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FOR A MATION ... OF MONEY

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(Continued.)

CHAPTER L

Merridew Wins

Purvis understood Olive's gesture; and together they listened in dead silence. The secret door between the rooms enabled them to hear distinctly all that passed.

"Olive was sure it could be no one but Merridew; for no one else could have any reason for going to the place. He stood a second or two and then crossed the room to the window, muttering to himself in astonishment. They heard him close the window and then reopen it. He stood by it at times, and then, softly closing it again, he remained absolutely still for so long that Olive began to think he must have left the room."

Purvis shared the thought, and was going to speak when Olive stopped him. The silence lasted for a moment, and then Purvis began to grow impatient, and Olive returned to him eagerly not to make a sound.

She resumed that Merridew doubted the possibility of his victim having had the strength to escape, and was listening in the belief that he had found some hiding place to which he had crawled.

Merridew moved at last, and crossed to the door which was gently shut. But even then Olive would not let Purvis speak. If he knew what was right, this might be no more than a ruse to give the man in hiding assurance that the room was again empty. Bending down, she whispered this thought in Purvis's ear. He nodded, and the trial of patience was resumed.

For a time, that seemed hours, the silence lasted; and at length Merridew moved. He opened the door again and went out. They had beaten him.

But the delay was serious. It was now the servants' dinner hour, and Olive dared not stay longer for fear that she would be missed, and inquiries made for her. That might well be fatal at a moment when matters were so critical. With a promise to Purvis to return at the earliest chance, she left him and hurried to the servants' hall.

"Everyone was talking about the strange events in the house and the missing man. A hundred theories were started to account for his disappearance, and Purvis had been heard, apparently, become reconciled with his master during their absence from the Manor. There was the suggestion that he had run away in fear of Merridew. Some of the rest scouted the idea, and referred to the state of the bedroom when they had entered it that morning."

"You talk about what you like about that, but I tell you the man has been hiding when all that fuss and tomfoolery was going on. He has been hiding to look in the cupboard, you know, and when the coast was clear he came out, got his clothes, and did a scout. I went up to have a look round, and the clothes were gone, right enough."

It is the general exclamation of surprise at this. Olive said that she had been the last to see the man's clothes, and that she had seen him.

Each thing was, in itself, insignificant; but all three together were sufficient to start the story of Purvis out of her guard; and must get Purvis out of the house as soon as possible.

Since the interview in which Olive had refused to marry the valet, and had called him a blackmailer, he had avoided her; but this afternoon he showed a desire to reopen negotiations. He followed her about persistently, and she read this to mean that he had had instructions to watch her, and chose this as the least difficult course.

"What is it you're after, Mr. Dawleigh, hinder a body in her work?" she asked, when she found herself unable to shake him off.

"I want you to take back what you said the other evening, Mollie."

"Arrah, an' why should I be doin' that?"

"I may have good reasons," he said knowingly.

"Ye may have sense in your head," she laughed, intending to annoy him. "Me an' the others believe there's room for it."

"There may be something else in it, too," he retorted sharply. "You are not the only one in the house that's clever. And you may be too clever; but I'm not the sort of man to fool with."

Olive laughed lightly. "An' what would ye be after doin' wid that lot?"

"And I saw who was setting every body by the ears and scaring the wits out of 'em afterwards. And then it was you who went into Mr. Purvis's room last night, though the door was locked. And you were the

A PROTECTOR ASSOCIATION

Will Look After Game and Fish of Province

Organization Meeting Held in Fredericton Last Night, When Officers Were Elected—Speeches Made.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 12.—The meeting called for this evening at the Queen Hotel for the purpose of forming a Provincial Game and Fishery Protective Association, was well attended, about fifty, representing all parts of the province, being present.

