Telegraphers' Trouble.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—The question of the reasonable rate of an artificial word used for the purpose of a telegraph code was considered this morning by the Board of Railway Commissioners. Until recently the telegraph companies have allowed ten letters to be put into artificial words. A few months ago they announced a reduction to five letters. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association protested against this on the ground that it would seriously increase the rates. This morning W. J. Camp, manager of the C. P. Telegraph Company, stated that there were great difficulties in handling the long artificial words which made up the present code messages. New codes could be made with shorter words, which would serve as well as the present code, and would facilitate the despatch of business and be in the public interest. The five-letter rule has gone into effect in the United States generally and on the Canadian Government lines in British Columbia.

Mr. W. Mitchell, of the Toronto Board of Trade, declared that the difficulties which the companies alleged were imaginary. To make the change proposed by the companies would seriously interfere with existing business conditions.

TELEGRAPHERS' DISPUTE.

The dispute between the Grand Trunk management and the telegraphers of that road to the east of Detroit is to be dealt with by a board of commission. The men are asking for an increase in the rate of pay, extra pay for Sunday work and holidays annually without loss of pay. The company has named Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., to the board of conciliation and the men have named W. T. J. Lee, Toronto. The department has named J. E. Atkinson, Toronto, to act as chairman.

NO ROUGH TREATMENT.

It is stated that there is no foundation for the report that ex-Mayor Cox, of Ottawa, died as the result of rough treatment. Dr. J. F. Kydd, the family physician, states that he could find no evidence of rought treatment on the body, and it was clear that Mr. Cox died of pneumonia.

A SAD SHOCK.

Murdered Operator's Father Heard News This Morning.

Dyson Belonged to Guelph—Was Well Thought Of.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Guelph, Dec. 22.—The young telegraph operator brutally murdered at Redwater, a flag station on the T. & N. O. Railway, 56 miles north of North Bay, was the youngest son of Mr. Wm. Dyson, a market gardener of this city, and the first intimation that his father and mother received of his terrible fate was when it was read to the former from a morning paper. They have received no further details of the sad affair. The young man was ambitious, careful in his habits and had a high reputation in Guelph. A year ago last Sept. he went to Toronto and took a course in the School of Telegraphy, graduating in five months. His first station as operator was at Thorndale and later he went to Hespeler, where he worked until a year ago, when he went into New Ontario to take a position on the T. & N. O. Ry. and he has since been located at several stations along the line.

THEY DINED.

Westinghouse Salesmen Conclude Their Annual Convention.

The annual meeting of the salesmen of the Canadian Westinghous Company terminated last evening by the company tendering them a banquet at the Hamilton Club, after which they attended the performance at Bennett's Theatre.

Each year salesmen from all over the Dominion gather in this city to report on their work, and to receive instructions for the coming year. Informal speeches were made at the banquet by P. J. Myler, general manager, N. S. Braden, sales manager, and others, who commented on the excellent showing that had been made by the salesmen during the year 1909, and predicted much greater success in 1910. There were thirty salesmen in attendance this year, the majority of whom left early this morning for their respective homes.

Useful Gifts For Men.

Razor strops and shaving brushes are very suitable for Christmas presents. Probably the finest stock in Ontario of these lines is kept at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Beautiful razor strops, varying in price from 25c to $2.50 each, and shaving brushes from 15c to $3 each are shown. Do not buy without seeing this stock.

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"If you please, sir," said the boy, "all work and no play is its own reward. Hence, a burnt child gathers no moss."

'Heighho!" exclaimed the gentleman. "You seem to have your copybook very well committed. Pray, what is your name?"

"Mike Muller, sir; think you kindly."

"Not a brother of Maud?" pursued the gentleman.

"Ay, indeed, sir," said Mike, with a smile. "She lives hard by in the great house, and I in yon lowly cot."

"And are you contented?" asked the gentleman.

"Oh, yes, sir," said the lad. "For when one is happy one need not be well off, or even rich. All is not half a loaf that glitters."

"But, surely, my fine lad, you envy those you behold possessed of wealth and ease?"

"Be that as it may, sir," said Mike, with a low, lisping, crystalline laugh, "and though a cat may look at people who live in glass houses, a gift horse should not throw stones."

"Does this mean," said the gentleman, "that you prefer to thrive by the sweat of your own brow?"

"Why, no, sir," confessed Mike. "I am already thriving by the sweat of Maud's husband's brow, for which I am very much obliged to her. A friend in need is worth two in the bush."

"I think I understand," said the gentleman. "You have a sinecure, or soft snap as it is called. Your sister married the judge, after all."

"Alas, no," corrected the lad. "The judge lies under the willow in the churchyard yonder. He died and left all his wealth to his son. You see, a penny saved is soon parted."

"But what then, noble youth, became of Maud?"

"Ah, sir," murmured Mike, "it is an ill wind that butters no parsnips. She married the judge's son."

"How true," sighed the gentleman, clucking to his horse. "And how true also that procrastination improves each shining hour."

SCHOOLS IN VALLEY CITY.

Retiring Principal of High School Receives a Eulogy.

Dundas, Dec. 22.—The December meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening. The members present were W. J. Kerr, in the chair, and Messrs. Watt, Parker, Clark, Tyson, Minty, Steele, Fisher and Thompson.

Mrs. W. H. C. Fisher was present and obtained leave from the board for practice of the Choral Society in the kindergarten room.

The High School report showed: Number on roll, 110; average attendance, 108; increase in average attendance over 1908, 16. The receipts from the High School entertainment was reported to be $61.20, the disbursements $48.15; balance $13.05.

The Public School report showed 436 on the register, and an average attendance of 224. Fees collected $2. The scarlet fever epidemic very materially diminished the attendance.

The Property Committee's report recommended the purchase of a clock and a thermometer for Miss Patterson's room. It was further decided that the telephone be removed to the corridor of the first floor. The request to have burlap placed around the rooms was not favored. The sanitary work was recommended to be done three times a year hereafter. The request to have the mineral cases removed was left over for future consideration.

The Internal Management Committee recommended the engagement of Miss Fraser on the High School staff, but an amendment that Miss Beatrice Millington be appointed tied in the vote that the recommendation be adopted, and finally it was agreed that Miss Millington be engaged, largely owing to the fact that she is a graduate of the Dundas High School.

After some discussion, power was given the Internal Management Committee to engage Fred Sine for a term of six months, as principal of the High School, and that the High School open on Jan. 4th, and the Public School on the 5th.

On behalf of the board, Chairman Kerr referred in eulogistic terms to the work done by Principal Saunders. In reply Principal Saunders stated that the present condition of the school is the best for some years, and that the prospects for the future were exceedingly bright. He advised raising the salaries of male teachers, as the schedule of salaries does not by any means guarantee good teachers.

John W. Dickson announces his intention of becoming a member of the Board of Education for next year.

Stanley Fenix and Mrs. Fert Fenix and her two children, of Brandon, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Robert Fenix.

Miss Agnes McGregor was on Monday evening the recipient of a tin shower, in view of her approaching marriage.

The Times readers are the buyers of Hamilton. Advertisers, do you see the point?