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"THE MONEY-LENDER OF KIMBER-LEY" AND HIS LEGACY.

A St. John Man who Woke One Morning and Found Himself Rich-The Will Seventeen Years Old, However-The Thirty Odd

The eves of a number of individuals in different parts of the world are just now turned towards the town of Kimberley in South Africa. There an alleged fortune of fifteen million dollars awaits them and they are of course anxious to obtain possession of the treasure.

The individual who left these vast possessions was William McKay, who was known in his African home on account of his solitary ways as "the miser and money lender." He had a number of brothers and sisters, and as he left no issue, the fortune goes to them. One of his sisters was the mother of Neil Morrison, a stevedore of this city, and Mr. Morrison is now taking steps to secure his share of the fortune. The heirs are many and there will be many divisions and sub-divisions of the estate, but still if Mr. Morrison gets his share he will have a very comfortable inheritance. According to the will of the deceased millionaire he left a million and a half to each of his brothers and sisters. This amount would go to Mrs. Morrison if she was and it had gone through six hands before living, but as she is dead it goes to her children. She has eight of these living, of whom one is Neil, and three who are dead leave issue so that the million and a half would be divided among these eleven families.

The whole story of the fortune would furnish material for a romance. The



events are interesting and varied and cover in their scope many lands and many decades. In the parish of Durness, Sutherlandshire, in the north of Scotland, the | Dollina, eight; Effie, about three, and tamily of McKay was brought up amid the simple surroundings of Scotch highland life. As boys and girls William and his brothers and sisters played about the hillsides in their tartans free as air and building up that healthy, sturdy frame which distinguishes the Scotch nature and which carried the members of this family through | and Georgiana are at Portland, Oregon; many vicissitudes in many lands during | Catherine is in Washington Territory, and the days that were then to come.

First one of the daughters sought a new of Neil Morrison. She and her husband came out to New Brunswick fitty-nine years ago and settled at St. George. There they remained twelve years and then removed to St. Andrews; and while they were living here Mrs. Morrison's brother Daniel also left the place of his nativity. He enlisted in the 93rd highland regiment and came out to Canada, being stationed at Kingston, Ont. Shortly after William followed him, coming out as carpenter in a sailing vessel from London. After he embarked no more was heard of him. He became lost to view and it was thought that the vessel he had come out in was wrecked. This was about the year 1853 and from then until a few weeks ago nothing more was heard by Mrs. Morrison of her brother. Then after these forty years there came like a thunder clap the word of his amass- as a stevedore. ing a fortune and leaving it to his relatives.

With arrival of this news came the tale of the main facts of the missing man's life. It appeared that he arrived safely and went to Kingston where he joined his brother in the regiment. After a time the discipline became irksome and they took French leave of their messmates. Under assumed names they went to Youngstown, Ohic. They were befriended by a man named McKeown. Daniel settled down and remained there for the rest of his life and there his progeny reside.

But William was of a more roving disposition. Just then the California gold fever was at its height and he started off to seek his fortune. Among the rough mining camps of the rocks and the more civilizing influences of San Francisco he dwelt some time and found whathe sought.

He returned to Youngstown with quite a fortune, but the spirit of unrest was in him and he merely bid his friends adieu, and started for the diamond fields of Kimberley, South Africa. There he further increased his store by mining, speculating and money lending. He was rather a thousands rapidly mounted into tens and hundreds and finally into millions.

A man named John Collins was one of his few friends and in 1877 when Collins was leaving for the West Indies he made out his will and gave him a copy of it, telling him that it anything should happen to him before Collins' return he wished him to communicate its contents to his relatives. The will was witnessed by Collins and an-

other man, James Duff. The story new leaves McKay, who, it is about 1880, and goes on with Collins, who, | handy.' as the thing now stands, is the key to the situation. He wandered about for some town when he gave the will to Daniel Mc-Kay and, by the way, Daniel was named executor and by the provisions of the will received in addition to his million and a Which is Now in Possession of Mount Allihalf as a brother another million for fulfilling the duties of the executor's office. Daniel does not appear to have communicated anything about the will to his relations and it took many years and a roundabout process for the facts to reach Neil

A son of the man Andrew McKeown who befriended the brothers McKay in Youngstown appears to have learned about the will from his father who in turn learned it from McKay. According to the will a bequest of a few hundred thousand was left to Andrew McKeown, and after his death his son John A. McKeown, a young man of about twenty, started out to see what could be done toward getting the amount. He wrote about it to Durness, Scotland, to see if the parish had ever received a bepeople in Scotland wrote in turn to some cousins of Neil Morrison in Shelburne, N. S. and it was from them that he received the first word of his good fortune. But the news had been on the wing seventeen years,

One day a bundle of letters came into Mr. Morrison's home on Brittain street. It contained the copy of the will and other information. Mrs. Morrison, who opened the documents, was amazed. She showed them to her husband, who at first would not laok at them. Later he changed his mind and concluded to see what was in the thing. He consulted the legal firm of McKeown, Barnhill and Chapman, and Mr. Barnhill is now investigating the matter. He has written to parties in Kimberley, to locate the fortune and his lordship Mayor Robertson has also written to the mayor of that town with the same object. The first point is to locate the fortune. After that it will be necessary to find Collins and to to go through all the legal requirements to prove heirship. There is much to be done and the heirs should not build too high hopes of future prosperity at this early stage. It is not known where Collins is now but a hunt for him is being prosecuted and it is supposed that he is in Colorado.

There are about thirty families in the collateral branches of the family of Wm. MacKay who are legal heirs to the fortune and they are now pretty well scattered. They are, however, united by one circumstance. They are all looking for the for-William had three brothers and four sis'ers. Ot these two are living and are eligible each for a million and a halt. These are George, who lives at Durness, and Catharine, who lives at Shelburne, N. Each has about six children living.

