THE GOLDEN FORD

'This was a little fat Dutchman, with pale blue eyes and a mustache like two streaks of darning cotton. He had come to town to sell a pair of beef-steers, but got drawn into the general hilarity, and now he didn't care a cuss whether he, she or it ever sold another steer. He got himself on end and sung 'Leeb Fadderlont unoxtrue eckstein' in a style that made you wonder that the human nose could stand the strain.

"'Aw, cheese that!' says a feller near the door. 'Come get your steers. One of 'em's just chased the barber up a telegraph pole!'

"So then we all piled out into the street to see the steers. Sure enough, there was the barber, sitting on the cross-piece, and the steer pawing dirt underneath.

"'He done made me come a fast heat from de corner,' says the barber. 'I k p' hollerin' "next!" but he ain't pay no 'tention—he make it "next" fur me, shuah! Yah, yah, yah! You gents orter seen me start at de bottom, an slide all de way up disyer telegraft pole!'

"One of the bull-whackers went out to rope the steers, and Ag gave directions from the sidewalk. He wasn't very handy with a riata, and that's a fact, but the way Ag lit into him was scandalous. When he'd missed about six casts of his rope, Ag opened up on him—

"'Put a stamp on it and send it to him by mail,' says Aggy in his sourcastic way. 'Address it "Bay steer, middle of Main street, Boise, Idaho. If not delivered within ten days, return to owner, who can use it to hang himself." Blast my hide if I couldn't stand here and throw a box-car nearer to the critter! Well, well, well! How many left hands have you got, anyhow? Do it up in a wad and heave it at him for general results—he might get tangled in it!'

"It rattled the bull-whacker, having so much attention drawn to him, and he stepped on the rope and twisted himself up in it and was flying light generally.

"'Say!' says Ag, appealing to the crowd, 'won't some kind friend who's fond of puzzles go down and help that gentleman do himself?'

"That made the whacker mad. He was as red in the face as a lobster.

"'You come down and show what you can do,' says he. 'You've got enough gas for a balloon ascension, but that may be all there is to you.'

"'Oh, I ain't so much,' says Aggy, 'although I'm as good a man today as ever I was in my life—but I have a little friend here who can rope, down and ride that critter from here to the brick-front in five minutes by the watch; and if you've got a twenty-five dollar bill in your pocket or its equivalent in dust, you can observe the experiment.'

"'I'll go you, by gosh!' says the bull-whacker, slapping his hat on the ground, and digging for his pile.

"'Say, if you're referring to me, Ag,' I says, 'it's kind of sudden spring—I ain't what you might call in training, and that steer is full of triple-extract of giant powder.'

"'G'wan!' says Ag. 'You can do it—and then we're twenty-five ahead.'

"'But suppose we lose?'

"'Well. . . . It won't be such an awful loss.'

"'Now you look here, Agamemnon G. Jones,' says I, 'I ain't going to stand for putting up a summer breeze ag'in' that feller's good dough—that's a skin game, to speak it pleasantly.'

"Then Aggy argues the case with me, and when Aggy started to argue you might just as well 'moo' and chase yourself into the corral, because he'd get you, sure. Why, that man could sit in a cabin and make roses bloom right in the middle of the floor; whilst he was singing his little song you could see 'em and smell 'em; he could talk a snowbank off a high divide in the middle of February. Never see anybody with such a medicine tongue, and in a big man it was all the stranger. 'Now,' he winds up, 'as for cheating that feller, you ought to know me better, Red—why, I'll give him my note!'

"So, anyhow, I done it. Up the street we went, steer bawling and buck-jumping, my hair a-flying, and me as busy as the little bee you read about keeping that steer underneath me, 'stead of on top of me, where he'd ruther be, and after us the whole town, whoopin', yellin', crackin' off six-shooters, and carryin' on wild.

"Then we had twenty-five dollars and was as good as anybody. But it didn't last long. The tin-horns came out after pay-day like hop-toads after a rain. 'Twould puzzle the government at Washington to know where they hang out in the meantime. There was one lad had a face on him with about as much expression as a hotel punkin pie. He run an arrow game, and he talked right straight along in a voice that had no more bends in it than a billiard cue.

