

## FAMOUS SAILOR

Death in England of Canadian Settler With a Romantic Career.

Froome Talford, a former resident of Lambton county, died recently in England at a great age. He went to sea when a boy as a clerk, and sailed with Captain Mayhew, for whom he prepared the manuscript of several of the famous sea stories beloved by all boys the world over. After leaving the sea he settled in Canada on the St. Clair River. He founded the village of Froomefield. He was appointed Indian Superintendent. When about to pay a visit to England he gave the Indians a feast on his birthday, and intimated that if he should not return next year he would give another feast; and so it happened that year after year for 30 years or more the Talford feast was given. To the gratification of the tribe, at Sarbia, After his return to England his pleasant home at Wandsworth was always open to welcome Canadian friends. At 86 years of age, when visited by a Canadian acquaintance he wandered about with the activity of a young man, taking his friend to various places of interest, and being apparently as much interested in them as if he had never seen them before.

## WANTED MONEY

Mrs. Johnson Appealed to the Police to Recover Her Share of Inheritance.

"The Yankees think that the law in Canada is very strict, but they don't know a thing about it. The people here are too easily led and I tell you, young man, there is many a crooked thing in law."

Such was the doleful plaint of Mrs. Lucinda Johnson as she made her appearance at the police court seeking an interview with the magistrate. Judge Houston, however, was not in and the unfortunate Lucinda proceeded to tell her painful story to Chief Holmes—and to any one else who wished to listen.

It appears that Lucinda, who formerly lived in North Buxton, but who now resides in Cleveland, has for some time been dabbling in law with the result that she, like many other unfortunates who have done likewise, has come out at the "slam end of the horn."

Her experience with law commenced, according to her story, in 1891, when her mother, Emily Barritt, died, leaving no will as to the distribution of 50 acres of land which she owned. Mrs. Barritt was a widow, and as soon as she died, Lucinda claims that the family—of which there were quite a few—all commenced to scramble for the property.

As there were no executors, there being no will, Richard Groce, a son-in-law of deceased, very considerably offered his services in the matter and advertised the property for sale. Now this was directly contrary to the wishes of Lucinda, who would rather have seen the property divided, and naturally she felt hurt that she had not been consulted in the matter. However, when she quietly mentioned the matter to Groce he would do nothing but sell the property, as a result the farm was disposed of.

Lucinda attended her mother during the latter's illness and took upon herself the expense of burying the remains, thinking that this money would be included in her share of the property.

Lucinda soon thought that she scented something in the wind and that the family intended to do her out of her share of the money, and the result was that she engaged lawyer Sol White, of the farm, she brought \$14,750, and her share of this would be about \$410, including her mother's dowry. Imagine her surprise when that her share of the farm, \$21, was now ready for her to claim.

"Just think of it," she said, "I offered to me when my share is \$410." "Where is the rest of the money?" she was asked.

"That's what I want to find out, and I am going to do it, too. I have proof that my sister forged my name to get the dowry money, and if that is not a criminal offense I don't know what is."

She expressed her intention of entering criminal proceedings against Groce and her sister. She positively refuses to accept the \$21.

## MUSIC EXAMS.

The following is the results of examinations in the Theoretical department of music at the Ursuline Academy:

On the 17th, 18th and 19th of this month "The Pines" students who took the Toronto Conservatory of Music examinations were busily engaged writing in the large Assembly Hall at the Academy, Mr. Wm. McKenough presiding. This morning the results of the examinations were received, being as follows:

No. 255—Miss Mabelle Edmonson, first class honors.  
No. 256—Miss Ethel MacKerrall, first class honors.  
No. 257—Miss Agnes Bower, honors.  
No. 258—Miss Josephine Morrison, honors.

No. 259—Miss Vera Smith, honors.  
No. 260—Miss Catherine Elliott, pass.  
No. 261—Miss Alma Duffy, pass.

Some of these young ladies are taking up Junior Leaving in the Departmental examinations this summer as well as pursuing the study of piano. That their year has been a profitable one is a matter of much satisfaction to themselves and their indefatigable teachers.

Miss Alma Duffy is again to be complimented on her success. Having

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only entered the Harmony class in January last, she succeeded, with a few extra lessons, in accomplishing almost as much as those who took up the work from the beginning of the scholastic year.

Miss Agnes Bower and Josephine Morrison are still at the Academy where, with the remainder of their class, they will write the Junior Leaving examinations in July.

Diplomas will be forwarded to successful candidates next month.

## THE DISTRICT.

## JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Mrs. Wallace Simpson, who for a number of years has been associated with Victoria Ave. Methodist Sunday school, as an efficient teacher, was waited upon Tuesday evening by Rev. Mr. George, Mr. Parrott, superintendent, and several teachers, and presented with a dozen silver tea spoons and an address. Mrs. Simpson leaves next week for Walkerville, to join her husband, who for some months has been connected with the Walkerville Wagon Works.

Anson Mounter, Health Inspector, is collecting for as he says, trying to the small-pox accounts.

On Sunday next Rev. J. H. Osterhout will preach his farewell sermon.

Miss Smith is a guest of Mrs. H. J. Carter this week.

Mrs. Milton Shaw and Miss Fields were Tilbury visitors on Monday.