Mr. J. B. Edgewood presided, and J. F. Winslow acted as secretary. Those in attendance included Surveyor General Sweeney, Recorder Oliver, Chief Game Warden Robinson, A. F. Allen, W. P. Flewelling, Mayor Meland, J. W. McCready, Col. Loggie, W. P. Flewelling, J. C. F. Chestnut, Jas. B. Neill, John E. Palmer, ex-Mayor McNally, A. R. Slipp, J. H. Hawthorne, J. J. McCaffrey, T. A. Peters, and many others.

The chairman explained the object of the meeting. The secretary read a large number of letters he had received, the list comprising communications from Geo. W. Jones, John Bollen, G. F. Burden, M. P. P., B. P. Smith, M. P., J. W. Y. Smith, L. H. Higgins, J. F. Burdett, E. Copp, E. Master, St. John Tourist Association, Jas. Robinson, A. Kelly Evans of the Toronto Association, the chief conservation officer of inland fisheries and marine, Mr. Turgeon, M. P., E. Lynch & Co., Ernest Hutchinson of the Nova Scotia Association, and the Miramichi Lumber Co. All expressed their regret at being unable to attend and their hearty co-operation in the movement.

Chief Game Warden Robinson addressed the meeting at some length, and read letters from the various organizations should also be one for the protection of the forest. He said that he had interviewed many lumbermen in the province and they were all anxious to join if forestry protection was made a part of the association. He read letters from the Pulp Company, Robert Loggie, Snowball Lumber Co., Dr. Coleman, Mr. Sullivan, W. H. Berry and others, all urging that forestry protection be included along with game and fishery, and expressing that they would do so in the future.

At the same time pointing out that the game protection should be combined with the forestry protection. The organization of the association proceeded with the secretary submitting a constitution largely framed on the Ontario constitution, which was taken up section by section and passed. The organization is to be known as the Fish, Forest and Game Protection Association, with head office at Fredericton, and a branch in each village, town or county in the province to form a local branch.

The annual fee was placed at \$2 and the membership at \$5. The provincial branch shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and an executive committee. The officers and a representation from each local branch, the annual meeting being held the first Wednesday in May.

The association then proceeded to the election of officers. Hon. J. F. Sweeney, president, C. F. Chestnut, secretary, J. P. Winslow, treasurer, J. McCaffrey, 1st vice-president, J. B. Edgewood, 2nd vice-president, J. S. Neill, 3rd vice-president, Timothy Lewis.

The following additional vice-presidents were elected: Restigouche, D. Richards; Gloucester, Mr. Turgeon, M. P.; Northumberland, W. B. Snowball; Kent, J. D. Irving; Westmorland, J. W. Y. Smith; St. John, G. W. Jones; Charlottetown, Col. Chipman; Carleton Place, Dr. H. A. Green; Victoria, Thos. Allen.

The vice-presidents of the other counties were also elected. Several members addressed the meeting. Thos. F. Allen spoke at some length on the value of the formation of the association to the province and said that he believed all members of the association should be made of the best salmon rivers in the province. Surveyor General Sweeney also addressed the meeting and spoke in the most encouraging terms of the organization and believed that the step was one in the right direction and would meet with the approval of all the people interested in the province's success.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Allen and Mr. McCaffrey and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 11.—Kate De Young, 17-year-old deaf and dumb, was run over by a street car on Windsor street today and had both legs cut off. She is at the hospital and is not likely to recover.

truth, if you're so eager to know it. And the truth is that, instead of other you ever having a change of telling anything, you'll neither of you utter another word, truth or lie, after this."

Carried away by his fury he shook her again more savagely than before, and thrust her from him with great violence.

Dizzy and faint from his violence Olive reeled and fell huddled up against the opposite wall, and covered there trembling, and breathing a last prayer to Heaven. She had read murder in his eyes; and knew that her last hour had come.

She had fallen by chance on the weapon with which he had struck Purvis; and as soon as he saw that, he dragged her away brutally, seized it, and as she raised her hands in supplication, he struck her down.

(To be continued.)

ANOTHER MAN KILLED ON THE ROYAL BANK BUILDING

Last Night's Victim Was Melvin Spencer, of Nova Scotia, the Signal Man on the Hoist—The Elevator Started Suddenly as Result of Wrong Signal, and He Was Thrown 40 Feet Down the Shaft—Died at Hospital in Half an Hour.

