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"I took it as a token—that you had forgiven me," Vere murmured. Ernest's brow flushed redly. "Forgiveness?" he said in a low tone. "I have nothing to forgive. It was all my fault."

"Oh, no," she said, quickly. "I treated you shamefully, and I am so sorry. Can you ever really forgive and forget, Mr. Kerry?"

"Forget—never!" he said passionately. "My few days of happiness when you were my affianced bride for my dearest remembrance; but forgiveness—You know—"

He turned away, unable to command his agitation.

"You don't mean that—that you care still?" Vere stammered.

"Care?" he echoed. "You know that I shall adore you as long as I live."

"After the shameful way I have treated you?" she said.

"It was not your fault. You never deceived. You never pretended to love me. It is only my misfortune that you should love—the other. If only I could hope that you—could be happy," he added, wistfully.

"Oh, I shall be happy!" Vere cried, radiantly; and then, before either could speak again, the door opened to admit Lord Martry and Sir Harry North, both looking much put out.

"Vere, what is this?" her father said angrily. "Here I find Harry alone in the drawing-room and you shut up with Mr. Kerry—"

"What does it mean? As for you,—" turning sharply on Ernest—"I forbid you the house. Do you hear? My daughter is to be married shortly, and I desire that her acquaintance with you shall cease."

"You are unjust, father," Vere said, haughtily. "Mr. Kerry holds a secret of Sir Harry North's, and I have been trying to beg him to give me a certain paper he holds, I believe—turning with a dazzling smile to Ernest—"that he is going to do it. Won't you?"

He looked at her with the hopelessness of despair in his eyes.

"After what your father has said, I have no choice. If you, knowing all, elect to marry Sir Harry North, I, who love you, give up my hold over him."

He handed her in silence a folded paper. Vere, without a word, threw it into the fire that was glowing in the grate.

"Now, Sir Harry, you are free," she said, turning on her old lover; "and I hope you will begin a new life abroad."

"I don't see any reason for going abroad," he answered carelessly. "I've just come into a fine property here, and here I intend to stay."

"I may remark," Ernest Kerry said, coolly, "that my father's firm holds a sealed and attested copy of that statement."

"They have instructions to open and act upon it in the event of my death—or disappearance; but I give you my word of honor that if you will go abroad I will burn it at once."

"And now, perhaps," said Lord Martry, whose rage had been simmering all this time, "you'll go. Neither I nor my daughter desire your acquaintance in the future."

"Yes, I will go," said Ernest Kerry quietly; and he made one step to the door.

"One moment, Mr. Kerry," and Lady Vere laid a detaining hand on his arm. "For," turning and addressing Lord Martry, "you and Sir Harry North are under a misapprehension. I am sorry for Sir Harry, and I am sure I wish him well; but I have no intention of becoming his wife."

"Well, upon my word!" spluttered Lord Martry, crimson with rage. "Did you see such a girl! I believe you are mad."

"I'm not mad enough to marry Sir Harry," he replied, Lady Vere, composedly, "and I know why."

Lord Martry turned his angry eyes on the baronet, and his looks told plainly that he did know why.

"Well, at any rate," Lord Martry said, "you needn't detain Mr. Kerry here. This affair does not concern him."

"Oh, but it does," said Vere quietly. "Because, you see, I'm going to marry him."

If a thunderbolt had fallen in the stately old library it could not more greatly have astonished the three men present.

Sir Harry lifted a fierce, sullen face; and then looked down again. Lord Martry was almost apoplectic in his rage. Ernest's heart beat almost to suffocation. Was he playing with him? Lord Martry recovered his breath at last.

"You shameful girl!" he cried. "Would you disgrace me by marrying a country solicitor's son?"

"I'm not going to argue," Vere said, quietly. "My mind is fully made up."

"NEVER MORE PROMISING!"

Bradstreet's Review of the Business Situation in Canada—A Grand Outlook.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 6.—Bradstreet's Weekly Review of Canadian Trade says: A steady improvement in trade has been displayed at Montreal the past week, and the prospects for business generally were never so promising at this season as they are this year. Payments are satisfactory.