"'Here's where you get your three for one any child may do it no chance to lose make your bets while the arrow of fortune swings all gents accommodated in amounts from two-bits to double-eagles and bets paid on the nail,' says he.

"'Red 'Red,' says Aggy. 'I can double our pile right here—let me have the money. I know this game.' You'd hardly believe it, but I dug up. 'Double-or-quits?' says he to the dealer.

"'Let her go,' says the dealer; the arrow swung around. 'Quits.' says the dealer and raked in my dough. It was all over in one second.

"I grabbed Algy by the shoulder and took him in the corner for a private talk. 'I thought you knew this game?' says I.

"'I do,' says he 'That's the way it always happens.' And once more in my life I experienced the peculiar feeling of being altogether at a loss for words.

"'Aggy,' says I at last. 'I've got a notion to lay two violent hands on you, and wind you up like an eight day clock, but rather than make hard feelings betwen friends, I'll refrain. Besides you are a funny cuss, that's sure. One thing boy, you can mark down. We leave here tomorrow morning.'

"'All right,' says Ag. This sporting life is the very devil. I like out doors as well as the next man when I get there.'

"So the next morning away we went. All we had for kits was the picks, shovels and pans; the best of our belongings was staying with the hotel man until we made a rise.

"Ag said he'd be cussed if he'd walk. A hundred and fifty miles of a stroll was too many.

"'But we ain't got a cent to pay the stage fare,' says I.

"'Borrow it of Uncle Hotel-keep,' says he.

"'Not by a town site,' says I. We owe him all we're going to, at this very minute—you'll have to hoof it, that's all."

"'I tell you I won't. I don't like to have anybody walk on my feet, not even myself. I can stand off that stage-driver so easy thet you'll wonder I don't take it up as a profession. Now don't raise any more objections—please don't,' says he 'I can't tell you how nervous you make me, always finding some fault with everything I do. That's no way for a hired man to act, let alone a gardner.'

(To be continued.)

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Natural History Society.

The monthly meeting of this society was held last evening the president, Senator Ellis, in the chair. Several members were added to this association. Ordinary, A. Turner B. Howard, Hon. Judge Willrich, Allan H. Wetmore; associate, Mrs. H. P. Peck, Mrs. Allan H. Wetmore, Mrs. L. McLaughlin, Mrs. G. C. Coster, Mrs. C. D. Foss, Mrs. S. Kerr, Mrs. S. Milligan, Mrs. Dowling. Senator Ellis was chosen delegate to the meeting of the Royal Society in Ottawa.

A mounted blue heron, a wooden pillow, a club of wood from an Indian of Ontario were presented by Miss Cameron. Several boulders from the excavations for docks in Carleton, presented by J. K. Scammel, were shown by Dr. Mathew to be drift boulders that had been gathered by the ice in the glacial period from the gorge of the narrows above the falls and swept down to the harbor.

The president called on Mr. Banks, who gave a very interesting account of the denizens of Dark Lake, a small pond on the border of Rockwood Park. Mr. Banks' original observations are always interesting, and they were doubly so this occasion because so many of the society are familar with the locality. He gave many anecdotes of the various animals whose habits he had studied there.

Dr. T. H. Lunney was next called upon and gave a very interesting account of the industries of animals, treating them from three points of view—those relating to the procuring of food, the building of a home, and their means of defense.

At the conclusion of his paper a vote of thanks was passed to the two lecturers and after reading a paper from Prof. Ganong, by title, the meeting adjourned.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union was held in Berryman's hall last night. The meeting discussed the scale as presented to the employers in July, 1903, as there has been complaint from time to time that this is being violated by some of the employers. It was said at the meeting that there have since come up some classes of work not included in the schedule then presented. Those who have not strictly lived up to the agreement will be advised with reference to the matter, this course having been decided upon. Should they fail to comply with the agreement, the union announces they will further deal with the matter.

The quarterly meeting of the executive of the Maritime Hardware Association was held here yesterday morning. It was announced that only routine business was transacted. The following were present: John McAvity, president; E. K. Spinney, of Yarmouth; W. H. Stearns, M. O. Crowell and N. Robertson, jr., of Halifax; John Keefe, D. C. Lee, and H. M. Coates, representing the local houses. The Halifax representatives returned home on the noon train.



