



Joker's Corner

WANTED INFORMATION

An Irishman just landed got work on the New York Central as flagman at Tarrytown. His first day on the job he waved the red danger signal before the Empire State Express. The brakes squeaked down, the train stopped and the crew ran up. "What is the matter? Why did you stop the train?" the conductor demanded.

"Well," began the flagman. "Don't you know it's a State prison offence to stop a train without cause?" the conductor exclaimed. "Why, we're twenty minutes late now."

"That's just it," was the answer. "Where have you been the last twenty minutes?"

WHY SHE CRIED.

He (after popping the question)— "Why do you cry, my angel? Did I offend you by my proposal?" She (still sobbing)—"Oh, no, dear, it is not that; I am crying for joy. Mother always said to me, 'May, she said, 'you are such an idiot that you would not get even a donkey for a lover,' and now I have got one after all."

AGITATED.

Robert did full justice to his dinner, but showed signs of uneasiness when his aunt passed him some gelatin for dessert.

"It's fine, Robert, won't you have some?" said the aunt.

"Maybe it is good," replied Robert, eyeing the quivering mass, "but, gee, it looks so nervous!"

Little Mary was telling what she thought was an exciting story about a dream. She stuttered in her effort, gulped and paused hopelessly with out completing the sentence.

"Why, child, what is the matter?" her mother asked.

"The little girl smiled ruefully and replied, 'I swallowed a word.'"

She (tartly)— "Our engagement is at an end, and I wish to return to you everything you have ever given me." He (cheerily)— "Thanks, Blanche! You may begin at once with the kisses!" They are married now.

RECENT NOVA SCOTIA FIRE LOSSES. (Maritime Merchant.)

The present year opened up very badly for the fire insurance companies. A series of very disastrous fires in the opening month spoiled the profits on fire underwriting in this province for a considerable time to come. After a lull, we have had a few more unfortunate fires, which, while in themselves sufficiently serious, become very serious when added to the great burdens already experienced this year. The fire in Canning, N.S., on the 23rd of June, destroyed nearly \$70,000 worth of property, the insurance loss being estimated at nearly \$84,000. A few days later there was a serious fire at La Have, which did not affect the insurance companies, inasmuch as there was no insurance. The lumber mill of Boeener Bros., at West LaHave, represented \$57,000, which has been lost both to the owners of the mill and to the province, because of the fact that there was no insurance. It is said that the rates were prohibitive, running as high as ten or twelve per cent.

INTELLIGENT HENS.

There is a man in town who claims to have the most intelligent hens that ever roosted.

When the snow was on, they laid in the cutter, so the eggs were ready to be taken to market. When the snow went they started to lay in the buggy for the same reason for a while, but when the price got lower they laid in the ice-house, suggesting to their owner it would be best to keep the eggs in cold storage until the price came up again.—Geo. Rice, Tillsonburg, Ont.

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Desolation Not Ever Seen Before in Canada.

This is the Description of Regina Man Given of the Ravages of the Cyclone.

WINNIPEG, July 8.—H. W. Laird, of Regina, has arrived in this city, and the detailed report he gives of the terrible ravages of the cyclone and the wreckage which followed is one of intense interest.

Said Mr. Laird, "I have left behind in Regina a scene of desolation which has probably never been witnessed before, in Canada, at least. We are all so stupefied and dumbfounded that it almost seems like a terrible dream, but anyone who goes to Regina can see it in all its reality, which no words of mine can fittingly describe."

"It had been very sultry for several days prior to the fatal Sunday, but in the afternoon, about four o'clock, there were evidences of a storm brewing. A heavy black cloud arose in the south-east sky and another one in the north-east. These storms gravitated together, and finally met immediately south of the parliament buildings. The result was that a funnel-shaped cloud swooped down upon the city, taking an almost direct course from south to north. Everybody ran for shelter from the rain storm into the houses. A violent wind storm followed, which suddenly grew to great intensity, and before anyone had any idea of what was to happen, the area affected was thrown into a state of chaos.

"It suddenly became dark, the electric lights flashed on and off, there was a hissing sound, and then the deluge. It is impossible for me to describe it. There was a sudden crashing of windows and a regular artillery of flying missiles; parts of houses, verandahs, barns and fences were hurled against other buildings. The rain, which carried minute particles of dirt, swept into the houses, carrying everything before it. Houses were tossed about like corks on the water. Families, panic-stricken, rushed to places of shelter, the more knowing ones to the cellar, the others into the central part of the house.

"In less time than it takes to tell it, the crashing ceased, the wind died out, and everybody, stupefied and dumbfounded, looked upon a mass of ruins, where but five minutes before was the most beautiful part of the residential section of Regina. The details of the damage wrought have been fully described in the 'Telegram,' but there are many accidents which will probably never be known. Canoes from Wascana Lake were carried three-quarters of a mile and deposited in the public parks in a shattered condition; automobiles standing on the streets were turned upside down and carried bodily into lawns and deposited against foundations of ruined houses; pictures from some of the best parlors in Regina were unceremoniously forced into kitchens of lowly homes; a slop pail from dear old knows where was deposited in my kitchen alongside the kitchen stove.

