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"Yes, of course, I am, quite, quit the same name are trying to pass themselves off as distant connections 'Oh, no! The lady I mean is in the

But that is impossible-you know it is impossible, Lindley," she repeated, querulously, looking up into his face with impatience, increased by the curious expression of triumphant conviction she read there. "Look here," she added after a few moments' pause, my father and his sister, your mother were the only two Otways left in the direct line, weren't they' 'And then, when Aunt Henrietta,

ur father, then she ceased to be an That is quite true, also." So that papa was the only Otway left; and, now that he is dead, Charles and Elizabeth and I are the only Ot-

your mother, married Mr. Fielding,

"One! Which one? What do you mean, Lindley? Who is the other?" Eleanor had risch to her feet, and was leaning upon her silver-headed taper crutch stick, with her black eyes staring at him out of the brown, wrinkled face, like a sorceress frightened by some apparition she had her-

"Yes, who is the other? I, too, a hard, clear voice, which seemed to cut the air: and, turning-even Lindley more startled that he chose to appear —they both saw that Elizabeth had entered the room, and was standing, leoking as commanding in her brown stuff gown as Eleanor looked insigni-ficant in hers, with her long, slim, white fingers still upon the handle of the door, very dighified, very quiet, very cold.

sauntering, airy manner, in which her sharp gaze detected something more than his old bravado.

head of the family who should have the privilege of learning the interest ing secret first." And as, for all practical purpose Lindley, I am the head of the family,

as you very well know, in common fairness you should intrust the interesting secret to me," she urged, with ness so admirably feigned that, if it had been possible for her to be even as civil as this to him, without a very strong motive, Lindley would have thought it real. "I am afraid I must steel myself to

resist even your all-conquering fascin-ation," said Lindley, showing his handsome teeth, only one of which was false, in a smile which was still admired by some women, though to his cousin Elizabeth at this moment it seemed a ghastly caricature of mature fascination at which she did not scruple to shudder

"I suppose you know that to bear legally the name of Otway the person gentleman of that name who has been

'So I have been told, my fair cou-"And I suppose you know that the only living gentleman of the family bearing the name brother Charles?" name of Otway is my

"My cousin Charles. I have heard something of the kind." "And that he is the only person who could possibly be the father of such a

had been.
"I think I may even go with you as

far as that," said Lindley, very slowly and impressively. Her eyes showed that she did not believe him. However, she went on: "You have come, then, to inform Sir Charles, my brother, of the existence

of a legitimate child of his?" she asked, with a sneer. Your conjectures, as might be expected from you, show considerable 'Of whose legitimacy he was igno-

"Otherwise, you see, your informa-

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Elizabeth made no show of impa-ence. She stood confronting him like marble, except for the steely glitter of her cold blue eyes. After a pause, she moved, turning slightly toward him, and, with a sudden smile which was like the flash of flint and steel, said, in a lower, softer voice, and with a

ok of inquiring innocence:
"Does it often happen that a man gets married and becomes the father of a child without knowing it?" "Not often, I believe," answered the aabashed Lindley, in suave mimicry of

her own tone. "In such a case no doubt he would show deep gratitude to the person who put him in possession of such a be-wildering piece of information?" "I may say I believe that, too."
"I think you may say, Lindley Field-

ng, that you reckoned upon it." Then, hanging back to her old, hard tone, she went on slowly, fixing upon him a steady gaze which, in spite of himself, nade his full brown eyes shift their gitimate child a girl less honorably connected with the family, to whom you know-for you keep yourself well informed of our affairs-he has become fondly and foolishly attached You know that he is so absurdly infatuated about this girl that he would villingly seize upon any plan for open v adopting her as his daughter and removing the prejudice which natural-ly rests upon the foundling. You know that he is ready to do this, even to the prejudice of his legitimate relatives, to the annoyance and open insult of his unattractive old sisters. You therefore, not unnaturally, reckon up-on persuading him to take this course without much difficulty; and, in return for you suggestion, and for your undertaking to provide the necessary story and the necessary witnesses to

