

## General Intelligence

## AN OAKVILLE MIRACLE.

A Hapless Couple for Years—Treated by the Staff of the Toronto General Hospital and Discharged as incurable—The story of this Miraculous Recovery as Investigated by an Empire Reporter.—Toronto Empire.

For more than a year past the readers of the Empire have been given the particulars of some of the most remarkable cures of the 19th century, or of nearly all of them, in cases hitherto held by the most advanced medical scientists to be incurable. The particulars of these cases were vouched for by such leading newspapers as the Hamilton Spectator and Times, the Halifax Herald, Toronto Globe, Le Monde, Montreal, Ottawa News, Albany, N. Y., Journal, Albany Express and others, whose reputation placed beyond question the statements made.

Recently rumors have been afloat of a remarkable case in the pretty little town of Oakville, of a young man recovering after years of helplessness and agony. The Empire determined to subject the case to a most rigid investigation, and accordingly detailed one of our best reporters to make a thorough and impartial investigation into the case. Acting upon these instructions our reporter went to Oakville, and called upon Mr. John W. Condon (who it was had so miraculously recovered) and had not long been in conversation with him when he was convinced that the statements made were not only true, but that the cure had not been told. The reporter found Mr. Condon at work in one of the heaviest departments of the Oakville Basket Factory, and was surprised, in the face of what he knew of the case, to be confronted by a strapping young fellow of good physique, ruddy countenance, and buoyant bearing. This young fellow was the man who had spent a great part of his days upon a sick bed, suffering almost untold agony. When the Empire representative announced the purpose of his visit, Mr. Condon, cheerfully volunteered a statement of his case for the benefit of other sufferers. "I am," said Mr. Condon, an Englishman by birth, and came to this country with my parents when nine years of age, and at that time was as rugged and healthy as any boy of my age. I am now 29 years of age, and it was about 14 years old that the first twinges of an insidious rheumatism came upon me, and during the fifteen years that intervened between that time and my recovery a few months ago, I have hardly told how much I suffered. My trouble was brought on, I think, through too frequent bathing in the cold lake water. The joints of my body began to swell, the cords of my legs to tighten, and the muscles of my limbs to contract. I became a helpless cripple, confined to bed, and for three months did not leave my room. The doctor who was called in administered preparations of iodine of potassium and other remedies without any material beneficial effect. After some months of suffering, I became strong enough to leave the bed but my limbs were stiffened and I was unfitted for an active vocation. I was then hampered more or less for the following nine years, when I was again forced to take my bed. This attack was in 1886, and was a great deal more severe than the first. My feet, ankles, knees, legs, arms, shoulders, and in fact, every part of my frame were badly swollen, and the disease even reached my hands. My face swelled to a great size. I was unable to open my mouth, my jaws being fixed together. I could not swallow anything. My teeth were pried apart and liquid food poured down my throat. I lost my voice, and could speak only in husky whispers. Really, I am unable to describe the state I was in during those long weary months. With my swollen limbs drawn by the tightening cords up to my emaciated body, and my whole frame twisted and contorted into indescribable shapes, I was confined to a bed as deformed skeleton. For three long weary months I was confined to bed, after which I was able to get up, but was a complete physical wreck, hobbling around on crutches a helpless cripple. My sufferings were continually increasing, and frequently when I would be hobbling along the street I would be seized with a paroxysm of pain and would fall unconscious to the ground. During all this time I had the constant attendance of medical men, but their remedies were of no avail. All they could do was to try to build up my system by the use of tonics. In the fall of 1890 and spring of 1891 I again suffered intensely severe attacks, and at last my medical attendance, after a last resort to the Toronto General Hospital on June 20th, 1890, and remained there until September 1st, 1890, of the same year. But, notwithstanding all the care and attention bestowed upon me while in this institution, no improvement was noticeable in my condition. After using almost every available remedy the hospital doctors—of whom there was about a dozen—came to the conclusion that my case was incurable, and I was sent away, with the understanding that I might remain as an outside patient. Accordingly from September 1890 to the end of January 1891, I went to the hospital once a week for examination and treatment. At this stage I became suddenly worse, and once more gained admission to the hospital, where I lay in a miserable suffering condition for two months or more. In the spring of 1891 I returned to Oakville, and made an attempt to do something toward my own support. I was given light work in the basket factory, but had to be conveyed to and from my place of labor in a buggy and carried from the rig to a table in the works on which I sat and performed my work. In August, 1891, I was again stricken down, and remained in an utterly helpless condition until January 1892. At this time Mr. James, a local druggist, strongly urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I was prejudiced against proprietary medicines as I had spent nearly all I possessed on numerous highly recommended remedies, and I had exhausted the list of ingredients, but, in vain, and I was therefore reluctant to take Mr. James' advice. I, however, saw several strong testimonials as to the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blood purifier and nerve tonic, and thinking that if I could only get my blood in better condition my general state of health might improve, I resolved to give Pink Pills a trial. With the courage born of despair I bought a box, but there was no noticeable improvement, and I thought this was like the other remedies I had used. But urged on by friends I continued taking Pink Pills and after using seven boxes I was rewarded by noticing a decided change for the better. My appetite returned, my spirits began to rise and I had a little more use of my muscles and limbs, the old troubles lessening and subsiding. I continued the remedy until I had used twenty-five boxes when I left off. By this time I had taken on considerable flesh, and weighed as much as 160 pounds. This was a gain of 20 pounds in a few weeks. My joints assumed their normal size, my muscles became firmer, and in fact, I was a new man. By April I was able to go to work in the basket factory, and now I can work ten hours a day with any man. I often

stay on duty overtime without feeling any ill effects. I play billiards in the evenings and can run horses with any of the boys. Why I feel like doing for every day at the relief from my misery I suffered so long. Many a time I prayed for death to release me from my sufferings, but now that it is all gone and I enjoy health as only he can who suffered agony for years. I have given you a brief outline of my sufferings, but from what I have told you you can guess the depth of my gratitude for the great remedy which has restored me to health and strength.

