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LOVE AND LUCRE

Mok could easily have thrown Cheditafa across the street, but his respect and reverence for his elder and superior were so great that he obeyed his commands without a word of remonstrance.

Now, up sprang Banker, who was in such a hurry to get away from the place, and when he performed this duty, after having been abruptly reminded of it by a waiter, he was almost too late to follow the two black men, but not quite too late. He was an adept in the tracking of his fellow-beings, and it was not long before he was quietly following Mok and Cheditafa, keeping at some distance behind them, but never allowing them to get out of his sight.

In the course of a moderate walk he saw them enter the Hotel Grande. This satisfied the wandering Blackbird. If the negroes went into that hotel, at that time of night, they must be there, and he could suspend operations until morning.

CHAPTER XLIV.

That night Banker was greatly disturbed by surmises and conjectures concerning the presence of the two negroes in the French capital. He knew Cheditafa quite as well as he knew Mok, and it was impossible that he should be mistaken. It is seldom that anyone sees a native African in Paris, and he is always dressed in expensive garments, enjoying themselves like gentlemen of leisure, and living at a grand hotel, where they are well looked after in every respect. Banker had seen Mok and Cheditafa in a cave in the side of a precipice, toiling and shuddering under the command of a set of desperadoes on a desert coast in South America. There was only one way in which he could explain matters, and that was that the band had had some great success, and that one or more of its members had come to Paris and had brought the two negroes with them as servants. But of one thing he had no doubts, and that was that he would follow up the case. He had met with no successes of late, but if any of his former comrades had wanted to meet those who had been his friends, in Paris he was not afraid of anything they might say about his desertion.

Very early in the morning Banker was in front of the Hotel Grande. He did not linger there, he did not wander up and down like a vagrant or stand about like a spy. It was past his business to be able to be present in various places almost at the same time and not to attract notice in any of them. It was not until about 10 o'clock that he saw anything worthy of his observation, and then a carriage drove up to the front entrance, and on the seat beside the driver sat Cheditafa, erect, solemn and very respectable. Presently the negro got down and opened the door of the carriage. In a few moments a lady, a beautiful lady, hand some dressed, came out of the hotel and entered the carriage. Then Cheditafa shut the door and got up beside the driver again. It was a fine thing to have such a footman as this one, so utterly different from the ordinary groom or footman so extremely distinguished.

As the carriage rolled off, Banker walked after it, but not in such a way as to attract attention, and then he entered a cab and told the "cocher" to drive to the Bon Marche. Of course, he did not know where the lady was going to, but at present she was driving in the direction of that celebrated mart, and he kept his eye upon her carriage, and if she had turned out of the Boulevard and away from the Seie, he would have ordered his driver to turn about and go somewhere else. He did not dare to tell the man to follow the carriage. He was shaved and his clothes had been put in as good order as possible, but he knew that he did not look like a man respectable enough to give such an order without exciting suspicion.

But the carriage did go to the Bon Marche, and there also went the cab, the two vehicles arriving at almost the same time. Banker paid his fare with great promptness, and was on the pavement in time to see the handsomely dressed lady descend and enter the establishment. As she went in he took one look at the back of her bonnet. It had a single green feather in it. He then turned quickly upon Cheditafa, who had shut the carriage

door and was going around behind it in order to get upon the other side. "Look here," whispered Banker, seizing the clerical butler by the shoulder, "who is that lady? Quick, or I'll put a knife in you."

"At these words Cheditafa's heart almost stopped beating, and as he quickly turned and saw that he looked into the face of a man, an awfully wicked man, who had once helped to grind the soul out of him, in that dreadful cave by the sea. The poor negro was so frightened that he scarcely knew where he was in Paris or Peru.

"Who is she?" whispered again the dreadful Blackbird.

"Comel Come!" shouted the coachman from his seat. "We must move on."

"Quick! Who is she?" hissed Banker. "She!" replied the quaking negro; "she is the captain's wife. She is— But he could say no more, for a policeman was ordering the carriage to move on. It stopped the way, and the coachman was calling impatiently. Banker could not afford to meet a policeman; he released his hold on Cheditafa and retired unobserved. An instant afterward he entered the Bon Marche.

Cheditafa climbed up to the side of the driver, but he missed his foothold several times and came near falling to the ground. In all Paris there was no footman on a carriage who looked less upright, less respectable and less respectable than this poor frightened black man.

Through the corridors and passages of the vast establishment went Banker, but he did not have to go far; he saw at a counter a little green feather on the back of a bonnet. Quietly he approached that counter, and no sooner had the attendant turned aside to get something that had been asked for, than Banker stepped close to the side of the lady, and leaning forward, said in a very low, but polite voice: "I am so glad to find the captain's wife. I have been looking for her."

He was almost certain from her appearance that she was an American, and so he spoke in English. Edna turned with a start. She saw beside her with his hand on her shoulder a rough-looking man, but a polite one, and a man who looked like a sailor.

"The captain?" she stammered. "Have you—do you bring me anything? A letter?"

"Yes, madam," said he; "I have a letter and a message for you."

"Give them to me quickly," said she, her face burning.

"I cannot," he said. "I cannot give them to you here. I have much to say to you and much to tell you, and I was ordered to say it in private."

Edna was astounded. Her heart sank. Capt. Horn must be in trouble, else why such secrecy? But she must know everything, and quickly. Where could she meet the man? He divined her thought.

"The Gardens of the Tuilleries," said he; "go there now, please. I will meet you, no matter in what part of it you are." And so saying he slipped away unobserved.

When the salesman came to her, Edna did not remember what she had asked to see, but whatever he brought, she did not want, and going out she had her carriage called and ordered her coachman to take her to the Gardens of the Tuilleries. She was so excited that she did not wait, but she had time to consider this, and she told him that she was going to walk in the gardens and the carriage must wait.

