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take the stain from me. While I passed for him your lawyer found me, and I had no choice between being condemned as a criminal for what Courthorne had in the meanwhile done, or continuing the in the meanwhile done, or continuing the deception. He had, as soon as I had left him, taken my horse and garments, so that if seen by the police they would charge me. I could not take your money, but, though Courthorne was ap-parently drowned I did wrong when I came to Silverdale. For a time the op-portunities dazzled me; ambition drew me on, and I knew what I could do." He stopped again, and once more there was a soft rustle of dresses, and a murmur, as those who listened gave in-

murmur, as those who listened gave in-articulate expression to their feelings. Moving a little, he looked steadily at Maud Barrington, and her aunt, who

Maud Barrington, and her aunt, who sat close together. "Then," he said very slowly, "it was borne in upon me that I could not per-sist in deceiving you. Courthorne, I fancied, could not return to trouble me, but the confidence that little by little you placed in me rendered it out of the question. Still, I saw that I could save some at least at Silverdale from drift-ing to disaster, and there was work for me here which would go a little way in reparation, and now that 'it is done I was about to bid you good-bye and ask you not to think too hardly of me."

There was a moment's intense silence until once more Dane rose up, and pointed to Courthorne sitting with half-closed eyes, dusty, partly dazed by in-dulgence, and with the stamp of disso-lute living on him, in his chair. Then he glanced at Witham's bronzed face, which are the which showed quietly resolute at the bottom of the table.

"Whatever we would spare you and ourselves, sir, we must face the truth," he said. "Which of these men was need-ed at Silverdale?"

Again the murmur rose up, but Witham sat silent, his pulses throbbing with a curious exultation. He had seen the colour creep into Maud Barrington's face, and her aunt's eyes, when he told her what had prompted him to leave Silverdale, and knew they understood him. Then, in the stillness that folhim. Then, in the stillness that for lowed, the drumming of hoofs rose from the prairie. It grew louder, and when another sound became audible too, more than one of those who listened recog-nized the jingle of accoutrements. Court-horne rose unsteadily, and made for the door.

"I think," he said with a curious laugh, "I must be going. I don't know whether the troopers want me or your comrade."

A lad sprang to his feet, and as he ran to the door called "Stop him!" In another moment Dane had caught his arm, and his voice rang through the confusion, as everybody turned or rose.

"Keep back all of you," he said. "Let him go!"

Courthorne was outside by this time, and only those who reached the door before Dane closed it heard a faint beat of hoofs as somebody rode quietly away beneath the bluff, while as the rest clustered together, wondering, a minute or two later. Corporal Payne. flecked with snume and covered with dust came in. He raised his hand in salutation to Col-onel Barrington, who sat very grim in face in his chair at the head of the table.

"I'm sorrv, sir, but it's my duty to apprehend Lance Courthorne," he said. "You have a warrant?" asked Bar-

rington.

"Yes. sir," said the corporal. There was intense silence for a mo-ment. Then the Colonel's voice broke through it very quietly.

"He is not here," he said.

Payne made a little deprecatory ges-tre. "We know he came here. It is ture. "We know he came here. It is my duty to warn you that proceedings will be taken against anyone concealing or harbouring him." is

or harbouring him." Barrington rose up very stiffly, with a little grey tinge in his face, but words seemed to fail him, and Dane laid his hand on the corporal's shoulder. "Then," he said grimly, "don't exceed it. If you believe he's here, we will give you every opportunity of finding him."

A New Brunswick Candidate Made the Big Gain This Week

Miss Julia Leger Gained Over 36,000 Votes. Miss Olive Isaacs, of Cobalt, Again Back into the Leadership

The big gain in the "Canadian Courier" contest this week was made by Miss Julia H. Leger, of Leger Corner. N.B., who advances from 30th place in the standing to ninth position. Miss Leger's gain was over 36,000 votes, one of the most important advances for any one week since the contest began. Miss Leger has now an excellent start and should be a factor in the race during the remainder of the contest. Her friends will be encouraged to give her even more loyal support.

The next largest gain was made by Miss Olive Isaacs, of Cobalt, who regains first position with an advance of some 20,000 votes. Miss Isaacs has been one of the leaders for some weeks and her remarkable work has been one of the fea-tures of the contest.

Miss Esther Downey, of Comox, B.C., almost equalled Miss Isaacs' gain, her increase being 19,000 votes, which gives her a safe hold upon fourth position, and from where a jump to the top of the list would not be a difficult task.

Other important gains for the week were: Miss M. G. White, Spy Hill, Sask., 10,000; Miss Elsie Cuff, Trenton, Ont., 9,000; Miss Edna Fraser, Canso, N.S., 7,000; Miss Rhona Wright, Montague, P.E.I., 5,000; Miss Cecilia Pepin, Blind River, Ont.; Miss Margaret Campbell, New Waterford, N.S.; Miss Ina Spills-bury, Peterboro, Ont., 4,000 each.

Other minor gains were made, and some decided changes are expected before next week. The contest has been very interesting so far and the various candidates have been greatly helped by their friends with unexpected votes, which have been a tremendous assistance to them in the race

The new candidate this week is Miss Mary Sumara, of Amherst, N.S.

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Miss Esther Downey, Comox P.O., B.C	151,150
Miss Annie Huestis, Sussex, N.B.	108,900
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Miss Julia H. Leger, Leger Corner, N.D.	52,500
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Miss Cecilia Pepin, Blind River, Ont	40,100
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