Really, Elizabeth, in the art of making a story I yield to you most hum-bly. I am quite astounded—overned by your eloquence—the more o as this fascinating fiction of yours odesty would still lead you to forego laim of such striking invention. Therefore I will withdraw myself from your presence to meditate on your genius alone, or perhaps to join in admiration of it with my cousin, your brother, the head of the family—in

the-h'm!-truth of it, you also not unnaturally reckon upon-his grati-

fact, with Sir Charles." He bowed, and airily and swiftly went out by the second and less-used door, which led into the dining-room, thus avoiding any personal collision with his dignified cousin, who had should like to know that!" struck in drawn herself up where she stood in a rather menacing manner. She turned sharply, but it was too late-he was

> Poor Eleanor had sunk, trembling like a leaf, down upon the sofa during this scene, which she had witness-ed in terror, turning her bead-like eyes from the one to the other as thrust succeeded thrust in the short dialogue, and uttering from time to time a faint exclamation of protest, of which nei-ther took the slightest heed. She now as he had already left the room by the time she was on her feet, she fell back again on to the chintz-covered cushned patteri f huge flowers, the gaudy colors of which had now long been toned down, and looked at her sister in querulous

Elizabeth's blue eyes were still "What did he say to you before I came, Eleanor? Did he tell you why he had come? What reason did he

give?' "Oh, Elizabeth, I don't know! Don't look at me like that! He said nothing in particular. He just said be had a secret—no; he said here was nother Miss Otway, and then you came He said no more about it, indeed!' "Oh, you had something more interesting to talk about, I suppose!" sneer-

ed the other, coldly. "I am afraid you have not used your influence over your admirer to the best advantage, or he would not now be occupied in trying to turn us both out of our home by foistng his own child upon our brother.

"His own child! Lindley's child!" cried Eleanor, in horror. "Yes. I have long suspected it; to-day I am sure of it."

"You mean the girl Charles has educated?" faltered Eleano

"Yes. On the very night when mis-fortune brought the wretched child here, her likeness to Aunt Henrietta's portrait woke my suspicions. It was a trick of Lindley's, a very clever trick; and it is not surprising that he is so triumphant over its success. But he is going a little too fast now, and I fancy I can impede his last all-important step.

'What do you mean, Elizabeth?" This was put in exactly the same tone; but something in the glance of the cold blue eyes told that this was more of a question than the others more of a question than the others have taken care to see her, and unhave taken care to see her, and luckily her appearance is in favor of this infamous plan. Now that—now that Charles has no heir, owing to—to our last terrible misfortune five years ago, you see nobody would be injured y such an arrangement but us; and charles would salve over his conscience

n that respect by saying to himself that he would take care to provide for us, and that, when we know her better, she would be the light of our lives, would shuffle and delay as usual, until it would be found, just as at his do poor papa died, that we with nothing. We should be at the mercy of this vagrant girl, who would grudge us the means of living

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PortStanley Harbor Board of Trade's Petition to the Government on the Matter.

Efforts to Be Made to Secure the Restoration of Commutation

The Report of the Council on the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Laws - Mr. Tarte to the Board-Fast Mail Service, C. W. A. Meet and Other Matters.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trade last night, a great deal of important business was transacted. Those present were: John Bowman, president, in the chair: John Bland, J. McClary, L. Ingram, T. R. Parker, D. W. Blackwell, Ald. Stevely, J. Mattinpet. "You have a very ingenious plan, Lindley, for inducing Sir Charles to adopt openly and proclaim as his leglis, and Secretary J. A. Nelles.

A communication from Edgar A. Wills, secretary of the Toronto Board if Trade, was read, asking co-operation of the London board in dealing with the petition to be presented to the Government, respecting the Insolvency Act. It also stated that delegates be are in the meantime largely deprived appointed to wait on the Government of the advantages of their railway Act. It also stated that delegates be with the deputation from other boards regarding the matter. This was refer-

red to the council. Benjamin Allen, secretary of the Owen Sound Board of Trade, in a com-munication, asked for the support of the London board in the matter of bill 116, now before the Legislature, for the repeal of the judgment summons pro-ceedings in the division courts. The bill it was claimed, was viewed with general disfavor by business men. Mr. John McClary said it was to him a queer piece of legislation that a man

