

# The King's Highway.

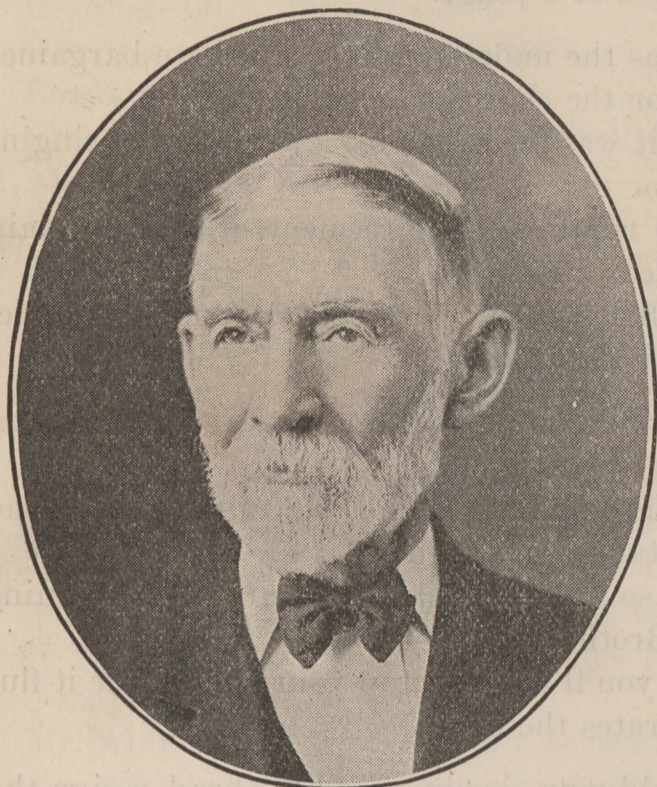
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And a Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35-8.

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GEORGE F. CASE.

In the organization of the Reformed Baptist church at St. John, which took place in December, 1888, there was a charter membership of about forty, among them being Brother George F. and Sister Case. Brother Case, while now in poor health, is one of the comparatively few who remain of the original membership. Translations and removals have steadily reduced the company who joyfully banded together on that memorable occasion. But in a recent visit to the St. John church we had the pleasure of listening to several testimonies from those who were charter members of this church twenty-six years ago, as bright, and clear and definite as at the beginning, differing only by the increased assurance of twenty-six years experience and unnumbered blessings.

Brother Case was not able to be at the service, but at his home while we visited him, he expressed the same unwavering assurance of the cleansing power and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Brother Case was converted in the Waterloo Street (then F. C. B.) church, under the labors of the late Rev. Joseph Parsons, 40 years ago last May.

In the early days of the holiness movement in New Brunswick he definitely sought and found the blessing of entire sanctification and has lived in the victorious life thus obtained ever since. Brother Case is a native of Queens County, N. B. He is now over 78 years of age and has a remarkable record of 45 or 46 years as an express messenger on the Intercolonial and other R. R's.

We copy the following from the St. John Daily Times of March 28th, 1910:

At the age of seventy-four, after forty-four years of faithful service as an express messenger, George F. Case, of 101 1-2 Elliott Row, is still actively in pursuit of his duties in that capacity, still attending to his work with the same promptness, regularity and cheerfulness which have characterized him as one of the most capable in his calling; and won him the esteem

and sincere regard of his fellow-workmen and his employers.

He is the oldest express messenger in the employ of the Canadian Express Company, and has had an enviable and honorable career as messenger, without a questioning note against his name. He is, indeed, the pioneer of the messenger service in New Brunswick, and an hour or so spent with him in conversation will prove one of the most enjoyable sources of recreation to be had.

#### MORE THAN 3,000,000 MILES.

In his career as messenger Mr. Case has covered more mileage than any other. After considerable difficulty, figures that are regarded as very nearly correct, have been gathered showing the mileage covered by Mr. Case for thirty-four years to be 3,233,784 miles. There are still ten years unaccounted for, but if a proper estimate could be made on the mileage in that decade, the distance covered by the veteran messenger would be about 4,000,000 miles.

