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THE PROOF OF LOVE.

BY ELLIOT FLOWER.

The parish priest was reputed to be a good man and a wise one, but strict in his interpretation of the word of God. In worldly matters he was generous and kind hearted, but in spiritual affairs he held closely to the letter of the law, and those who had offended against the church, however slightly, rather than him. His manner was forbidding and his questions searching, but a spirit of justice pervaded all his acts and gave him an extraordinary power over his parishioners.

It was his reputation for justice that made the young woman anxious to see him; it was his reputation for severity and strictness in all church matters that made her hesitate on the threshold. She had a pretty face, but the imprint of sorrow was upon it. Scarcely more than 25 years of age, her black dress and veil proclaimed her already a widow, and her whole manner as she approached the priest showed her to be a devout Roman Catholic—a woman to whom the church was almost life itself.

"Father," she said at last, hesitating and pronouncing the words slowly, "I have a sin to confess—a dreadful sin."

"You can be guilty of no dreadful sin, daughter," he returned, kindly. "Your grief has overpowered your mind and you confess your own faults. That is a failing few have," he added, with a sigh, "but it has always been so with you, daughter; always so."

"You do not know, father," she interrupted. "You speak before you know what I would say. I have been guilty of the sin of lying."

"A sin that is lightly thought of in this world," he said, with a shake of his head. "But you meant no harm," was a thoughtful, hasty act."

"No, father," she corrected; "it was done purposely. It was a lie deliberately told in the presence of death. It was a lie solemnly sworn to while you were in the next room waiting to deliver the last sacrament."

"She spoke quietly but impressively, while the priest's face assumed an expression, first of doubt, and then of severity."

"There is no statement for it," he went on, more quickly; "there can be no atonement for it! Nothing can excuse a lie sworn to before Almighty God!"

"There can be no excuse," said the priest, slowly, "but there can be no forgiveness. Tell me about it, daughter. You could not have lied to your husband, to a man you loved."

"I did not love him, father," she broke in hastily, almost passionately. "I did not love him!"

"My child, think of what you are saying. 'I did not love him,' she repeated with deliberation. 'I loved him once—you, who have known me from childhood, know how I loved him once—but love died, father, love died of neglect.'"

"He was kind to you," said the priest, half questioningly.

"Yes, he was kind to me; but I could not love him."

have stood cruelly when I could not stand neglect. He was kind to me, but he left me to myself; he seemed to care nothing for me. He found his pleasures with others, and I—I—once I found that love was gone, father; gone, never to return."

"Does he know this?"

"Yes, father; he learned it when it was too late." She was speaking sadly and softly now. "He tried to win back the love that he had lost, but it was too late—too late. Love once dead does not live again, however we may try to make it."

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BRIGHT BUDGET OF NEWS FROM TRURO.

Capture of Moose—Bears Are Much in Evidence—Town Improvements—New Church.

Truro, June 19.—Capt. Crow, of Selma, has bought the plant of the Maritime Creamery Company and is putting up an up-to-date creamery on the Crow farm at Selma, some miles down the road from Truro. There appears little doubt that the creamery will be a success and the creamery situation for securing milk and for shipping purposes, this creamery will prove a success.

Col. William Blair, of Amherst, is visiting agricultural portions of this and the adjoining counties delivering lectures before the farmers' organizations.

Two young moose have been captured at Selma and are on exhibition here. Ralph Harrison and John Hunter are the capturers.

Miss Ada Marie Crow, of this town, who conducted a tour to the Paris exposition, last year, who is an extensive traveler, is spending the summer at the seashore at Atlantic.

Miss Isabel Woodworth, daughter of J. F. Woodworth, of Florence, is visiting relatives at "Retreat Cottage," Young street. Her father is a native of the Stewiack Valley.

H. H. Johnson, lumber merchant, Mrs. Johnson, while on a tour of inspection, has been visiting in New Brunswick, Ontario, and the new town of Amherst.

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BIG TIMBER SALES.

Crown Lands Brought a Tidy Sum Wednesday.

Fredericton, June 19.—An important sale of timber berths took place at the crown land office at noon today. In all 10 berths, aggregating 70 square miles were disposed of at prices ranging from \$100 to \$250 per mile. The berths are located on the Nepisiguit and Upsalquitch rivers, and are the same ones sold at auction a few weeks ago and bid in by the applicant at the upset price.

The sale was cancelled by the government, on the recommendation of the surveyor general who had reason to believe that a combine had been entered into by certain lumbermen in order that they might obtain control of the berths at a less figure than they could be bought for under competition. The result of today's sale shows that the government acted very wisely.

Great interest was taken in the sale and there was a large attendance, among them being Premier Tupper, Mr. McNeill, William Engel, Bangor, F. H. Carvell, Woodstock, W. P. Lovell, Bangor, F. W. Sumner, Moncton, Frank Curran, Bathurst, James Robinson, M. P., Miramichi, and others. The only competitors for the 44 mile Berth, James Robinson, and the applicant, William Engel, of Bangor, the figures of these gentlemen being evidently a little too high for the others.

The timber berths sold are on the Upsalquitch and Nepisiguit rivers, and were sold as follows:

South East Upsalquitch, near mouth, 7-1/2 miles, to James Robinson, at \$100 a mile.