Mrs. H. Perry and son, Ray, Cleveland, Ohio, are guests of Mrs. Howe.

The measles are quite prevalent in this section.

B. Atkinson, spent Tuesday in Darrell.

Miss Edith Peck, is visiting relatives Herman H. Nacker was a guest of E. L. Smith, this week.

Mrs. Scott is spending a few days in Seltos, this week.

## ZION CORNERS.

Rev. Mr. Killington preached to the Foresters on Sunday evening, 22.

The football game here on Monday night between Huffman's Corners and Zion Corners, resulted in a victory for the former by one goal.

Rev. John Baird is visiting his sister Mrs. Robert Taylor.

The circuit picnic will be held in James Scafe's bush on Wednesday, June 25.

Miss Annie McMarkle, is the guest of Miss Annie Tuck.

Adam Johnston is raising his house and is going to brick veneer it.

Are you the defendant? asked a man in the court room, speaking to an old negro.

No, boss, was the reply. I ain't done nothing to be called names like that. I've got a law here who does the defending.

Then who are you?

I've the gentleman, sir, what stole the chickens.

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## HE HAD A BIG HEART.

An Old Miner Who Was Mark Twain's Ideal Gentleman.

"The finest gentleman I ever knew," said Mark Twain in a chat with a reporter one day, "was an old California miner who could barely write his own name. He was a forty-niner, and he and his partner had struck it rich in the early days. The old man had neither child nor child, and he had worked hard all his life, and when he did get his money he hardly knew what to do with it."

"He did not try to jump into society or to push his way with the 'big fellows' there. He continued to live with the people whom he had associated with all his life, and many an act of kindness was done, many a wandering son and father saved, many a sorrowing woman's burden lightened and her home brightened by an unknown donor whose identity with the old man was only known to a few."

"It was different with the partner. He had a wife and two daughters with social aspirations, and after a whole lot of pushing and hauling and showing they landed in society. The expense was too much of a drain on the husband's purse, and he speculated, with the inevitable outcome. He lost his entire fortune and then shot himself. Then it was that the true gentleness of the old man showed itself. The widow and her daughters had no one to turn to but him, and he did not disappoint them. He saved their home for them when everything else went under the hammer, and he maintained them in all the regal style to which they were accustomed, although he still lived in his old lodgings. He lived long enough to see both of the girls well married and the mother carefully settled for life. Then he died in a charity hospital in San Francisco. He had spent every penny he owned on the family of his partner."—St. Louis Republic.

Statues in the Paris streets. It is not the Londoner only who grumbles at the lack of beauty in the statues adorning the streets and squares of his city. The Frenchman makes a point of grumbling quite as loudly at the "almost unanimous" ugliness of the modern statues "fencing" Paris. These statues, says the outspoken Journal des Debats, are not so much erected in honor of one dead man as for the glorification of several living ones, who form the "commission" for the erection of a statue and receive decorations for their endeavors.

A famous French sculptor is quoted in this connection who had sent in his design for a statue of Pasteur. He had suggested the genius of the great scientist by symbols, but the commission would have none of them. "Your work," they said, "is fine, but it is incomplete. What about the diseases of silkworms, the mastication of vineyard and of beer and via, about all there is in fowls?"

And nothing the artist could say as to the impossibility of reproducing sick silkworms and cholera ridden rodents on a statue could move the commission. Under such conditions it is small wonder Paris statues are no better than they should be.

A King and a Miller.

Every reigning member of the Hohenzollern dynasty has been noted for his sense of fair play in dealing with his subjects.

It is said that the Emperor Frederick the Great was greatly annoyed by the presence of a flour mill that stood close by one of his palaces in Berlin.

The miller refused to sell his mill and insisted that he should retain possession of it as long as he lived. The emperor stormed at him without avail and finally threatened to drive the miller out by force and confiscate his property.

The dauntless miller replied to his threat by saying, "After my wife is still judged in Berlin, your majesty."

This reply, which has since become famous throughout Germany, impressed the emperor so favorably that he withdrew both his threat and his request, and the flour mill is standing to this day.

Expected a Fight.

A Fifeshire farmer gave his herd lad, Jamie, a half wit, a ticket to admit him to a sacred recital in a neighboring town, to be given by local talent, and told the lad to be sure to enjoy himself.

The farmer was greatly surprised to find his servant in the kitchen long before the conclusion of the performance, and upon asking him why he had returned from the recital Jamie replied:

"Weel, maister, as man yondyr began to sing, 'I'm the King of Glory,' then anither said he 'was the King of Glory,' and when I saw three livers standin' up an' sayin' they were the Kings of Glory, I kent there was to be a fecht, so I cam awa' an' left them to finish it amon' themselves."

No Taste For Mathematics.

"How many times did you vote in the recent election?"

The prisoner was silent.

"Answer the question! How many times did you vote?"

"Marse Tom," pleaded the prisoner, addressing the judge, "ain't you know me long enough ter know dat I don't know nuttin' 'bout 'rithmetics?"—Atlanta Constitution.

How Japanese Sleep.

The Japanese never sleep with the head to the north. This is because the dead in Japan are always buried with the head in that position. In the sleeping rooms of many of the private houses and of hotels a diagram of the points of the compass is posted upon the ceiling for the convenience of guests.

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