After having served for nearly half a century, Mr. Case is still enjoying most perfect health and his only defect is in hearing, which is not quite so good as formerly. His face is kindly to look upon, and when he smiles, as he does quite frequently, especially when recounting some of his experiences, his whole countenance beams with good humor and cheer.

His memory is really remarkable. He has a happy faculty of remembering even minor details in connection with events which occurred more than fifty, even sixty years ago, and mentions dates and names with such an air of certainty that his hearer is not disposed to question his accuracy. To come in contact with the old gentleman is to have a great respect for him, and on leaving him one is firmly impressed with the belief that he is a "grand old man" in every sense of the word.

#### A QUEENS COUNTY BOY.

Mr. Case was born on April 5, 1836, in Long Island, Wickham, Queens County, where his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Case, were prosperous residents. There were five other children in the family, and with them and the other young people in the vicinity, he attended the district school, and took advantage of every opportunity to become proficient in the study of the three "R's."

On the ninth day of March fifty-one years ago Mr. Case was united in marriage to Miss Louise E. Baird, and the union was blessed by five children, of whom there are now living two sons—Frederick A., bridge contractor, in Albany, N. Y., and James B., of the Times-Star mechanical staff, and one daughter, Miss Susie E. Case, living at home. Mrs. Case is also alive and well.

After working at various odd jobs while at home, Mr. Case came to the city at the age of 30, in the year 1866, and was soon in the employ of the American Express Company, under the management of J. D. Turner. For a while he remained at this work, but branched for a few

months into the fire department and guided No. 2 fire engine to the scene of many a conflagration.

It was not long, however, before Mr. Case was again attending to the duties of express messenger, this time under Joseph R. Stone, who remained in office until a few years ago, when he retired. The veteran express messenger tells an amusing anecdote of how he was given the position with Mr. Stone. He heard of a vacancy in the office, and, having applied for the position, made an agreement whereby he would leave after a week's probation, provided he did not like the work or Mr. Stone did not like his work. At the end of the week, however, there was no question, but the agreement had proven satisfactory to both, for Mr. Case remained as messenger, and from that time to the present has held the same office, with the remarkable record to his credit of not having one black mark against him.

That was almost forty-four years ago, when an express messengers duties were far different from what they now are, when the condition of life and living was in strong contrast to the present, and when hardship and danger awaited a railroad man at almost every turn. In spite of these facts, however, the sturdy son of Queens County up to nine years ago, from the time he was nineteen years of age, had never required the services of a physician.

#### VALUABLE PACKAGES IN HIS CARE.

In his forty-four years of service Mr. Case has guarded some valuable shipments, but has never been molested. At one time in a canvas bag over his shoulder were valuables to the amount of \$93,000, which he diligently safeguarded in the loneliness of the northern and eastern counties of the province. At another time Mr. Case arrived in town late at night with \$80,000 in his possession, a little after the fire of '77. He sought the office of his company to deposit his precious burden, but the door was locked, and he found himself in the street some distance from home with an enormous sum in a frail canvas bag. He decided to take it to his home, and did so, sleeping with it in his bed that night, and heaving a sigh of relief when he placed it in the office of the express company next morning.

The name of the express company changed several times, but it made no difference to Mr. Case—his duties were the same when he worked for the Intercolonial Express Company as when he labored for the Intercolonial and Canadian companies, and later for the Canadian Express Company, as it is now called.

In his early days, Mr. Case told a Times-Star reporter who called on him one day last week, there was but one railway running in New Brunswick—from St. John to Shediac—known as the European and North American Railway. On this road he ran from here to Shediac, leaving St. John one day and returning the next, unless he was storm-stayed, which frequently happened. The I. C. R. was build-