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A Strong Dramatic Offering

'Every Woman's Problem'

Starring Mrs. Wallace Reid

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Whiskey Smugglers.

WALTER SMITH, in The Canadian Magazine)

France lost all her other possessions in the New World she was left with the two small islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon on the east coast of Newfoundland as a base for her fishing vessels which visit the Grand Banks for the purpose of catching cod.

These small islands have been used by the French for the purpose of catching cod which they were retained after the war by the British. The Canadians and Yankees, for the most part, have been using the islands for less worthy purposes—as a base for smuggling, where cargoes of whiskey and wines, recently brought from France or the West Indies, might be purchased and smuggled to the States port and sold at a profit. The price paid for them in the States is large profits.

The revenue induced many a skipper to forsake the legitimate coasting-trade and turned to a precarious but profitable but illegitimate business.

Some of the most daring skippers own the fastest vessels could hope to be successful in this business, for they were closely watched by the customs officers in the various ports, and the revenue cutters which patrolled the coast, and ready to give chase to any suspicious-looking craft.

Many a captain down east entertains his guests around the fireside during winter evenings by telling tales of the adventures of the close-hauled, half-breath escapes from both men and revenue cutters, in the old days when he was young.

It is the story of how and why the customs officer came out of the way port where a cargo of contraband was hidden in barns, cellars or even the stowage of nearby friends and contacts. There is hardly a harbor on the east or south coast of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, but had a story of a smuggling vessel.

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Sometimes, though the smuggling captain succeeded in evading the revenue cutters and in "fixing" the customs officers so that the "goods" were safely landed, they have been known mysteriously to disappear, so that the venture turned out to be a failure. It is hard to maintain honor among thieves, and for this reason, many an otherwise profitable venture came to naught. Here is a case in point. Captain B of the schooner C, after making the necessary arrangements with the customs officer in a Nova Scotia port, laid a course for St. Pierre, where a full cargo was taken on board. In due time, it was safely stored away in a large warehouse built on piles, where it was to remain until the harbor froze over, and then it could be easily hauled away by teams at night and distributed among the dealers who were always glad to get "some real good stuff for Christmas."

During the autumn the owner of this cargo had bargained with the dealers to take the whole cargo off his hands at a handsome profit, de-

livery to take place as soon as the harbor was strong enough to bear teams; and so far, everything looked favorable for "a merry Christmas."

After three nights' hard frost beginning with the tenth of December, the opportune time had come, and at midnight the captain was aroused from his peaceful slumbers by the unexpected arrival of three teams that pressed for an early delivery. The captain repaired to the warehouse and unlocked the door only to find himself face to face with one of the greatest mysteries of modern times.

There, before the astonished eyes of these men were to be seen, in regular rows, 150 empty casks, but of whiskey, brandy or rum there was none. Where had the fire water gone? Where ah, where? That's the rub! Upon more careful examination, it was found that an inch auger hole had been bored through the floor under each cask, and that there was a corresponding hole in the cask itself; so that the whiskey, brandy and rum had evidently been drained off through the floor by some unscrupulous persons who had knowledge of its whereabouts. The captain was furious, but what could he do? It is said that he was never quite able to make up his mind as to who the culprits really were. At first, he was inclined to blame the members of the recently organized Temperance Society of the town, but later came to suspect very strongly some of the crew who sailed with him on that last trip to St. John's. He never felt comfortable with any of them again.

(to be continued.)

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Municipal Council

WEEKLY MEETING.

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council was held yesterday afternoon. Mayor Cook presided. Councillors Martin, Outerbridge, Vincombe, Collier, Ryan and Dowden were present. The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Following the reading of the minutes Councillor Outerbridge referred to the sad duty of having to record the death of Mr. W. Lloyd Woods, 2nd Asst. Engineer which occurred since the last regular meeting of the Council. The late Mr. Woods by his courteous and obliging manner in social life and in the daily routine of office had gained the respect of all who came in contact with him. The Councillor moved that the heartfelt sympathy of the Board be tendered to the parents and relatives of the deceased on his early demise. Deputy Mayor Martin seconded the motion which passed on a standing vote.

Contract for the supply of C.I. Pipe and Specials for re-laying of water mains at Muldowney's Hill, Cove Road, was awarded Messrs. Wm. Heap and Company, Ltd.

Applications were read from John Woods and Michael Walsh for position in the Engineering Department. As the present staff is considered sufficient for the working of this Department it was decided no further appointment was necessary.

It was brought to the notice of the Board that children were prevented from skating in the open air rink at Bannerman Park unless they paid a fee. When permission was given for this rink it was on the understanding no fee would be charged. The Council has already allowed the person in charge an amount for his labor in connection with same. Enquiry into the matter will be made by the Park Committee.

Plan of dwelling for F. Chislett.

THE VOLSTEAD LAW.

The well known line I do not draw at Mr. Volstead's famous law. There may be moments when I yearn for drinks that sizzle, smoke and burn, that join a man clear to his toes, perfume his breath and tint his nose; but when such longings come to me I draw a bowl of boneseat tea. I can't pour bitterns in my crew without setting Volstead's law and making Mr. Volstead feel a dark blue fad in his heel. When serpents come and bite my legs, for something strong my being begs. My soul is sick and faint within; my nerves demand a dish of gin. For I've been taught that gin and ryes that venom dire will neutralize. But still I cry, "Far better croak than make the Volstead law a joke!"

Though coverts' coos and adepts add, "and bite me 'neath my liver pad, though copperheads and rattlesnakes shall fill me up with deadly aches, no vital statute shall I bust—obeying law's a sacred trust!" I sit beneath my vine and tree and drink nine quarts of boneseat tea, and wash it down with vinerewart, and lo! the venom is dispersed! And while I sit here, blithe and spry; the humbled snake go off and die. I doubt if alcohol will heat a single ill that mortals feel. And if you drink it you must save a stove length from the Volstead law.

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An old lady in a bus noticed a man sitting in front of her had his arm in a sling. She was a very inquisitive old person, and couldn't refrain from leaning forward and asking: My poor man, what have you done to your arm?

Broken it, ma'am, the man replied. And how did you break it? continued the old lady.

When I was patting myself on the back, ma'am, he said.

Patting yourself on the back. What ever were you doing that for? He looked hard at her for a moment, and then said:—

For minding my own business, ma'am!

It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do.

He laughed best whose laugh lasts.

His Choice

A judge on a certain circuit in the west was wont to dore during the speeches of counsel.

On one occasion counsel was addressing him on the subject of certain town commissioners' rights to obtain water from a certain river, water being scarce at the time.

During his speech he made use of the words, "but my lord, we must have water—we must have water."

Whereupon the judge woke up exclaiming, "Well, just a little drop; I like it strong."

Every spirit makes its house; but as afterwards the house confines its spirit, you had better build well.

I went on a fishing trip with Brown and Simpson, and they were both familiar with my reputation as an angler. Before starting, Brown suggested that the first to land a fish should pay for the dinners that night.

I readily agreed, and we began, and, do you know, both those fellows had a bite and were too mean to pull the fish up.

Oh, then, you lost? remarked his friend.

Oh, no, replied Closest; but if I'd put any bait on my hook I would have done."

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