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W. F. TIDMARSH Executive Chairman Hospital Campaign Fund. Charlottetown, P. E. I. September 1st, 1931. 8433-9-1-61.

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Youth Rides West

By Will Irwin

(Continued) and I saw that we were at the tail of a procession.

The interruption of the stage robbery took most of our morning. By dusk we had advanced only ten weary miles; for now we were really climbing. While I unsaddled, cut down a dead pine for wood, built a fire on a course of rocks which thrust its crest above the snow, started supper, Buck went ahead in the dying light to reconnoiter. He returned to his native state of cynical pessimism. We should be in luck if we made Cottonwood in two days. As for the chance at a claim, Buck revealed his pessimism on that score by a series of speculations concerning miners' wages in Cotton-wood.

Above the ledge of rock where burned our fire a scant circle of young pines grew on a miniature plateau from which the snow had melted. There we tethered our weary train. After supper, dog-tired though we were, we had still more work. By the light of our candle lantern I cut a pile of fresh boughs to alleviate the hardness of our bed. Young and weary though I was, when I had rolled into my blanket and settled my head on my saddle, anticipation banished sleep for at least five minutes.

I knew nothing more until Buck shook me and I saw that the eastern edge of the sky below us had begun to glow.

The stars were fading and a thrill dawn wind was blowing down the gorge when we finished our coffee, gave the last touch to our packs by adding our tin cups and plates, saddled our horses, mounted.

For a twisted mile, our train scrambled from ledge to ledge, then slid into the main road. It was full daylight now; the half-frozen mud had a consistency of soft rubber, and each burro landed with a kind of elastic "plop." We rounded a pinnacle of rock. Above us the road carried for a mile or so straight up a 12 per cent grade;

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A widening of the road, built so that teams might pass, gave us a chance to advance two places in line and to wriggle in behind a light buckboard carrying what I took for a pair of gamblers. At the next sharp rise of the grade our pack train had its first accident.

With the instinct of their breed, the burros had hitherto avoided the slippery spots and held their footing in spite of their tiny hoofs. But now the big fellow who had caused us all the trouble two days before slipped to his knees, rolled heavily over onto his side. Because he was larger of frame than the rest we had loaded him on that morning of the supreme effort with the heaviest of our mining equipment. We had not calculated on the inherent asininity of his character. This time, instead of waiting patiently for man to get him out of trouble, he struggled violently though vainly bidding fair to break our shovels and his own legs. Buck leaped forward, sat on his head until he accepted the inevitable and lay quiescent. Not only had the saddle shifted until the burro lay on his back, but Buck's scientific arrangement had been knocked all askew. There was nothing for it but to loosen the cinches, slip him out of the saddle, and pack again.

"If I hold this line up there'll be shooting!" remarked Buck under his breath. "Got to pack this stuff to a level spot somewheres." And hard on this the freighter behind us, driving six mules with a jerk-line, called:

"Well, git out of the road! Git a move on!" Buck rose to his full impressive height.

"If you want us out of the way," he said, "ye kin drop that pretty jumpin' rope of yours and help!"

The buckboard went on, revealed a hundred yards ahead a cleft on the hillside down which, when the snows began really to melt, a stream would tumble across the road. There we assembled our jacks and our horses. As we returned to the scene of the jam I met the freighter and his assistant toiling up with part of our paraphernalia. When Buck had loaded himself to capacity there were left only the pack saddle, a shovel and an ax. Possessing myself of these, I staggered stride by stride behind Buck for at least ten yards. Although I was young and full of foolish pride in my own strength I could keep up with him no longer than that. I straggled into the creek bed far behind, dumped my load and dropped myself across it in the last stages of exhaustion. However, even the mountain-inured Buck, I noticed with satisfaction, was fain to squat on his heels and rest himself for a minute. Then he sprang up, prodded the recreant burro into position with the sole of his boot, began to saddle.

Now a white ridge rose just above and beyond us. Beyond lay not indeed the summit, but a round, wide and gentle slope which stretched a glittering white expanse

to the sky line. We had passed the sources of the stream above which we had been toiling all that day. Buck mounted, and I, with more relief than I can tell, followed his example. He did not need to inform me that this was the final dash to the pass, for which he had been harboring the strength of our horses. With menacing cracks of his blacksnake whip Buck kept our burros climbing at a fast walk. And now we passed a low ridge and I saw that the line of the horizon no more made a sharp cleft between dazzling white and deep blue. It was slashed with the black silhouettes of men, horses, wagons. The men, I perceived at a second glance, all stood with their backs toward us.

"Thar she be, I guess," remarked Buck. He himself had a catch in his breath. In those days none had measured this quarter of the Rockies, but I knew now that we were much more than eleven thousand feet above sea level.

"Kin leave the jacks for a minute," Buck went on. At a cautious trot, which set the sides of my own horse to pumping against my legs like bellows, we advanced to the group on the horizon line. It remained the horizon line; no further heights showed beyond. We pulled up beside a freight wagon, and—

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PETERS ROAD AND VICINITY

Harvesting of grain crops is progressing as rapidly as the weather permits. The different grain crops are reported to be exceptionally good. Potatoe and other root crops give promise of a good yield.