"I saw a chicken which had been driven with such force against a lattice fence that it was jammed flat, and it stuck there. In the devastated area there is nothing to identify where any particular house stood; there is simply a mass of plaster and splinters piled in heaps.

"As soon as the storm was over a gruesome scene was enacted. Two hundred men immediately proceeded to dig out the girl employees of the telephone exchange, and all were rescued in the cellar. There were a hurrying and scurrying of ambulances, doctors and nurses; wagons and automobiles were pressed into the service, but

the streets had to be cleared before they could get through.

"First a light wagon would pass with a body wrapped in a sheet; a few minutes after an automobile passed with a woman supported by two men, her head covered with blood and her hair in an entangled mass. This was followed shortly after by two men supporting a third, with his head bandaged in cloths and blood streaming from it; then an ambulance with a little child moaning in her agony. When I left home there were 32 reported dead, and there are at least five at the bottom of Wascana Lake. There were also many people in the hospitals without the slightest hopes of recovery.

"Miraculous escapes are reported by the dozen. Fred Hindson, a twenty-year-old university student, one of the most popular boys in the city, was talking to his father in his home. He was killed immediately, and his father is in the hospital. Mrs. McElmoyle was with her husband trying to get into the cellar; she was killed instantly, and her husband escaped without a scratch. Joe Bryan, manager of the Tudhope-Anderson company, one of the best known men in Saskatchewan, was in his office with Mr. Ingram, his traveler. The building collapsed, and Mr. Bryan was instantly killed. Ingram was pinned under the timber for four hours, but is now all right.

SLEEPING IN TENTS.

"In my own warehouse there were five men at the time of the collapse. Two of them are in the hospital from broken limbs, the other three escaped injury, and they cannot tell how it happened, it all came so suddenly. A thousand people slept in tents in the parks last night, and the torrents of rain certainly added to their discomfort. The city authorities acted promptly, and the mounted police took control of the devastated area and established a patrol night and day. The troops were brought back from Sewell camp, and are now on guard, and no one is allowed to enter the affected district without a written permit from the police."

"Will this catastrophe cause a set-back to Regina?"

"Not much. Regina is too big a city to be seriously affected because a row of lots has been wiped out. As an insurance policy will not cover the most, a great deal of private hardship will result, particularly in the working men's section of the city, where every man had his last dollar invested in his home. But this will right itself in time, and the optimistic spirit of the west will soon assert itself in bringing order out of chaos. Not even a cyclone can set Regina back."

"Was there anything to indicate what class of buildings is most secure against cyclones?"

"There seemed to be no distinction between brick and frame buildings; all seemed to go the same way. Even the Cartage Company warehouse, which is the last word in reinforced construction, was badly racked, and some of the brick walls torn off. The Donahue block, which is of steel construction, is in bad shape, and I understand that it will have to be rebuilt."

"Where was the place of greatest danger to human life, inside houses or on the streets?"

"As far as I know the people had all taken refuge in buildings, but Robert Kerr, a farmer of the south, was out in the open and was carried with great violence to the ground. He will probably die. People who were out travelling in automobiles were upset in the ditch. I know of one automobile which went with the storm at its highest speed, and escaped injury.

"The calamity, shocking as it was, had its humorous side. There were over a hundred girls in the Y. W. C. A. building; when the cyclone came they rushed across

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the street to the park and clung to trees. It was poor anchorage, however, in such a storm, as the trees were pulled out of the ground as if they were mere bouquets. Girls with trees in their arms were to be seen rolling over the ground, and were playthings in the grip of the storm."

Mr. Laird spoke in a most appreciative manner of the action of the citizens of Moose Jaw in affording prompt assistance. "It was characteristic of the kindly feeling which has been evidenced by the public in this terrible affair," he said.

Digby, N. S. MINARD'S LINIMENT CO., Limited Gentlemen,—Last August my horse was badly cut in eleven places by a barbed wire fence. Three of the cuts (small ones) healed soon, but the others became foul and rotten, and though I tried many kinds of medicine they had no beneficial result. At last a doctor advised me to use MINARD'S LINIMENT, and in four weeks' time every sore was healed and the hair has grown over each in fine condition. The liniment is certainly wonderful in its working.

JOHN R. HOLDEN. Witness, Perry Baker. FIRE AT WATERVILLE.

Waterville suffered a serious fire on Saturday morning, 6th inst. It broke out in one of the cooperages of Messrs C. O. Cook & Son, near the railway crossing, and notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the residents of the neighborhood, the three buildings with the greater part of their contents, and much valuable material, were destroyed. Mr. Cook's loss is valued at \$8,000. The fire swept through the beautiful pine grove near the Presbyterian Church which building as well as the house of Mr. James Murray also caught fire and narrowly escaped destruction.—Berwick Register.

Lost Vitality Caused by Kidney, Stomach and Bowel Disorders.