(To be Continued.)

Hints to Housekeepers.

DAILY BILL OF FARE.

BREAKFAST—Bananas. Breakfast Bacon, Scrambled Eggs.

Baked Potatoes, Graham Gems.

Apple Jelly, Coffee.

DINNER—Barley Soup. Breaded

Tomatoes, Cabbage Salad, Crab

Apple Jelly, Bread and Butter.

Custard Pie, Cheese.

SUPPER—Pearl Noddy Fritters.

Cold Meat, Stewed Dried Peas.

es. Bread and Butter. Milk Tea.

SCRAMBLED EGGS.

Have frying pan hot and butter-

ed; break as many eggs as needed;

being careful not to break the

yolks; slip from dish into the pan,

add a teaspoon butter

for six eggs, or three tablespoons

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PORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE CANADA LIFE AS-

SURANCE COMPANY.

The transactions of the year 1895 have been of a satisfactory character, and the directors are pleased to submit their annual report, along with the usual statements of receipts and payments, and assets and liabilities, showing the position of the company as at 31st December last, as well as the report of the investment committee, which has seen and examined the company's securities, and the report of the auditor.

While the new life business of 1895 was, in Canada, slightly in excess, that of the United States branches was somewhat under 1894. The year's applications for assurance were 3,041 in number, for \$7,121,406. Of these 212, for \$494,000, were declined, as not appearing to be of sufficient interest.

The cash income of the year was \$2,734,470, and after the payment of the death and endowment claims, as well as \$769,465 for profits to the holders, and all other charges, the assets were increased by the sum of \$18,753,441 to \$16,324,476 93.

The investment of the funds of the company is at all times a matter of the greatest care and anxiety on the part of the board and of the management, and while it could not be expected that with investments of over \$16,000,000 there could be absolutely none upon which there might be a difficulty or loss, the board has no hesitation in stating that the company's securities are altogether of a very satisfactory character.

In accordance with the company's charter, the following are the directors who retire this year: The Hon. Senator Donald MacInnes, of Hamilton; Andrew Allan, Esq., of Montreal; and Geo. A. Cox, Esq., of Toronto, all of whom are eligible for re-election. The Canada Life Assurance Company, Hamilton, Ont., 2nd April, 1896.

(Signed) R. HILLS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL ABSTRACT FOR YEAR

To total premium income, \$2,020,091 14

To interest, rents, etc., 714,379 60

PAID death claims, endow-

ments, surrender values, \$ 755,232 11

Profits to policy-holders, 769,465 10

Gratuities, 16,197 97

Expenses, taxes, dividends, 478,762 11

ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1896, \$2,017,659 29

Loans, 1,575,000 00

Securities and real estate owned, 6,706,171 44

Other ledger assets, 223,768 71

Deferred and outstanding premiums and accrued interest, 726,938 45

Total assets, \$16,324,476 93

LIABILITIES.

Reserve fund, \$15,373,059 00

All other liabilities, 233,778 16

Net surplus over all liabilities, 561,639 77

\$16,324,476 93

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Before moving our adoption of the report of the directors and the statements presented to you today, I take leave to make a few remarks as to the business of the past year, and the position of the company generally. The new business of the year in Canada was a trifle over that of last year, but it was largely owing to the depression of trade and commerce, which appears to have been even more felt in the United States than in the Dominion.

The business of the United States did not reach that of 1894 by about \$473,000, which left the year's general result, as will be seen by the report, not so satisfactory as that of 1894. As the report states, the existing business at the end of the year amounted to \$769,465, which was the same as that of 1895, when the sum was \$34,800,225. It would have been easy to swell the amount of business done during the year by less conservative care and discrimination had been exercised, and greater expenses incurred, but the board prefers a limited business on the best class of lives obtained at a moderate expense, and that course will continue to be pursued in the future.

The death and endowment claims, it will be observed, of the past year, of a moderate amount, being again largely under what was calculated upon and provided for, an indication of the care which is exercised in the selection of the lives offered for assurance. The year's income continues to increase, and was last year \$2,734,470, which is more than twice what it was ten years ago, and there was added to the assets of the company the handsome sum of \$18,753,441, making the amount to \$16,324,476 93.

The directors' report alludes to the care with which the company's funds are invested, and while, as is stated, the board has every confidence in the general sufficiency of its securities, it will be likely, at an early date, to consider the question of further adding to the public confidence by providing some moderate amount by way of an investment reserve fund.

The subject of the general reduction, which has been going on for a number of years, in the rate of interest obtainable upon investments of the character looked for by this company, is one which receives the careful con-

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PRESBYTERIAN HYMNS.

Meeting of the Hymnal Committee in

Toronto—A Difficult Task.

Toronto, April 11.—The hymnal committee of the Presbyterian Church concluded their labors here yesterday, after sitting for two days and a half. The work of the committee has been to compare the hymns contained in the Common Draft Hymnal of the Scottish churches with the committee's own draft, afterwards revising the whole of their own work, as to have it ready for presentation to the next General Assembly in Toronto in June next. After carefully going over the book it was found that the additions and the omissions made were equal, so that the proposed new book of praise will remain about the same size as when presented to the last General Assembly. The executive committee were instructed to continue co-operation with the committees of the Scottish churches and prepare a report for submission. It is not, however, expected that a common hymnal will be arrived at, owing to the difference in temperament of the Scottish and Canadian people. Another fact which makes such an arrangement difficult is that the Scottish church courts meet in May, and will hardly be able to settle the matter before the Canadian courts meet, in which case a year's postponement would take place. It is likely that the Canadian church will adopt a hymnal of its own in June next. Among other business the committee passed a resolution relating to the death of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, who was chairman of the sub-committee on tunes.

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