Ramsay Brook, at mouth, six miles, to James Robinson, at \$100 a mile.

Between 40 and 44 mile Brooks, Nepisiguit river, 5-1/2 miles, to William Engel, at \$201 a mile.

40 mile Brooks, Nepisiguit river, nine miles, to James Robinson, at \$220 a mile.

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Mr. Robinson bought a total of 45 square miles at \$87,500, and Mr. Engel's purchase aggregated 30 square miles for which he paid \$6,020.

RAISING SMALL FRUITS FOR A PROFIT.

Visit to the Orchards of Mr. Flewelling at Oak Point—Inspection Well Repaid.

Among the prosperous farmers on the St. John river, there is none that makes greater care with their orchards and small fruit raising, and gets any better results for the labor and time spent, than Mr. Robinson E. Flewelling, of Oak Point, Kings county, N. B. We visited Mr. Flewelling's farm a few days ago, which by the way, is beautifully situated on an elevated slope on the western side of the river bank, about a quarter of a mile above Oak Point wharf.

We found Mr. Flewelling busily hoeing among his raspberry bushes, and he kindly consented to show us over his premises. He has three acres in strawberries, raspberries and blackberries, and they were looking in fine shape and promise an abundant yield.

On this same ground last year he shipped to market 2,000 boxes strawberries, 500 boxes raspberries, and 500 boxes Agawan variety of blackberries, and judging from the appearance of the fruit and the present time, the present time the yield will be much greater than last year.

We next visited his orchards, where we saw some trees many of them just coming into bearing and all set with fruit. Last year's yield was over 70 barrels, 500 of which were of the choice winter varieties and sold at a handsome profit.

Mr. Flewelling is now growing all his own stock from seeds and with one and two years old grafts taken with selected varieties. He says he has obtained better results from this method and believes it is a preventive against borers and sun scald, which are so prevalent in this section.

Of plum trees, he has about 60 of Moore's Arctic variety, as he has found by experience and actual tests that they give better results than any other kind. Last year's yield was over 22 barrels. The plum crop this season, however, will be lighter than last, but the apple will be fully up to the standard.

Mr. Flewelling has had many years' experience in this particular line of agriculture and is thoroughly versed in fruit growing for a profit, and persons interested cannot spend an hour or two more pleasantly nor profitably than taking in this sight. They will find Mr. Flewelling courteous and obliging, always ready and willing to show visitors over his premises, and impart to them any information they may ask concerning his methods of fruit growing which his long experience in the business has suggested.—Contributed.

King's College, Windsor.

Windsor, N. S., June 20.—At a service in Christ church before the graduates, Dean Partridge preached. There was a procession by the choir, and the service was followed by a collation. The valedictory was delivered by Clarence Quinn, Whistler, N. B. Degrees were conferred as follows:

B. A.—H. Tyers, C. N. Quinn, P. O. A. C. Hon.

Honorary degrees: D. D.—Rev. J. Bayles, hon. secretary of the Nova Scotia; Rev. J. Rev. Campbell, Dorchester; Rev. W. J. Cox, chief of the Canadian contingent; B. D.—Rev. J. C. Mellor, M. A.—J. Wilson, secretary of King's, in recognition of long and faithful service to the college.

Dr. Alward presented B. L. Gower, E. S. Reible, John H. H. Paries, Sasse, J. Oscar Baldwin, St. George, graduates of St. John's school, upon whom the degree of B. C. L. was conferred.

Addresses to the graduates by the honorary degree recipients, and by Rev. L. J. Donaldson, Bishop Courtney and Dr. Willett.

Absorbed by Continental Tobacco Co.

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OUR RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA

Commissioner's Report—Mr. Mullock's Illness Affected Results of I

Visit—Arguing Down Objections to Pacific Cable—

Steel Combine Has Effect.

Ottawa, Ont., June 19.—(Special)—The department of trade and commerce has received a report from J. S. Larke, Canadian trade commissioner in Australia, dated May 22. In regard to the visit of Hon. Mr. Mullock, Mr. Larke says:

"It is greatly to be regretted that Hon. Mr. Mullock has been confined almost wholly to his room since his arrival. Though he has been called upon by gentlemen prominent in state and commerce, yet his visit will not be as productive of results as it would have been had he been in full health."

Mr. Larke submits figures of the increase in amount of cable between Australia and Britain in the past few years, to refute the argument used by the extension of the Pacific cable, that there was not business in Australia to even make it pay.

Mr. Larke adds: "There are reasonable grounds believing that should the Pacific cable be laid in 1902 and the rate to Europe reduced to three shillings a word there would be business of 4,000,000 words done in 1903. Had New South Wales entered into the agreement with the extension, the Pacific cable ought to have paid almost from the outset and under good management, and fair treatment should be self-sustaining in 1907 or even earlier."

Mr. Larke adds, the representatives of Canadian manufacturers report good orders in Melbourne and Australia. However, business was interfered with materially by the celebrations in connection with the visit of the Duke of York opening the federal parliament, uncertainty of the federal tariff, which will not be brought down till the latter part of August, and, perhaps, considerably later.

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