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WANTS HER CHILD

Mrs. Stevens of Hilyard Street Says Neighbors Have Her Daughter

"I want to know if they have any right to keep my child? I'm her mother, and home with me is where she sould be. I want to know if the law hasn't power to make them give her up."

Mrs. Joseph Stevens, of No. 109 Hilyard street, professes to have a serious grievance against Mrs. Thomas Wilson of 126 Chesley street. She affirms that her daughter, Nellie Little, has been with the latter family ever since Monday last, and that the girl is being persuaded to remain away.

When Mrs. Stevens, accompanied by her husband, appealed to the police last evening, she seemed in no trifling mood. She was almost breathless from the exertions of the previous hour, and felt that she was not overestimating the gravity of the situation by invoking the aid of the authorities.

"Nellie," she said, "is my only daughter. He (pointing to her husband) is her step-father. She is thirteen years of age and for the past year or so has been fond of attending the Salvation Army meetings. Early last winter, while attending a meeting she met with an accident that affected her eyesight, and she had to be treated at the hospital. She recovered, but the doctor said she must be kept as quiet as possible, but in spite of all this, she would run off to the army meetings."

Mrs. Stevens went on to tell that as a result of the accident her daughter was left in a nervous state, and that it was necessary to be very considerate with her.

"But those people who attend the army meetings," she continued, "at last just took charge of her, and they knew that I was opposed to her being present at any of the meetings on account of the noise. The Wilsons go down to the Indiantown hall and she's been at their home, I know, since early in the week. I can't get her away.

"Tonight my husband and myself went down to the Indiantown hall and questioned some of the army officers, but we didn't get much encouragement. Last night we went to Charlotte street and Brindley street and Mill street halls, but didn't see her.

"She hasn't been home since last Sunday morning, and the first time I've seen her since then was early this evening, when we went down to the Wilson house. I saw her at a distance—standing by the door with some of the family. But everybody ran, and when we finally reached the house we couldn't get any satisfaction. I've heard that Mrs. Wilson says Nellie tells her that I have been in the habit of locking her out, but that's an absolute lie. As if I'd do such a thing to my own child!"

About 10 o'clock last night a Telegraph reporter visited the Wilson residence, but was unable to gain admittance. The police as yet have taken no action.

PRESENTATION TO NO. 1 SALVAGE CORPS

It was a very jolly gathering that assembled in the rooms of No. 1 Salvage Corps and Fire Police in No. 3 fire station last night, the occasion being an "at-home" given for Captain White and members of No. 2 S. C. & F. P. of the North End, by the former corps. Capt. R. W. W. Frink, of No. 1, presided and the rooms were completely filled. After some phonograph selections the following programme was carried out: Piano selection, Mr. Guy (organist St. David's church); vocal solo, Mr. Plummer; string quartette, Messrs. Smith, Hoyt, Hay and Donald; reading, A. W. Baird; vocal solo, Fred T. McKeen; bag pipes selection, Mr. Ross; Mandolin duet, Messrs. Hoyt and Smith; vocal solo, Howard Holder; piccalo selection, Mr. Ross; vocal solo, Mr. Mallinson; vocal solo, John H. Tonge; vocal solo, R. S. Ritchie.

The programme completed, Chief Kerr presented to No. 1 Corps, through Captain Frink, some very ancient and valuable documents. They were "The rules and regulations for the governing of the St. John Protection Fire Club," 1836. The document bore the names of prominent citizens of that date, numbering forty in all, as members of the club.

Chief Kerr also gave the records of the Protection Fire Club of 1857. In making the presentation he spoke of his being the organizer of No. 1 Salvage Corps and Fire Police in 1882. He said that both No. 1 and 2 had rendered excellent services to the department and he closed by heartily congratulating both.

The chief was given three cheers, and all joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." It was after midnight when the gathering dispersed, all voting it one of the best yet.

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ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY

At yesterday afternoon's session of the presbytery of St. John, the following were the reports:

The most interesting report presented was that of the statistical committee, which was read by Rev. A. M. Hill in the afternoon. From the figures contained in that report, it appears that there are now in the bounds of the presbytery 300 fewer families than in the preceding year. There are twenty-seven congregations and eight mission charges. Five of these congregations—St. Stephen's of this city, Milltown, Lorneville, Waterford and South Richmond, are vacant at the present time. There are thirty ministers and ordained missionaries in the presbytery. The number of families connected with the church is 3,287, th number of members 5,733, and there are 200 ruling elders.

