

boe's powers and chances Junia was with Carnac and in the end made him secure against his false wife by getting from her the marriage-certificate and sending her out of Montreal with a promise to put things right for Carnac. It was Junia who made Carnac successful at last.

Luke Tarboe is the sort of man that exists in new countries, and his great qualities marred by a certain powerful and ruthless force in business gave him a high place in a story which might have been tame without him. He had big strong qualities and he used them with prodigious skill. He would have been content if John Grier had not induced him to give up the backwoods life, to live excluded on the river and in the shanties, proud of his recovered health and free from stark ambition. Yet when he was caught in the storm of business he became eager to hold what he had got and to develop it. He was not wholly straight, but he played straight with John Grier and tried to make him do right by Carnac concerning the wills. When they were made, however, that he might capture Junia, he was tempted to destroy the will that would bring the business back to Carnac. The best evidence of his own work was the trust John Grier placed in him. The lumber-king knew he could destroy the will, yet gave him his whole confidence.

Tarboe was a man of curious contradictions of character, but he had the root of the right thing in him, and he played fair to Carnac from first to last. The incident with Denzil showed the innate fury and yet sense of justice that was in him. He would have killed Denzil, yet he would not give him up to the law, though the little man had killed his own loved brother. His standing for Carnac in his election was an example of his square-mindedness, of his generous and manly heart, though he knew well that Carnac's success would go far to influence Junia in his favour. Yet when he had done all this he was tempted to destroy the will, which would give John Grier's business back to Carnac. When the huge factors are considered it is clear that