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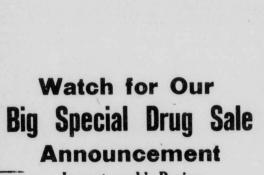
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In next week's Review

UR ARCTIC EXPLORER

EN PORTRAFT OF. VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON.

Had a Narrow Escape From a Business Career, But Became an Adventurer and His Exploits Culminated In the Discovery of onde Eskimos.

HROUGH the medium of the American-Scandinavian Review the reader is presented with an interesting pen por-

rait of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the amous Arctic explorer, who is cknowledged to be the foremost cientist-explorer of the world. The writer, John Holmes, prefaces his ketch of the explorer's life and peronality as revealed to him in a re-ent interview by a few introductory emarks, in which he refers to the

cent interview by a few introductory remarks, in which he refers to the affinity between the ancient Norse Vikings and the modern explorer— both possessing in an unusual de-gree a fundamental desire for travel and adventure. Although by parent-age an Icelander, Stefansson is by birth a Canadian. The famous ex-plorer Mr. Holmes found to be "a modest, soft-spoken person with the mild and unaffected manner often characteristic of men who have ac-complished big things." "There is a touch of the academi-cian in his speech and gestures, and the only scars he bears of his battles with the North are patterns of fur-rows around the eyes, such as you might find adding good humor to the countenace of any Western rancher where the winds are never still. He is of good, medium height with a well-knit frame and the fair com-plexion and light-colored hair char-acteristic of the Icelanders, perhaps the fairest of the Scandinavian peoples. "He gives no such impression of

the fairest of the Scandinavian peoples. "He gives no such impression of dynamic force or physical vigor as his great fellow explorers, Amund-sen, Shackleton or Peary, when the North Pole discoverer was in his prime. Yet I believe that Stefansson has commanded as large expeditions as any of these men, and he has un-doubtedly tramped greater distances around the top of the earth than any other man. I wondered at first wherein lay his strength, and al-most before I knew it I had my answer.

most before I knew it I had my answer. "In the course of our talk I thoughtiessly questioned the literal-ness of something he had said about his polar experiences. Well, I struck fint at once. He thought, of course, that I doubted his word, and I am glad he did. I caught a glimpse of his reserve strength when he was rolled, of the steel under the velvet. "Stefaneson belongs by right to the select log cabin class of famous men, now becoming almost as rare as buffalo fur coats. He was born in 1879 in an immigrant's cabin on the shore of Lake Winnipeg, north of the Canadian city of that name. His parents were among the first lee-

the shore of Lake Winnipeg, north of the Canadian city of that name. His parents were among the first Ice-landers to venture from their native island to try their fortunes in the New World. They moved in a prairie schooner across the line into what was then the Territory of Dahoka, when the future explorer was eigh-teen months old, and settled in a farming colony of Icelandic immi-grants near the hamlet of Mountain, Pembina County. Here Stefansson grew up on his father's farm twenty miles from a railroad. The country was wild enough to harbor a few In-dian bands, and every now and then the colony was stirred by reports of impending raids. Sitting Buil was still alive, and to the Icelanders he was a sort of American troll, which never materialized, however, in their midst. midst

anders: without the sagas to with die their spiritual life they would have reverted to semi-barbarism cen-turics ago. Stefansson devoured his father's little library and the lib-raries of his neighbors, attended country school, worked on the farm and put in four summers as a cow puncher on the Dakota plains. He lost his father when he was fifteen, and the additional responsibilities thrown on his shoulders by this be-reavement caused him to take a plunge into business the following year. He made a brave attempt to clean up a small fortune in hay. The farmers of the community had gone wheat mad, he explained. They would

raise nothing but wheat, and they order for has to feed their horses of detar for hay to feed their horses and mileh cows through the winter. Stefansson hired men to put up enormous quantities of hay on the range of the could deliver at ton North bakot awas swept by a bilizard that to the shore were been equiled in the his of hay on the range of the Northwest. Not a wise season went broke. "The shorthwest is failure a fraction of the shore of the Northwest. Not a wise of the normal state of the shore were been equiled in the his of hay ould be delivered at and Stefasson owner broke. "The shorthwest. Not a wise a shore of the shore were been equiled in the his failure a first politics. The pulpit reached out on the shore of the shore were shore of the shore of the shore of the delivered the preparatory department of the Caiter of the the shore of the