All the congregations in the bounds contributed largely to the schemes of the church.

The amount paid out for ministers' stipends was $29,562, which is in excess of the amount for 1904. The amount raised for ordinary expenses was $63,677, an increase of $8,856 over the previous year, and of $12,211 over 1903, and an average of $10 a family. For the schemes of the church $7,652 was raised, being an average of $2.32 a family. The total indebtedness on church property was reduced during 1905 by $7,444, and now stands at $74,-141. The total amount raised for all purposes was $73,389, an increase of $7,451 over 1904, an average of $22.33 a family.

Moncton leads in the number of families, having 600. St. David's church in this city comes second with 419. St. David's, however, leads in the matter of increased givings to the schemes of the church with $2.96 a family. For all purposes, Woodstock shows the largest increase, with $14.76 a family.

After the reading of the sessions records committee report by Rev. J. A. McLean, the election of commissioners to the general assembly was proceeded with. The clerk announced that those who attend by rotation this year are Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Rev. L. A. McLean and Rev. A. H. Foster. Those elected by ballot were Rev. James Ross, Rev. D. McOdrum, and Rev. D. G. Ireland. The alternatives are Rev. A. A. Graham, Rev. Frank Baird and Rev. David Lang. The following are the elders elected: W. C. Whittaker, Hon. J. G. Forbes, S. R. Jack, H. A. White of Sussex, Peter Campbell and E. E. Fraser. The following were appointed alternatives: Robert Reid, W. S. Sutton, L. H. Munns, L. W. Johnston and J. A. Moore.

Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Halifax, was nominated moderator for the general assembly, and Rev. James Ross moderator of synod.

The report of the committee on standing committees was then read by Rev. D. McOdrum. The following were approved:—

College board—Hon. J. G. Forbes, Rev. W. McDonald, Rev. A. A. Graham and Rev. Gordon Dickie.

Senate—Rev. Dr. Fotheringham and Rev. A. A. Graham.

Home mission—Rev. H. R. Reed, Rev. James Ross and Rev. A. H. Foster.

Augmentation—Rev. D. McOdrum, Rev. Frank Baird and H. A. White.

Foreign missions—Rev. D. McOdrum, Rev. David Lang and T. H. Somerville.

French evangelization—Rev. James Ross.

Church life and work—Rev. J. A. McLean.

Aged and infirm ministers—Hon. J. G. Forbes.

Widows and orphans—Rev. D. McOdrum.

Church property—Judge Stevens.

Uniformity of public worship—Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, D. D.

The reports of the augmentation fund committee and the committee on Sunday schools were also read and approved. In the Sunday school report resolutions were incorporated strongly urging greater care and attention in the work of the Sunday school scholars and teachers. It was also recommended that the next quarterly meeting of the presbtery be held in Woodstock in connection with the summer school. The reports were both adopted.

Rev. James Ross then presented the report of the home mission committee, which was approved. The following recommendations were made: That the following fields be supplied by catechists: Cahano, St. Francis, Edmundston, Andover, Three Brooks, Riley Brook, New Maryland, Brookaway, Nashwaak, Jerusalem, Grand Bay, Golden Grove, St. Martins, Salina, Norton, Riverside, Humphrey's, Buctouche, New Scotland, Waterford and Baillie; to be supplied by ordained missionaries, Stanley and Nashwaak, Waweig, McAdam, Calvin, Hampton, Springfield, Dorchester and Sackville and Grand Falls.

The following recommendations were embodied in the report: That D. K. Ross, a second year student in theology, be ordained; that application be made by the presbytery to the general assembly to receive Duncan C. Stevens as a student in theology in the third year, in the meantime Rev. James Ross and Rev. A. A. Graham be a committee to give Mr. Stevens a course of reading for the next six months.

The following grants were made: Baillie, $300; McAdam, $200; Waweig, $250; Calvin, $300; Hampton, $225; Springfield, $300; Stanley, $200; Dorchester and Sackville, $250, and Grand Falls, $250.

