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On June 7, 1912, after a march from the Drill Hall, the regiment returned and medals were presented to Bandmaster Brown and Pte. Valiquette for long service. Colour-Sergeant D. Thoburn, too, had another star added to the seven he already possessed. He is distinguished as being the only member of the original company, having joined it in June, 1872.

Colour-Sergeant Thoburn's military career dates back forty-four years; in 1868 he joined No. 1 Company of the 42nd Battalion (Almonte), under Capt. Peter MacDougall, and did military duty in Brockville on Kelly's Farm—about where the asylum now stands. In '69 he served with the same company in Prescott, and in '70, still with the same company, he saw service at the time of the Fenian Raids. Of the medals the Sergeant is wearing, the one on the left is the "King Edward Coronation" medal, the middle one is the "Fenian Raid" medal, and that on the right was presented him for long service—after twenty years in the G. G. F. G. Both the son and grandson of this soldier are members of the Guards, or, rather, Capt. Thoburn is, and Master Thoburn, of Ashbury College, is attached to the regiment, with his brother students, in the Ashbury College Cadet Corps.

The Mask of Jim Burrell

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the early morning scrub. In a luxuriously appointed stall in the far corner a sleek, white-maned, white-tailed Shetland pony turned its honest black eyes on the visitors as they approached its quarters.

"See that there pony," remarked Dan, pointing to the little animal. "It belonged to the boss's only boy that died twenty years ago; to the best of my knowledge that pony must be thirty years if he's a day. Every morning the old man comes in to see him and stands over there and watches me curry him down and shine up his sides. I've got to rub him down just so or there's trouble, and if he's the slightest bit out of sorts the old man fetches the doctor. I tell you if that pony was the dead boy himself it couldn't be better cared for. I used to think like you that the boss had no feelings, but it changes one's idea when one sees this sort of thing."

The young farmer looked puzzled. After a moment's silence he said, "Dan, I guess you had better hitch up my team and drive round to the hotel in

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