could be dragged up before a county judge, and committed to jail when he found it was impossible to pay his debts. In this age, and in this country, has not had the assistance of the least has not had the assistance of the least has basis of truth. But it would be idle should remain on the statute book. If basis of truth. But it would be idle should remain on the statute book. If to insist on that point; your blushing a man could not pay his debts for good reasons, it was an outrage to send him to jail. Why, he asked, should a man who owed \$20 go to jail any more than a man who owed \$500. D. W. Blackwell was in favor of sup

porting the Owen Sound Board of Mr. McClary-Can you tell me why a man owing \$10 should be in jail any more than a man who owes \$500? Mr. Blackwell-If I owed you \$500, and couldn't pay it, you would soon orce me out of business, and you would be perfectly right in doing so. Pearce thought that half the

me the county judges were too len-Mr. Bowman said the council had uner consideration the insolvency bill and their view was embodied in their

Mr. Hyman thought that there should McClary alone voting nay.

MR. TARTE TO THE BOARD. Secretary Nelles then read a lette rom J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Pub ic Works, in which that gentleman ex pressed his regret at not being able to personally inspect the Port Stanley harbor before the House met. He pro mised not to lose sight of the matter and promote every scheme for the re-pair of the harbor. His reason for not coming was extra work, entailed by the recent fire.

THE COUNCIL'S REPORT. The report of the council was then read and adopted. The following nomnations of officers and committees wer nade for the ensuing year:

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AN INSOLVENCY ACT. The report goes on to say: "You

committee also beg to report their consideration of the question of a bankruptcy law, which is again being dealt with by all the leading boards of trade throughout the country. two years ago, the Government invited like tradesmen's widows, in apartments at Yarmouth or Lowestoft. This is appointed to act in conjunction with other boards. A joint meeting of the committees reviewed the proposed legat Yarmouth or Lowestoft. This is appointed to act in conjunction with accusations, Charles will not dare to islation, and many of their suggestions keep steadfast to the lie." before Parliament, and which is again to be recommended to the consideration of the Government. Your council are n favor of an insolvency act. A uniorm law controlling debter and creditor from the Atlantic to the Pacific is a necessity. The confusing laws, in some of which unjust preferences were permitted, injure our reputation in foreign markets. We beg to report having gone over the main clauses of the bill, and although we consider the bill somewhat cumbersome and expensive in its operation, we recommend a re-solution in support of insolvency legislation, which should be forwarded to he Government and to the Toronto Board of Trade.

PORT STANLEY HARBOR. Mr. Hyman, in speaking of the Port y matter, said he had regretted Mr. Tarte's inability to inspect the harbor. If he had come up, they would have given him an object lesson. In ooking into the matter more thoroughly, he had found that the amount reuired was much larger than at first supposed. For the dredging and placing of piers, \$26,000 would be required, while for work, slipdocks, etc., they would need between \$35,000 and \$40,000. The L. E. and D. R. R. people, he said. Beech were prepared to enter into an agreed ting.

ment with the Government to pay one-third the expense of the slipdocks. He had every reason to believe that the necessary grant would be made. He then read a petition, which has been forwarded to the Governor-General in Council, as follows:

"The city of London are sole-owners of the L. and P. S. R., connecting the city of London with the port of Port Stanley. The L. and P. S. R. was leased in 1894 to the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railroad for a period of

Detroit River Railroad for a period of Detroit River Railroad for a period of 21 years. Previous to the present lease the G. T. R. were the lessees of the L. and P. S. R. The policy of the G. T. R. during the term they had control was to discourage the shipments by water to Port Stanley, owing to their preference for the long haul that the all-rail route would give to their main line and branches, with the conse-quence that the harbor at Port Stan-ley has been permitted to fall into such a state of decay that an immediate expenditure is necessary to pre-vent its total destruction. The depth of the water over the bar and between the piers offers facilities only for boats drawing eight feet or less of water, and prohibits the merchants and manufacturers of London, St. Thomas and adjacent counties from enjoying the expected advantages in freight competition they hoped to have derived from a line of steamers to and from Montreal, which was established in 896, mainly through the efforts of your petitioners.