The second fatality attending the construction of the Royal Bank of Canada building at the corner of King and Canterbury streets, occurred last evening. The victim this time was Melvin Spencer, signalman on the hoist. He received his injuries from a fall at eight o'clock and died in the hospital half an hour later.

Spencer at the time of the accident was on the hoist at the third floor of the building. This hoist is used for raising building material to the upper stories. Spencer had a loaded wheelbarrow on the platform of the hoist, but the hoist stopped just short of the required position and Spencer, thinking the hoist was about to stop, signalled to the engineer running the hoisting engine. The signal for a short lift is a long ring on the signal bell, followed by a short one; that for a lift of one story is two short rings. Spencer gave the signal for a short lift, but the hoist started for a long lift. The shock of the unexpected lift is thought to have thrown the man off the platform up the shaft, down which he fell, a distance of forty feet.

The injured man was picked up in an unconscious condition, and Dr. D. B. Berryman was summoned. He examined the man and found both legs broken, the base of the skull fractured, and the body injured as well. Spencer was immediately hurried to the hospital in the ambulance. Shortly after his arrival there death took place.

The dead man is supposed to be a native Nova Scotia and has one sister residing in the city in the neighborhood of Fort Howe. He had been employed at the Royal Bank building as signalman on the hoist since the beginning of building operations. Only half an hour before the accident he had given right lifting signals, but apparently with little result.

Coroner Berryman after learning the circumstances of the accident came to the conclusion that it was due to Spencer's own carelessness and the blame could be attached to others. He also said, however, that a closer examination of the affair might cause him to change his mind and to hold an inquest.

The building of the Royal Bank has been attended with a chapter of accidents. Five have been reported in the press, and two of the five have resulted fatally. The others have been minor accidents of a not very serious nature. Yesterday morning a plumber named Richard Wain employed by G. & E. Blake, fell from the first floor to the basement and injured one of his legs. He was able to go to his home.

flames fell upon her and burned her face and her front hair quite badly. Crowds of willing helpers were on hand in two or three minutes, and the absence of local fighting apparatus proved an effort to save the house effected. Only a few kitchen articles and a sewing machine were rescued. Among the losses besides the household effects was a tin box containing about fifty dollars of the Young's insurance and business papers. The village fire apparatus was on the ground as soon as possible and kept working for some time, but the fire was too far advanced to be of much use. The fire was caused by the work of the local bucket brigade. By heroic efforts the large two and a half story house of Mrs. E. S. Campbell on the adjoining lot to the fire was saved with only a few faint blisters.

At the afternoon's session of the assembly an overture from the presiding officer of St. John was taken up asking that the assembly should take steps to have representatives of the church meet all immigrants at St. John and other points of arrival, and that representatives of the church now immigrants at Quebec, Montreal and Winnipeg, during the summer months. On motion of Judge Forbes of St. John it was decided that representatives should also meet the immigrants at the points of arrival during the winter months.

A large part of the session was taken up with the disposal of routine, including the composition of the standing committees. Loyal addresses to the King and the Governor General were framed, pointing out that the immigrants are a growing power in the West, that they are making many converts from the floating population, and that they threatened to be a grave danger, as their object was to see the balance of political power and then advance their peculiar doctrines, including that of polygamy, which some of the speakers declared, was practiced by a number of the immigrants. It was decided to refer the matter to the home mission committee.

A special committee recommended the appointment of Dr. Somerville as church treasurer, and Rev. A. G. Gardner of Toronto as financial agent of the church. During the afternoon a delegation from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, composed of Charles Cushing, president, Rev. Hugh Peckley and Rev. Mr. Tibbitt, extended the fraternal greetings of the union.