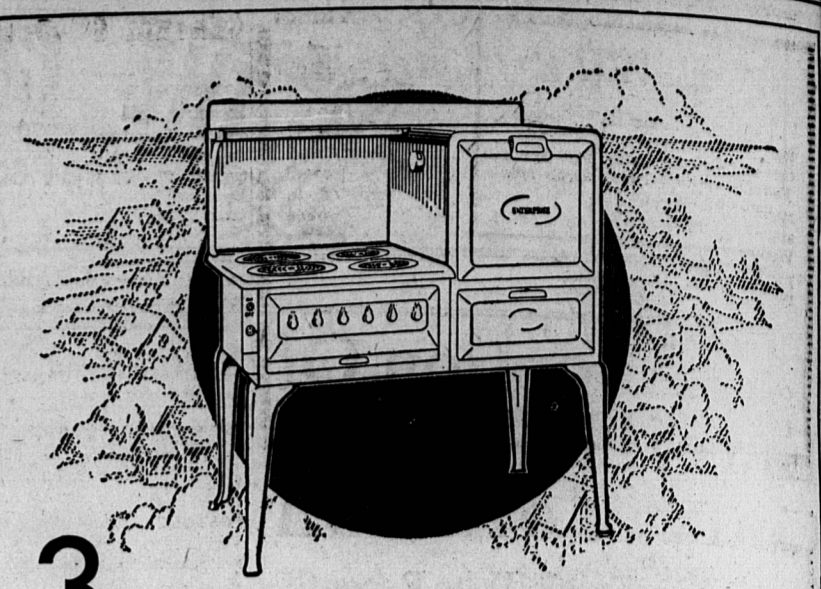
Mrs. Lillian MacFadyen of Newton Highlands, Mass., and her sister, Mrs. Florence Finlayson, of Malden, Mass., motored from their respective homes in the United States to Peters Road, where they will pay an extended visit to the old homestead, guests of their mother, Mrs. N. B. Johnston and family. They accompanied Mr. Claude Graham, also located in the United States and who is visiting at his home in Gaspereaux. Leaving on the morning of Friday 21 Aug., the party arrived home on Saturday following. Quick time.

The enclosed clipping from a recent issue of the Halifax Chronicle tells the gallant and timely rescue of a boy from drowning by Mr. Lyle Beaton of Halifax and formerly of Peters Road will be interesting reading for his many friends in P. E. Island. Mr. Beaton referred to is a son of Mr. M. A. Beaton Teacher and Mrs. Beaton, Peters Road. Following is the account: "Yesterday afternoon while Lyle Beaton of the engineering department of Porter Brothers, was passing Pier B., the calls and screams of a small group of boys on the edge of the pier attracted his attention. Some distance out from the shore a small form was drifting on the tide. Without pausing to remove his clothing, Mr. Beaton went over the pier wall and swam out to the unconscious child, who had apparently been in the water for some time. To Mr. Beaton's quick action, Carl Knox, aged 8 years whose parents reside at 80 Clarence Street, owes his life. Unconscious and almost past human aid, the boy failed for almost an hour to respond to the efforts of Dr. P. A. Macdonald to revive him. The physician called by the lad's rescuer who himself gave first aid before the doctor arrived, worked at times with little hope, but his efforts were rewarded and the boy still in bad shape from his accident, was removed to his home where two other physicians assisted in reviving him. Today Carl is recovering but he will spend the next few days in bed. The lad with a group of playmates, was on the pier yesterday afternoon, when Carl slipped and fell some 30 feet into deep water. He came up several times and then floated on the surface. His terrified companions unable to aid him and afraid to leave, tried to attract attention by shouting but as the children who persist in frequenting this dangerous playground, despite the efforts of watchmen and police to keep them away, and make a great deal of noise, little attention was paid by the workers who were some distance away. Mr. Beaton's opportune passing and his quick action in getting the boy to shore and under medical care, undoubtedly saved his life.

We regret to state that Finley the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mackinnon, Peters Road, while operating the pump engine in some way had the misfortune of breaking an arm. The broken limb was set as quickly as possible and it is

detained at home during the berry picking season. Now that this event has passed and that there will be a vacation in the fall for potatoe work let a strong effort be made to keep the attendance well up so that the teachers be not embarrassed with a low percentage of attendance. Mr. Benjamin Beck, Murray River, is the new teacher in charge of the Point Pleasant School.

The attendance in the schools of this locality has been somewhat limited owing to the children being



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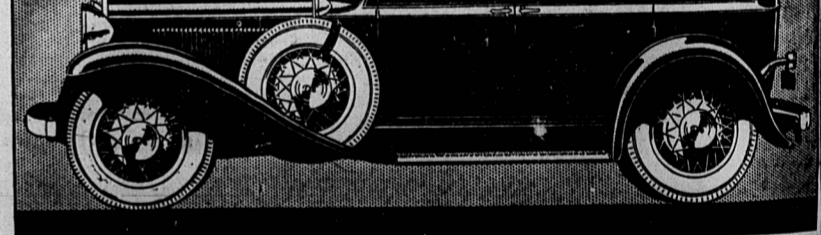
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