Wishing to substantiate the truth of Mr. Condon's remarkable story the Empire representative called upon Mr. F. W. James, the Oakville druggist referred to above. Mr. James fully corroborated the statements of Mr. Condon. When the latter had first taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills he was a mere skeleton—a wreck of humanity. The people of the town had long given him up for as good as dead, and would hardly believe the man's recovery until they saw him themselves. The fact of this cure is now spread throughout the section and the result is an enormous sale of Pink Pills. I will send you a dozen and a-half boxes of Pink Pills every day," said Mr. James, "and this is a remarkable cure of a town the size of Oakville. And better still they give perfect satisfaction. Mr. James recalled numerous instances of remarkable cures after other remedies had failed. Mr. John Robertson, who lives midway between Oakville and Milton, who had been troubled with asthma and bronchitis for about 15 years, has been cured by the use of Pink Pills, and has quit work in a body. The cause of the attack was the employment of non-union men to handle building material and non-union cartmen to haul it.

Earl Spencer, presiding at a meeting of the Northampton Agricultural Society yesterday, raised a storm of protest by remarking that agriculture in Great Britain was now in a more flourishing condition than it had been for a number of years. Mr. Howard, of Bedford, replying for the judges, was applauded on declaring that with his fifty years' experience of farming, he could not remember when the condition of the farmers was worse than at present. LONDON, July 25.—In the village of Guben, county Rzeszow, in Poland, a woman became insane and seized her three children, one after the other, and held them head downwards in a pot of boiling water until they were dead. The woman then attempted suicide in the same manner, and was discovered before life was extinct, though not till she was fatally scalded.

Part of the Bouchette and Mouton Railway was sold recently. That portion of the road in Westmorland county was sold in front of the Brunswick by Sheriff McQueen, and the Kent county portion, which was to have been sold at Bouchette by Sheriff Whitten, was postponed until Friday next. The Westmorland county part of the road and personal property were bid in by Mr. Ford. Stevens, acting for Clark & Co., bankers, of Philadelphia. The price at which the road was sold was \$150 and the personal property at \$100.

A mile in 39.4 seconds, or at the rate of over 90 miles an hour, is the fastest run ever made by a railroad train. This unparalleled feat has been accomplished on the Bond Road railroad, between Newburgh Falls and Langhorne, by engine No. 206, drawing two ordinary coaches and President McClellan's private car. Reading, which is equal to two coaches in weight. Other miles were reeled off with speed as astonishing as this crack mile, and at the end of the 'fly' the world's records were broken. From this out all records must date from the memorable Bond Road flight. The fastest mile was scored in 39.4 seconds. The fastest five miles in 3m. 26.4s. The fastest ten miles in 7m. 12s., averaging 43 seconds per mile.—Philadelphia Record.

LONDON, July 21.—The Foreign Office is anxious over the entire absence of communications from Sir Charles Evan Smith, the British Minister at Constantinople, who recently visited Fez to confer with the Sultan. The Foreign Office has had no communication from him since the announcement that the negotiations had been ruptured. Among those who accompanied Sir Charles were his wife and daughter and Mrs. Kerriker. The Foreign Office has had no communication from him since the announcement that the negotiations had been ruptured. Among those who accompanied Sir Charles were his wife and daughter and Mrs. Kerriker. The Foreign Office has had no communication from him since the announcement that the negotiations had been ruptured. Among those who accompanied Sir Charles were his wife and daughter and Mrs. Kerriker.

The Fair is not bankrupt and will not be bankrupt. The only foundation for the injurious report referred to is the fact that the National Commission, for supervising body, has expended all of the money which the government appropriated for the expenses for the current year. That body does not provide the money for constructing the buildings, gathering the exhibits, or otherwise putting the Fair in complete condition for the inspection of the public. This is done by the "World's Columbian Exposition," a local Chicago corporation. The Fair will be dedicated and opened on time, and all bills will be paid.

DR. WELDON WINS HIS CASE. MOSCOW, July 22.—Dr. Weldon's action for libel against the Moscow Times was concluded this afternoon with a verdict for the plaintiff. Dr. Weldon was examined on Wednesday and cross-examined for hours, with the result that his case was materially improved. This morning Judge Fraser charged the jury for two hours strongly for the plaintiff on every material point. The damages given carry the costs, which will be heavy. Mr. Hawke is a sadist and a wiser man.

DORCHESTER, N. B., July 22.—Judge Fraser charged the jury in the Weldon libel case to do the duty, after deliberation, returned a verdict for plaintiff for \$50. The case lasted three days and the costs will be several hundred dollars. The jury was composed almost entirely of political opponents of the plaintiff, and the verdict is highly satisfactory. The grists have been predicting all along that Weldon would be beaten. He goes to his farm in Albert county in the morning.

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