A good average trade is being done on a steady expansion as the season goes on. Some good-sized orders have been placed with Toronto houses, and orders for that trade are expected to be numerous later on. Values in all lines of staple goods are firm, and imported lines are strong. Country remittances have been good. Canadian sales have been in good demand during the week, and there has been a marked appreciation in the price of bank stocks.

A feature in business at the coast has been the brisk demand for goods for the Alaskan district. The rush of prospectors created a big demand for goods, including camp supplies, as well as mining kits, and it is likely to continue brisk as the place is developed. The active building operations going on at various centers of the province, and particularly at New Westminster, are a good indication of the business outlook for the coming spring and summer trade. A good volume of business for the season has been transacted at Winnipeg. The large arrivals of new settlers, and the promise of further immigration to the province's population during the coming spring make the business outlook very promising. The preparations for activity in building at various points are very encouraging, and an active year in that line is expected. A number of new blocks will be started, and the building of new houses is under way. The recent rough weather checked the farmers' deliveries of grain, but the sharp advance in prices seemed to have a tendency to encourage the farmers to market their wheat.

Paper floors for dwelling houses are coming into use in Germany. They are formed of several layers of stout paper, dampened, pasted and rolled.

A Deadly Danger.

Many a man who has the seeds of disease planted in his blood dreams away his time in fancied security with a deadly danger coiled upon him ready to strike.

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"Should a man think he has consumption," you ask, "just because his appetite is poor and he is losing flesh and he has a little cough and a general feeling of weakness and incapacity?"

No; that doesn't necessarily mean consumption, but it means that the system is being steadily undermined; it is losing force and vitality; it is being tainted with bilious poisons that the liver hasn't power to throw off and any day that which is now only a probability may suddenly develop into a certainty.

"My wife had hemorrhage of the lungs. She had ten hemorrhages, and the people all around here said she would never be well again," said Mr. W. A. Sanders, of Herra, Mason Co., Va., in a very instructive letter written to Dr. R. V. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y. "But she began to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and she soon began to gain strength and flesh. After taking ten bottles she was entirely well. Should you think this will do you any good to publish just use it, and if any one disputes the merits of this almost omnipotent medicine they may address self-addressed envelope to me, and I will answer the same as written in this letter."

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WESTERN ONTARIO

The Grand Trunk Station at Bright Destroyed by Fire.

Sudden Death of a Sarnia Youth—Fitting Case of Poverty in Woodstock.

The smallpox patients in Colchester have recovered. The house where they lived will be burned down.

Some of the Huron township council are experiencing difficulty in persuading their indigents to go to the house of refuge.

The town of Seaford is making application to the Ontario Legislature for a private bill to pay \$10,000 as a bonus to woolen mills.

Mr. A. W. Graham has been chosen chairman of the St. Thomas board of education. Mr. G. Lucas, of the Sarnia board, and Mr. Gray, of the Woodstock board.

Mr. L. Waller, of Tilsonburg, shipped 18 fine horses to Brandon, N. W. T., last week. There were three drivers among them. The others were all draft horses, weighing from 1,300 to 1,500 pounds.

Rev. Robt. McIntyre may shortly resign his pastorate of the Albany Street Church, St. Thomas, although he has not decided to do so. He has been extended a call from the Presbyterian Church at Delaware.

A carload of pure bred cattle, sheep and swine was shipped by the C. P. R. from Melbourne for Calgary, Wednesday, under the auspices of the Dominion Live Stock Association, of which Mr. F. W. Hodson is secretary.

The creditors of Walters Bros., drygoods dealers, of Sarnia, at a meeting at Toronto decided to give the insolvents time to make an offer of compromise. Assets are placed at \$10,000, with liabilities of \$19,000. Brophy, Cairns & Co., of Montreal, are the largest creditors.