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THREE YOUNG SISTERS DROWNED

St. John, July 9—Telegrams to relatives here bring news of drowning of three daughters of Hattie McBeath, formerly of St. John, in a river at their home in Amesbury, Mass. They were boating and the boat upset. The girls were aged ten, twelve and fourteen.

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A RACE OF LIONS. Every Baptized Sikh Takes on That Surname.

"Sunder Singh." To the average citizen of Canada the above signature across the register of a hotel the name means nothing. It is simply another peculiarity that is to be met with in dealing with East Indians. However, to the Sikh, more especially to the man who has been transplanted to another land the surname "Singh" means everything. It is the symbol of the great brotherhood of the Sikh religion and without that title a man is nothing in the eyes of the true Sikh. Translated into English the word means "Lion," and as every male over eighteen is eligible for that title upon baptism, the bravery and strength that such a surname conveys is spread through the entire Sikh race.

To a reporter, Dr. Sunder Singh, the prominent Punjab Minister, gave a very interesting story of the rise and fall of the once great Sikh race. Dr. Singh has been in the east in connection with his petition to Ottawa for a change in the immigration laws. He is one of the very highest men among the Sikhs, and is regarded as the real leader of that race in Canada. When the British, which every Sikh must admit to, he is a very striking figure as he passes along through the crowded thoroughfares of Toronto's business district.

"In the year 1600," said Dr. Singh "the same year that was made famous by the rise of Martin Luther, the Sikh race was founded. It was in the 16th century that Nank, the real creator of the Sikh religion, came to the fore, and that date marks the beginning of our era. To begin with, the Sikhs threw off all caste, such as is recognized by the Bramin and Hindu, and of course a great deal of opposition was shown to the new sect. Many were murdered for upholding their belief, and nine of the first teachers of the Sikh faith were crucified. Gobind Singh, the tenth teacher, was the man to lead his followers to success. There was at that time a price placed upon the heads of those who professed the Sikh belief. It was then that the word Singh was added to those who joined the brotherhood. Singh means disciple, so that the entire race is bound together. The Sikhs do not worship idols, as do the other Indian races, and there is no priestly class, every man being placed upon an equal plane.

"It is pollution for the Hindus to cross the ocean; in fact their entire life is controlled by the Bramin or priests. The Sikhs in taking names upon themselves, follow pretty much in the footsteps of the North American Indians. For instance, Dr. Sunder Singh, gets his first name from the English word 'beautiful.' Other Sikh names are taken from objects, flowers, etc. To these are added the surname Singh, signifying that they are baptized and belong to the brotherhood.

"Many have wondered why it is so many colors are shown in the turbans which the Sikhs must wear. According to Dr. Sunder Singh there are seven different grades in religious knowledge. The class that a man occupies is designed by the color of turban he is given. Black is the lowest grade while the pink and yellow turbans that Dr. Singh has worn during the past two years mean that he has reached the highest possible perfection in the Sikh race."

It is his man whom the Sikhs have entrusted with the work of securing an amendment to the immigration laws that will permit their bringing in their wives and children, and Dr. Singh has every confidence that he will be able to back to his people and tell them that he has been successful.

Old Times in Kenora. Kenora men are talking of leaving and joining Manitoba. This recalls a bit of history. Nearly thirty years ago, Kenora—then suffering under the unpleasing name of Rat Portage—was the battleground of a conflict between Ontario and Manitoba. There was a boundary dispute between Ontario and the Dominion. The line claimed by the Dominion would have passed east of Fort Arthur, Oliver Mowat put up a fight for Ontario that fired the Liberal heart and passed into history. Then it was that Sir John A. Macdonald said he did not care a rap for Mowat, his Frasers and his Blasers, his Hardy's and his Pardees, his Lardies and his Dardies. He had passed making the eastern boundary of Manitoba coincide with the western boundary of Ontario.

This was—as Sir John perhaps faintly suspected and did not deeply deplore—the signal for a fight between Ontario and Manitoba, centred in Rat Portage. Rat Portage had two governments, two jails, two court houses, two sets of police. The constables arrested each other, the partisans fired each others' jails and released prisoners. Manitoba was on the verge of sending soldiers to the scene. Finally Oliver Mowat returned from England, and framed up a compromise with Attorney-General Miller of Manitoba. And now Kenora wants to leave us and go and live in Manitoba's house.—Star Weekly.

A Marriage Fee. A Toronto clergyman tells an amusing story concerning a very important event in the life of Rev. J. E. Starr, the newly appointed Commissioner of the Juvenile Court. It seems that when Rev. M. L. Pearson, formerly pastor of Berkeley Street Methodist Church, was married years ago, he asked Mr. Starr to perform the ceremony and presented him with a fee of fifty dollars. Mr. Starr took it gracefully, and when very soon after he was to be married himself, he selected Mr. Pearson to tie the knot, whereupon he handed back to his friend his fifty dollars.

Friend of Children. After seventeen years' service in the Ontario Government's Department of neglected children, Mrs. J. L. Harvie has resigned. The humanitarian work of caring for outcast and neglected children has always been a pleasure as well as a duty for Mrs. Harvie. For her it was a labor of love.

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