game, cooked it myself in the Eskimo-huts, ate delicious meals, whenever I was hungry, and stayed for eighteen months." "His second Arctic exjedition kept him in the Far North for dify-three months, from 1908 to 1912. This expedition was under the auspices of the Government of Canada. It was on this trip that Stefansson found the blond Eskimos, showing unmis-takable signs of European origin, and believed by many to be the rem-nant of the lost Norse colony of Greenland. In the course of this expedition Stefansson added many new features to the map of Northern Canada, exploring one river, the Hor-ton, more than five hundred miles in expeditions of 1913-18, from which he has just returned, one of the most elaboragely and expensively equipped fourth of the 1,000,000 square miles of the filtherto unknown polar re-gion of the Western Hemisphere fourth of the 1,000,000 square miles announced some years ago. "There remains but one thing more to tell of Stefansson, and con-sidering the fact that I have already stated that he is an Icelander, it seens almost superflous to mention that he started out to be a poet. His erary monthly in his undergraduat days, and even achieved the distin-tion of having his translations of Ice-y landic poems published in an Eastern days, and even achieved the distin-tion of having his translations of Ice-y landic poems published in an Eastern days, and even achieved the distin-the write many years ago, and can testify to its merit." Scarcity of Fulp Wood. The bulk of the world's supply of mere to its made from anrees and other to contributed verse and other scarcity to its merit." Scarcity of Fulp Wood. The bulk of the world's supply of mere to made from anrees and other to contributed verse and other to contributed verse and other to contributed verse and other scarce is made from anrees and other to contributed verse and othe

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Mr. Chas. Richards was appointed to make arrangements for securing the target is the target. never inder index, however, in their midst. "The environments of Stefansson's early youth were those characteristic of a Western frontier community. bare in comfort, abounding in hard work and almost stripped of cultural advantages, except such as may be found on the bookshelves of the most poverty stricken leelander, the maga classics, a few epic ballads, ri-mur-and, of course, the Icelandic Doets. "Does any nation owe as much to its classics and its poets as the lce-landers? Without the sagas to kin-dle their spiritual life they would which are to be found in the grasses growing in tropical and sub-tropical countries. Among these is the tam-bookie grass of South Africa. This, on examination at the Imperial In-stitute, was found to give a yield of about 33 per cent. of paper of excel-lent quality, and the prospects of a paper industry in South Africa based on this material are now being care-fully considered. Tambookie grass is by no means the only paper-making material obtained in South Africa, and from the information available it seems likely that the range of ma-terials will enable several classes of paper to be made.—Family Herald.

High School Promotions

NO. 8

In order of merit Form I. to Form II.

Foim 1. to Form 11. Anna Crusce (honors), Olive Gar-land, Geo. Prudham, Russell Allen, Doris Hopcott, Herbert Slater, Geo. Rutledge, Laura Richards, Trevor Shaidle, Cecil Attridge, Gordon Maxwell, Gertrude Best.

The following did not write on the examinations, but were promoted on terms work.

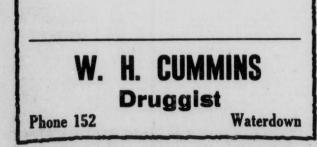
Arthur Harris, Luella Roberts.

The report of Form II will not be completed until after the results of the Lower School examinations are known.

A. B. COOPER, Prin.

McClennand-Easterbrook

A very pretty wedding and one that will be of interest to Waterdown reiders, was solemnized on Wedne day afternoon, June 25th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W H Easterhome of Mr. and Mrs. W. H Easter-brook, Burlington when their daught-er, Miss Elfrida Stranger, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. John F. McClennand, manager of the East End branch of the Union Back of Canada, Hamilton. Miss Kate McPherson of Merriton was bridesmaid while Lieut. Wm. McClennand, brother of the groom acted as groomsman. The Rev. D. Anderson officiated. Miss Marion Snodgrass played the wedding march while the register was being signed. while the register was being signed. Miss McClelland sang "Because", the happy couple leaving shortly after for an extended trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Clevelaud and other points. Their future home will be in Hamilton. Their many friends here



the park on that day.

We would warn our citizens a We would warn our cluzens a-gainst drinking water taken from Lake Medad, as two colored damsels from the city took an involuntary bath in its icy waters last week and henche water multi for thereby rendering the water unfit human use. Better by far to drink 21 per cent, than run any chances of internal troubles.