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are you going? Who'd have thought to meet you, but by Jove I'm glad, old fellow!" The speaker was a wiry little fellow with nondescript features and a pair of twinkling grey eyes full of fun and vivacity.

The young men shook hands as warmly as Englishmen ever allow themselves to do in public.

"You're a sight for sair een, Teddy" said George with a laugh. "But I may well ask the same of you—Where are you off to man?"

"Well," said Teddy Browne, sticking his thumbs into his waist coat "the facts are these briefly, as Boggles used to say when he gave us an hour's lecture on Hydrostatics and caned us at the end for forgetting the said facts,—Dad thought to make a clerk of me and got me into the Colonial office, but pshaw; they're a set of slow asses there, George, or I'll eat my hat! Well at the end of three months they packed me off saying in their parting benediction that I was steady, sober, respectable, honest, and Heaven knows what other undesirable virtues, but I was 'not suitable.' Dad was furious and so was I, so to cut a long story short, after a hot time at home, he consented to give me a few hundred to go out to Canada. Here I am. Probably I shall go in for a farm or horse ranch or something like that. They say you make a fortune in a few years. I always could ride anything from a Ramsdell donkey to an automobile?"

George stifled a smile at the remembrance of Teddy's adventuresome and painful career at the Wellington College where he had distinguished himself by a series of scrapes, which

had culminated in his decoying the Principal's daughter and a few choice spirits out on a paper chase with hired ponies. They returned to suffer severely from the punishment meted out to appease wounded dignity and the outraged proprieties.

As the days passed, George Rayson and Teddy Browne became firm friends and when the Dominion steamed up the St. Lawrence they had agreed to start the new life together. Teddy would bank his money and work on George's ranch for three months at whatever was the current pay and at the end of that time could buy himself in as junior partner if he wished.

Teddy, with all his reckless bravado was glad of some one to refer to and had always looked up to George whose fag he had once been. His fag-dom had been easy and he had recognized then and since the intrinsic worth of George's character. Teddy's affections were the only steady part of his versatile disposition and as George learnt before long, he had made a valuable and life long friend in the feather headed but loyal little Briton.

"Where shall we go?" said George as they stepped out on the wharf and learned from the agent that they had a day before them to "do the town."

"We've forgotten to bring the French dictionary" said Teddy. "Can you parles-vous, George, because I am blest if I can?"

"It does seem rather Frenchy" observed George when he had succeeded in convincing an importunate French porter that he preferred to carry his own valise to the cab in which they proceeded to the Windsor

Hotel.

A day's sight-seeing in the old and interesting city of Montreal opened the eyes of both to many facts which it were well if intending emigrants could know before they land. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves. First they visited the two Roman Catholic Cathedrals and then having had, as Teddy observed, "enough of the odor of sanctity" they took a trip round and up the mountain and wound up the day by strolling up and down the streets and buying souvenirs for the folks at home. "I don't think I'll buy them yet after all" observed Teddy as they turned their steps towards the hotel.

"Buy what?" asked George. "The case of revolvers and a brace of pistols"

"Why you told me you had some already."

"Yes, but they're unfortunately in that case marked 'not wanted' and I shan't be able to get them till we get to Calgary."

"Well you won't want them before?"

"No, so it appears" said Teddy gazing ruefully round upon the evidences of civilisation which surrounded him. "I half expected—"

"Yes, I know" said George, "We both half expected to be tarred and feathered or at best to come face to face with a hungry bear, or two or



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