Of the other five in the family four left issue. These are Daniel, who lett nine children living; Villina, who left three; Annie about two. Each of these families is entitled to a million and a half, except Daniel's, whose family, as stated before, will receive two and a half millions.

Neil Morrison is one of twelve children of Dollina. Of these eight are living, while three more left issue. Daniel is in Oakland, Cal.; John is at San Francisco, Cal; James is at Vancouver, B. C.; Jeannette Barbara is in San Francisco. All have done very well and have made their way in the world. Daniel followed several occupations. home. This was Mrs. Morrison, mother He has been vessel owner and captain among others and had the misfortune to see a fine craft go down under his feet. John was in the mines of Idaho for thirty odd years and he sold one of his claims for \$50,000. James is a stevedore and is expected here shortly from Vancouver to consult with his brother about the fortune. Jeannette married a Mr. Shindler who has a furniture factory in Portland, Ore. Catherine married Geo. Smith, Georgiana is single and Barbara is a widow, her busband Mr. Galway having died. Three other sisters who are dead have left children who would also be entitled to a share of the

Mr. Morrison is a thorough Scotchman and comes of good highland stock on both sides of the house. He was seven years old when his father came out here fiftynine years ago. They first lived in St. George for twelve years and then in St. Andrews the same space of time. Eventually they came here and for many years Mr. Morrison has been tollowing the ins and outs of St. John shipping prosperity

Like most Scotchman Mr. Morrison is domestically inclined and his chief loves tress' photograph on the mantle. are his home and his church. He is a staunch supporter of the Reformed Presbyterians and has a great admiration for their late clergyman, Rev. Mr. MacFarlane. He is a man who has made many friends and he is respected by all for his sterling well as you do in my eyes, mum.

He seems to be quite sanguine of getting the fortune, though he has not let his hopes run away with his prudence. There is much to be done before the fortune can be obtained, it it is obtained.

Mr. Barnbill was asked respecting his beliet. He declined to express any opinion as to the surety of getting the money but said that while not attempting to d scourage his client he had advised him not to build up too strong hopes until he had

learned something more substantial. One of the provisions in the will shows one phase of "the money lender of Kimberley's" business foresight. He leaves the

sum of \$50,000 for legal expenses.

Bequeathed His Pension. Said B. C. Rains, a special pension agent, 'I had a peculiar case in Washington County, Tenn. A man named Adams drew a pension for total disability and I was instructed to call and see if the disabil. solitary man and saved his money, and his ity was still total. When I reached the

" 'Is this where John Adams lives?' " 'It's whar he did live, stranger,'

" 'Where does he live now?'

"He don't live. He's been dead for goin' for five y'ar. I'm his son.'

"Then I explained my mission, and he

"Oh, that's all right. Walk right in and tade a cheer. Pap could write an' he make a will: the pension war the only supposed, died a few years later, perhaps | thing he had to leave, but it's cum in mighty

He produced the will, and, sure enough, the pension had been devised to him. I time and at length brought up at Youngs- | didn't have the heart to tell him it was not valid, but he receives no more pension."

A LETTER OF JOHN WESLEY

son University. That well-known methodist institution. Mount Allison University, is happy. It now has an autograph letter of John Wesley in its possession-something that a college of any denomination would be glad to own. The letter is particularly valuable because it concerns early work in the crowns of six rulers, whose average North American mission fields, and hence years are only 22. is of great historical interest. It was writ-

ten a hundred and ten years since. A few years after it was written, Mr. George Tupper, of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, got possession of this letter, which he carefully preserved in his family quest which was left for the purpose of bible. About a year ago Mr. E. C. Foster. educating the children of the poor. The of Berwick, whose wife is one of Mr. Tupper's descendants, was on a visit to relatives in Massachusetts, and was surprised to find there the old Tupper bible, and also the letter of John Wesley. He took the letter back with him to Nova Scotia, and has now presented it to Mount Allison. The letter is as follows:

> To all whom these presents shall come. John Wesley, late Fellow of Lincoln College, in Oxford, Presbyter of the Church of England, send-

eth greeting. Whereas many of the people in the Southern provinces of North America, who desire to continue under my care, and still adhere to the doctrines and dicciplines of the Church of England are greatly disturbed for want of Ministers to administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, according to the uses of said Church: And whereas there does not appear to be any other way of supplying them with ministers: Know all men, that I John Wesley think myself providentially called at this time to set apart some persons for the work of the ministry in America. And therefore under the protection of Almighty God and with a single eye to his Glory I have this day set apart as a superintendent by the imposition of my hands and prayer (being assisted by the ordained ministers) Thomas Coke, Director of Civil Law, Presbyter of the Church of England and a man whom I judge to be well qualified for this great work. And I do hereby recommend him to all whom it may concern as a fit person to preside over the flock of Christ. In testi-mony whereof I have herein set my hand and seal this the second day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

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that the mold of the features themselves

It is related that many years ago the first time Prince Bismarck went to consult Dr. Schweninger, he was asked many questions. The Iron Chancellor, who was not accustomed to be cross-questioned, got impatient, and said "he came to be cured and not catechised."

"Oh, replied the doctor, coolly; "then you had better go to a veterinary surgeon. He's the only doctor I know of who cures his patients without asking them any ques-

Blarney.

The Boston Transcript quotes one of those inimitable compliments for which Hibernians are famous. Patrick was in the drawing room on

some errand, and caught sight of his mis-"Yes, Patrick," said the lady, in response to some exclamation of his, "that is my pic-

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