The following appointments were recommended: D. K. Ross to McAdam, Rev. Hunter Boyd to Waweig, E. E. Mowatt to Stanley and Nashwaak, G. Glover to Hampton, M. A. McKay to Springfield, L. A. McLean to Calvin, and Rev. J. McNeill as supply to Sackville and Dorchester from May 1. In conclusion, the report asked that the appointment of students to fields be left in the hands of the superintendent.

After Rev. A. M. Hill had read the report of the statistical committee, Rev. Frank Baird, of Sussex, introduced his overture to the general assembly on that subject. In the course of his remarks, Rev. Mr. Baird said that the statistics as printed were of no practical value. In the forms issued by the general assembly many of the terms used were ambiguous and as a matter of fact every session interpreted them in its own way. He wished that in future there should be some common basis on which to work. He moved that in future the word household be dropped from the forms and the word family substituted. For ecclesiastical purposes he said that a family ought to consist of at least a husband and wife, or three persons living in the same house. He also wished the general assembly to define more clearly the term "adherent."

A long discussion followed. The final determination was to transmit the overture to the general assembly and leave that body to thrash the matter out.

The call from the congregation at Milltown to Rev. W. W. Rainnie was then taken up. It was confirmed and the document placed in Rev. Mr. Rainnie's hands and he signified his acceptance. It was arranged that induction take place April 24, at 8 p. m. Rev. Gordon Dickie will preside, Rev. Mr. Ross, of McAdam, will address the minister, and Rev. Mr. Hillock, the people.

Rev. A. H. Foster read the report of the committee on systematic giving.

Rev. D. McOdrum introduced a resolution that while the presbytery looked with favor on church socials it was opposed to these as a means of raising money for the work of the gospel, which was carried.

It was decided on the application of the congregation of St. Matthew's church to grant them aid from the century church and manse building fund to the extent of $200, providing they can raise the like amount among themselves. St. Matthew's church, including the ground occupied, cost the congregation $4,500. Of this they have paid off all but $1,-900 without receiving aid from any outside source and it was felt that they deserved the help extended.

Rev. H. R. Reed, in behalf of the committee appointed to examine the new metrical version of the psalms, reported against adopting it for use in public worship.

After the reading of a few formal notices and passing a number of bills, the presbytery adjourned.

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J. R. Haycock, travelling auditor for the Dominion Express Company, and Fred R. Taylor, counsel for the company, called at the police court yesterday afternoon and Mr. Haycock laid information against White, before Magistrate Ritchie. The charge is the forging of an express order for $50 on Oct. 20th, 1905, made out from F. P. Perkins, in favor of G. R. Bulytin. The warrant was handed to Detective Killen, and a little later he arrested White at his home in Mecklenburg street.

At White's preliminary examination on the first charge, a few weeks ago, the alleged forged order was for $50, and about the only practical difference between the two charges is apparently the matter of dates.

Mr. Haycock asked by a Telegraph reporter, was reluctant to discuss the matter. Beyond saying that the two charges are distinctly seperate, he declined to speak.

At the time of White's preliminary examination, some of the express officials present said that there were other orders similar to the one under which he was charged, and it was intimated last night that this last order was one, such as the officials had in mind, and that it was deemed best to prefer the second charge against him even though the first has not been finally disposed of.

The committe on claims resulting from the water extension to Loch Lomond met last evening. Ald. Bullock occupied the chair and Ald. Baxter and Pickett, the other members, were present with the recorder and Director Murdoch. The claims already admitted and disposed of were gone over and a general examination of those received but not disposed of followed. It is expected the committee will meet at intervals for some months as they have authority to consider and report on all claims, including those of the contractors.

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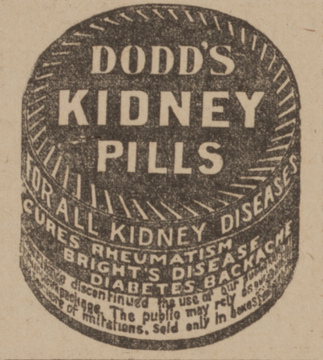
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A meeting of the executive of the Exhibition Association was held last evening in the office of A.O.Skinner, the president. A general discussion of plans and arrangements took place and D. J. McLaughlin and J. H. McAvity were appointed to inspect the buildings and report what repairs will be necessary. No appointment to the position of general manager was made and a further meeting will be held next week.



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