

Comrades Three!

up my mind, so I do not intend to have any denial."

"What is it?" asked Stewart, voicing the questions of all.

"Simply this: Let us all combine our forces and start a 'Dunmere Ranch!' Let us make it the largest and best in the West for the sake of the old days that made us chums. Real school chums ought to be comrades for life! Is it not so?"

This proposal was received with enthusiasm, and from that moment began a new era in the lives of our friends that has nothing to do with our present story but which makes a fitting place to end our present one.

And any stranger who visits that part of the West to-day will hear "Dunmere" spoken of in tones of admiration, and, sometimes, envy. It is a model ranch of its kind, and prosperous as only such undertakings can be when guided by friends of single purpose and mutual affection.

Many wonder how such a strong combination ever came into being.

Until they read this book, they will not understand.