"That pending the necessary dredging and repairs to the harbor, the agencies of all the Montreal lines of steamers have cancelled all freight rates on through cargoes by water to Port Stanley from the seaboard for the present season, and your petitioners

onnection with Lake Erie.
"That the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway has entered into a con-tract, subject to the necessary dredging and construction of slipdocks, for the landing of car ferries, for the de-livery of not less than 40,000 tons of coal each year at Port Stanley, the saving made in freight on each ton of which will not be less than 60 cents, as compared with the all-rail route to London, and not less than 30 cents, as compared with the car ferry route

via Port Dover.
"That at the minimum quantity at least \$12,000 per year will be saved to the consumers of coal in the county of Middlesex and adjoining counties "That the population benefited by the expenditure necessary to permit of the establishment of the proposed car ferries across Lake Erie will not be less than 300,000. "That there shall be placed in the

estimates at the present session Parliament such an amount as may be found requisite to complete the necessary works at the Port Stanley har-Mr. John McClary, in moving the

adoption of this petition, said we knew enough of our condition to be well aware that too great an effort could not be made in this direction. If Mr. Hyman could bring this mat ter to a successful close he would con fer an everlasting favor on the city It was a good thing to have the car shops: but to his mind it was better to make secure the mercantile and manufacturing houses we had here Mr. Bowman said he had a letter from Mr. John Shipman, who stated that the heats his company proposed be a Dominion act governing the in-solvency law. The bill, as he under-be capable of making the trip every 24 stood it, had never come up in the House, although it had been before the Senate. When it came before the House year, besides building up a general he had no doubt the matter would be referred to a committee that would deal with it in a very liberal manner.

The motion to support it passed, Mr.

The motion to support it passed, Mr. He thought even 30 cents on 500,000 tons of coal meant a good deal in a

year. If the water ports were not kept open the railways would suffer. COMMUTATION TICKETS. Mr. Ingram said he had a matter to idered most important, and read the ollowing resolution:
"Resolved, that the Board of Trade have learned with regret that the G. T. R. and C. P. R. have seen fit to

withdraw the commutation tickets. This we consider a serious drawback to the business of the city, and we would urge that an effort be made to secure the privileges to London they formerly extended to it." Mr. Ingram said \$12,000 a year might be saved by the Port Stanley harbor deal, but that was nothing compared o what the city merchants lost in a year by taking away their trade. Peo-ple could not come to London in con-

sequence, and the merchant was at Mr. Bowman thought the matter looked into and every effort made to secure a restoration of

C. W. A. MEET. Mr. Samuel Stevely moved that the board indorse and use their efforts to secure the C. W. A. meet for this city on July 1 and following days. It meant 2,000 or 3,000 visitors to London, which would be a benefit to the city. This was unanimously carried.

FAST ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE Mr. John Bland brought up the matter of mail service between Canada said: "In view of the growing trade between Canada and Great Britain we think the time has come for improved mail service. In this connection w regret to see that the steamship Canada, which was specially built for the fast Atlantic line between England and Montreal, has been withdrawn, and will in future run with an American line from Boston.'

Mr. Hyman said the board should handle such matters with hesitance As a rule, he said the steamship com panies made the boards of trade throughout the country tools through which they procured subsidies and favors that they could get no other way. He was under the impression that it was a matter urged by the Allan

Company. Mr. Bland explained that it was purely a matter brought up by the members of the board.

Mr. Hyman withdrew any objection but said it was an old dodge of the

steamship companies. Mr. Campbell said that as Canadian we wanted a fast line, just as good as the Boston lines. The fact of a Canadian vessel having been transferred to an American port was an evidence that there was not so much interest taken in these matters by Canadians as by Americans.

Mr. Ingram thought the best method

would be to petition the Government to subsidize a fast Canadian line. After some further discussion the matter was referred to the railway committee with power and instructions to urge upon the Government the subsidizing of a Canadian line of fast steamers. OTHER MATTERS. Messrs. John Bowman and A. B. Greer were appointed delegates to re-

present the board on the jubilee cel-bration committee. A communication from the G. T. F dealing with grain freight rates was referred to the board of examiners.
The management of the Philadelphia Museum wrote asking to be furnished with all natural products for free exhibitions. The matter was referred to

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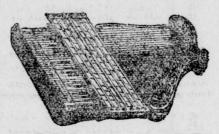
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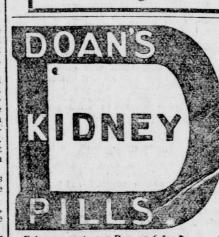
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