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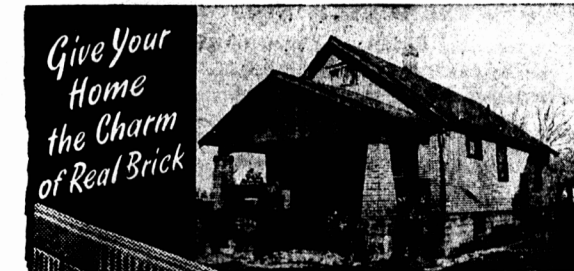
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True Success Story

By F. H. MacArthur

Rose Valley, like so many other rural districts of Prince Edward Island, produced some remarkable men, especially in the business and industrial world. The late Murdoch Ross and the late Samuel MacDonald were well-known figures in the business life of Charlottetown up until recent years. Both were born in Rose Valley.

In today's story, I am going to write about another Rose Valley man, Hector MacDonald, a poor farm youth who, like Samuel MacDonald and Murdoch Ross, climbed the ladder of success with only a miscellaneous education and with no financial backing.

When news of the Colorado gold rush reached this Island, a considerable number of young lads immediately set out to seek their fortunes in the gold fields of the American West. Shy, quiet Hector MacDonald was among the early treasure-seekers.

When this seventeen-year-old youth reached the town of Leadville, he found it a flourishing but very wicked place. Everywhere there was great activity and, like all new gold camps in those days, vice abounded on all sides, in the streets, the dance halls, gambling joints, saloons and the Red Light district. Leadville was as prosperous as it was bad. Already fortunes had been gleaned from the Little Johnny and other adjoining mines.

Those who knew Leadville well said there was fabulous wealth below her bosom. Their reckoning proved right for the new mines turned out to be eldorados of the West in which more than one Islander cast his net not in vain. Donald Nicholson amassed a tidy fortune and George Champion became a millionaire. Both men had started in with pick and shovel and Nicholson rose from a humble farm lad to become Colorado's senator before the wicked little place became a ghost town.

Inspired by the achievements of these, his fellow Islanders, MacDonald gave up the pick and shovel to become a contractor or a "leaser" as some called it, but he had not the touch of a Midas—not while he stayed in Leadville. His lucky day came years later and at a time when he'd given up mining to pursue an entirely different path.

Even though he had not yet found the rainbow's end and the pot of gold, his experience in mining had gained for him a knowledge of the industry that very few men possessed.

Time passed on fleeting wings. At the age of 29, Hector married Margaret Vickerson of North River. Margaret had gone to the West with her parents, brothers and sisters at the time of the gold rush. The young couple met in Leadville where they were married in 1885.

By this time, the town that had mushroomed up almost overnight began to lose its importance as a mining centre and its residents started an exodus, some to their former homes and some to other mining towns such as Cripple Creek, Crede and across the state line into Nevada.

MacDonald with his wife and four small daughters headed for Crede but conditions were far from what they had been at the Little Johnny. Wages were low and only an experienced miner like MacDonald could hope to get employment. The set-up was not to his liking and two years later he went to the Pacific Coast where he landed a job with the Frozen Lumber Co., in New Westminster, B. C.

Three bucks a day was what he earned for nine hours hard labor in the lumber yards, with a tall Hindu boss looking down his neck. It was a far cry from the days in Leadville when, as a contractor, he had earned exactly ten times as much for an eight hour day's work.

Hector did not care for the lumber business, nor did he fancy the Hindu and Chinese bosses who held their present jobs be-

cause they had been brought up with the lumber and had a thorough knowledge of the various kinds of wood. The same year Hector took the job at the Frozen Mills, he was called to the Premier Gold Mining Co. (Premier, B. C.) and was given the position of head-foreman over the company's entire crew of miners.

Several years later, he rose to the position of mine superintendent at a salary of \$600 per month. At long last the once poor farm boy had found his level. The Premier proved to be a very rich gold mine and Superintendent MacDonald invested most of his earnings in the company's stock which brought him a tidy fortune.