At the night session the question of gambling was up for discussion. Sir Thomas Taylor of Hamilton was the principal speaker. He introduced a resolution to the effect that in the opinion of the assembly the laws of the country prohibiting gambling were not strict enough and that the assembly especially protested against continuance in criminal code of section allowing gambling on the race courses during the continuance of the meetings. A former chief justice of Manitoba preferred the introduction of the resolution by a few remarks, in which he pointed out that while in England it was only necessary to prove the fact that gambling had taken place, in Canada it was necessary to also prove that gambling had resulted in gain to some one interested. Sir Thomas said he was amazed at the extent to which gambling was being carried in Canada. There was practically no further discussion on the resolution, which was carried.

Next came temperance and moral reform, a resolution being moved by Rev. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, that the necessity for an organized reform movement and the appointment of a travelling agent to visit sections of the country where his services are required. There was some discussion on the method of raising the salary of the agent, but it was finally decided to do so by collections in the various churches on the Sunday preceding Dominion Day. An agent will be chosen by the committee and will give his whole time to the work.

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WILL MEET ALL IMMIGRANTS

Assembly Passes Important Resolution of Judge Forbes

And Church Representatives Will Attend Winter Steamers—Gambling and Moral Reform Discussed.

MONTREAL, June 12.—There was a strikingly attended assembly when the General Assembly resumed its deliberations this morning. After the ordinary routine business, Principal Scriminger took the platform to move the adoption of the report of the board of the Freshlyy College, Montreal. Before proceeding to this duty, however, Principal Scriminger tendered a graceful apology for having delayed in the heat of a debate yesterday words which reflected upon the senior members of the assembly. There was a reference to Dr. Sedgewick, who immediately arose and said it was not necessary for Principal Scriminger to say anything more about it. He was at the same time very glad his friend had spoken and thanked him for doing so.

Principal Scriminger announced that Dr. E. B. Walsh and Rev. A. Gordon's acceptance (the latter by cable) of the appointments made yesterday. Rev. Dr. T. W. Taylor, moved the adoption of the report recommending the establishment of a theological college in British Columbia to be commenced in 1908 and carried on from April to October yearly. He asked for the appointment of a committee to consider details. Rev. Duncan Campbell, who seconded the resolution, said the district worked thirty-five points which were not touched by other Protestant churches. Rev. Dr. Bryce, Winnipeg, considered it important that there should be a college in British Columbia. It was an exceedingly hard mission field and had suffered severely from lack of supply. Rev. Dr. Campbell, Victoria, B. C., said he felt that the population was not sufficient to warrant the establishment of a theological college there at the present time.

Rev. Dr. Somerville read the report of the committee on home missions, which contained the following recommendations: 1. That if at the close of the year if the state of the fund permit, the committee be granted power to add \$100 to the salary of ordained missionaries who have labored for fully a year in the field. 2. That the sum of \$100 from the interest on the reserve fund be placed annually at the disposal of the home mission committee to assist in the mission field in the building of manse. The report was seconded by E. D. MacLaren and agreed to.

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BIG STEAMER LOST ANCHOR AND CHAIN IN PETITCODIAC RIVER

HOPEWELL HILL, June 12.—Just before the steamer Manx Isles was to have sailed tonight for England with mails for Malcolm McKay of St. John, she was fouled by a lighter and as a result lost a patent anchor and 125 fathoms of chain, valued at \$1,800. In order to get clear of the schooner the steamer paid out practically all of the chain and through some misadventure leaving it in again, the sheer caused by the swift running tide tore the chain from its fastenings on the ship and the whole thing sank to the bottom. Captain Moor offered \$100 to anyone who would get hold of the chain, and gangs are now grappling so far without success. The ship will sail tomorrow in any case.

WOODSTOCK METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING

WOODSTOCK, N. B., June 12.—The annual meeting of the Woodstock Methodist district convened here this morning in the armory, the chairman, Rev. E. C. Turner, presiding. Rev. Thomas Pierce, secretary, and the other ministers of the district were present. The meeting was opened with prayer and a reading of the minutes of the last year's session. The report of the district was read and approved. The report of the district was read and approved. The report of the district was read and approved.

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