The death occurred Tuesday night of Mrs. Bennett, wife of the Rev. Bennett, of Port Dover, formerly of West Brantford, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Smith, in Brantford. Deceased was 21 years of age, and has been ill for eight years with lingering consumption.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Mrs. Rachel Cascardine, mother of Mrs. W. D. House, died at her son-in-law's residence at Aylmer, in her 82nd year. Mrs. Cascardine has been one of the old residents of that locality, and has for some time made her home with her daughter and son-in-law there.

Mrs. Susan O'Brien, wife of Michael O'Brien, St. Thomas, died Thursday night, very suddenly, aged seventy years. She had been as well as usual all day, but about 11 p.m. went off in a faint, and died in a few moments. She was born in the county of Wexford, Ireland, and came to this country with her husband forty years ago.

Probably two of the largest logs that have ever been brought to Exeter were delivered for Mr. Adam Beck's agent, Mr. McDonald, there, the other day. They were cut on the premises of Mrs. Sanders, Stephen, and were drawn by Messrs. William McKenna and John Graham, of Wexford. They were of the white oak variety and contained an average of 15,000 feet each.

There is a pitiful case of poverty at 30 Mill street, Woodstock, that should receive the attention of the charity workers of that town. Mr. and Mrs. McGinn are living very ill with grippe, and are in such destitution that they are utterly incapable of helping themselves. They have appealed for aid, and beg that "some good Christian people respond to their appeal." It looks like a serious case.

George Smith, of Aylmer, has been committed for trial on a charge of securing \$50 from Ethel Abbott, of the same place. George and Ethel came to St. Thomas a few days ago to purchase some wedding presents, as they intended to get married in a short time. George borrowed \$50 from Ethel to buy a present. Then he disappeared, and the woman didn't see him again until she secured a warrant and had him arrested.

Mr. Searle has instituted proceedings to unseat Mayor Shaw, of Clinton, on the ground that he had been a member of the Collegiate Institute board at the time of his nomination, which, it is claimed, disqualified him. Sooner than contest the matter, the mayor tendered his resignation to the council. O. Johnston was appointed to act as presiding officer during the vacancy. It is reported that Mr. Searle will claim the seat.

Rev. James Pritchard, a retired Presbyterian minister, died at his residence, Goderich, on Sunday, aged 62 years. The funeral took place to the G. T. R. depot, the remains being conveyed to the old home. Forest, where the interment took place from the Presbyterian Church, of which he had been pastor for twelve years, resigning last May owing to ill-health. Mr. Pritchard leaves a son, aged 16, and a daughter, aged 5.

The Grand Trunk station in Bright was broken out about nine o'clock, and originated from a defective stovepipe. The blaze was discovered in time to get all the furniture and books out before they were damaged, but the building itself was completely destroyed, as it had been much headway to be extinguished by the efforts of the neighbors and employees unassisted as they were by any fire brigade. It was a frame building, and it is not known what the loss will be. Mr. Waugh is station master.

An old man named Rutherford, who has been put in Walkerton Jail for a long time, was taken to the house of refuge last week, and in a few hours became violently insane. He was brought back to the jail, and in a short time died. After an inquest he was buried in the potter's field of the cemetery. Another old man named Winter, who has been cared for by a farmer in Exeter for several years, begged so piteously not to be removed that his kind-hearted protectors relented and allowed him to remain. He is 87 years old, and has been helpless for a long time.

The annual meeting of the West Elgin Caledonian Society was held at the Queen's Hotel, Dutton, on Wednesday evening, the anniversary of Robbie Burns. After disposing of routine business the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows: Chief, Alex. McWilliam, Mr. McMillan declining re-election; chiefs, Alex. Wiley, James Duncan, D. McKay, C. St. C. Leitch, D. Macintosh, M. P. P. Stalker and Squire McCall; treasurer, James Pool; secretary, J. D. Blue; marshal, A. C. Gordon; standard bearers, D. McEachern and Arch McAlpine; auditors, C. S. C. Leitch and A. C. Gordon.

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