He contracted pneumonia while still on the job and, when his doctors despaired of his life he was permitted to return to his home in Vancouver where he passed away in 1934.

Today his widow and three of his daughters live in Vancouver, while his youngest daughter, Mary, resides in California.

Like all other self-made men, Hector MacDonald early learned to give the best that was in him and, by so doing, he was able to master his handicap and go to the top while more talented men remained in the rut.

STERLING W. I.

The May meeting of Sterling W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Alban Bolger. Meeting opened in the usual manner. In the absence of the president through illness the Vice-President, Mrs. Henry, presided. Fifteen members responded to roll call with an exchange of slips or bulbs. One visitor was welcomed. Moved and seconded that hospital patients be remembered with a gift. The delegates to the T. B. Convention

gave a full report of the meeting. It was agreed that members make up five pounds sugar in candy for play or pay one dollar. Several letters of "Thanks" were read also other correspondence read and discussed.

Mrs. H. S. MacEwen invited members to meet at her home for the June meeting which will be the "birthday" month, when lunch will be prepared by Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. F. S. Bell, Mrs. Gordon Fyfe, Mrs. Elmer Fyfe and Mrs. Cranford MacKay.

Programme Committee—Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Elmer Fyfe. Roll call—place of birth and something interesting about it.

The following programme was carried out—paper on Agriculture read by Mrs. Fleming. Suggestion on how to improve Home Grounds—read by Mrs. H. S. MacEwen. Humorous Reading—Mrs. Fleming. Guessing contest put on by Mrs. F. S. Bell, first prize won by Mrs. H. S. MacEwen. Contest "Hidden Ants"—by Mrs. Fleming, first prize won by Mrs. W. I. Green and Mrs. Vernon MacLean. A dainty lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge after which a social hour was enjoyed. Collection amounted to \$140. Meeting closed with The King.

SEVEN MILE BAY C. W. L.

The regular and annual meeting of St. Peter's sub-division of the C. W. L. was held on May 7th, at 2.30 P. M. in the Parish Hall, with a good attendance. The president presided and the meeting opened with the League prayer by Rev. Wm. V. MacDonald. Roll was called and the minutes of the last annual and regular monthly meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed. A bill for flowers for the altars

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at Easter was presented and moved and seconded to be paid. Plans for the annual cleaning of the church by the women of the parish to be decided at the next meeting. Receipts from six card parties were received. The retiring president Miss Florrie Green then gave a report, reviewing the activities of the past year and thanking the members for their generous cooperation which had made possible the success of all undertakings.

Owing to illness, the Treasurer, Mrs. Allan Niles, was unable to be present and a report showing a credit balance of \$261.12 was given by the Secretary Miss Alethea Noonan.

Magazine report was given by the convener, Mrs. Wm. Trainor. A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers. The election of officers then fol-

lowed:
President—Mrs. Joseph Murphy.
1st Vice—Mrs. Brendon Sherry.
2nd Vice—Mrs. A. C. Green.
3rd Vice—Mrs. Wilfred McCormack.
Secretary Treasurer—Mrs. Layton Green.
Councillors—Helen Sherry Fernwood; Mrs. Dan McCarville, Chelton; Miss Alethea Noonan, Bedeque; Miss Florrie Green, Central Bedeque; Miss Margaret Carmichael, Sealestown; Mrs. Jerome MacKenna, Albany Village; Mrs. Lorne Noonan, Upper Albany; Mrs. James Murray, Augustine Cove; Miss Mary McCarville, Carleton; Mrs. Earle Murray and Mrs. Wm. MacDonald, North Carleton.
Magazine—Mrs. Wm. Trainor.
Catechism—Mrs. Doris Murphy.
Convener for Altar Committee—Mrs. Bert Cormier.

Collection taken up \$51.33. Meeting adjourned followed by Benediction.

IMPORTANT EXPORT

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AVERAGE READING

Recommendations for the establishment of new libraries suggest two books per person for cities of 10,000 to 200,000 population.

HALF-MILE DROP

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