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box. The flask is mine, and I surely will see to getting it."

"You will, eh?" snarled the bully. "Get away from me—out of arm's reach—or I'll smash you like a roast tater!"

Thus speaking, the giant swung his fists about, but the young man did not move. Instead he received a blow upon his head which knocked away his hat, and seemed to change his whole nature to that of a young lion. With a strength and agility wholly unlooked for, he dealt the giant a fearful blow fell upon the nose, which threw him to the ground, and deluged the uncemely face and beard with torrents of blood. There was a momentary struggle upon the ground after the bully fell, and then Stephen stepped back a pace or two.

In a moment the ruffian was upon his feet again, and with a fearful curse he placed his hand where he expected to find a revolver. But it was gone. Then he sought his knife, but that, too, was missing. The young man had taken the precaution of removing them, so that they now stood upon equal ground. But what a contrast! Nine inches in height the bully towered above his antagonist, while in actual weight he was nearly twice his equal.

There was no parley nor hesitation. Finding himself weaponless, Jack rushed for the young man, and would have crushed him in a deadly grasp; but the young man did not wait for the process. A quick, fierce blow, falling just where the other had fallen, staggered the rascal, and before he could see what had become of the man he supposed already in his grasp, a tremendous crack in the ear brought him again to the ground. Again he scrambled to his feet, and again he was knocked down, by a single reverberating blow. The fourth time he arose, but before he could wipe the blood from his eyes sufficiently to distinguish his antagonist, the hard earth again became his bed.

This time he did not rise immediately. It was patent to every one before this stage of the encounter that he was over-matched for once, and at last that fact seemed to become clear to his own mind. Drawing the flask from his pocket, muttering savagely,

"There's yer old flask! Take it; if yer want it so bad!"

Stephen stepped to the spot where the coveted prize lay and picked it up, placing it beside his rifle. Then turning again to the discomfited bully who had now arisen to his feet, he thus addressed him,

"Jack Dunlaw, I am not done with you yet. A few days ago you brutally insulted Cora Russell. I could have shot you dead, and I should have done it if I had not pitied you. Now you can take your choice—go, and on your knees ask pardon, and then quit this place forever, or die where you stand! This quarrel is not of my seeking, and now you have begun it take your choice. I give you three minutes to decide.

A half dozen watches were produced, and the attention of our party was divided between their slowly moving hands and the excited group before us. At first it seemed as though Jack desired to renew the fight. He looked around upon those who had been his confederates, but their sympathy had gone, and it was apparent that Stephen Ranney had in a moment become the hero of the occasion.

Jack's eyes, too, were nearly closed from the energetic blows he had received, and his courage, if any he had ever possessed, seemed to have gone entirely.

A nod, a watch closed and returned to the pocket of its owner, and pronounced the expiration of the time. Not a change of muscle or expression passed over Stephen's features as he remarked,

"The time is up, Jack Dunlaw; will you live or die?"

Jack looked around once more and plainly asked,

"What do you say, boys?"

"Do as he tells yer," replied one who had been Jack's most devoted supporter in times past.

The last hope seemed to leave the contemptible giant. In a voice weak and quivering, he said,

"I'll leave; that order satisfy yer?"

"You will do what I said, or—"

The sentence remained unspoken. Jack Dunlaw bowed his head, and walked meekly away to make the required apology. I did not follow, though many did. Five minutes later I saw him, the blood washed from his face, walking slowly away into the forest. We did not see him again, nor did he return to that station to my knowledge.

The favor which Jack lost was transferred to Stephen, and a fine village, which has since grown up here, bears to-day the stamp of his quiet energy and courage. — Waverley.

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THE GLOBE ANDDUNDONALD

The Hamilton Herald, which is independent Liberal in politics, printed the following convincing editorial in its issue of Oct. 3:

It will be remembered that when the Globe, two or three months ago, accused Lord Dundonald of trying to fasten upon this country the burden of European militarism, its specific charges against the general were that he proposed to build a series of great fortresses—"Gibraltar-tars" they were called—along the national frontier, and to increase the expenditure for military purposes to forty or fifty million dollars. Although Lord Dundonald indignantly denied the truth of these charges in public, and although not a jot of evidence has been produced in support of them, the Globe has refused either to withdraw the charges or admit that it was in error when it made them. Instead of taking the only course that an honorable newspaper could take, it is now resorting to other means of misrepresenting Lord Dundonald.

When demands were made for the publication of the general's recommendations to the minister of militia, the Globe excused the suppression of these reports on the ground that they were "confidential." Now it is printing, in fac-simile, excerpts from Lord Dundonald's official "confidential" communications—only such excerpts as it hopes will suit its purpose and go to support the charge that Dundonald was really trying to introduce European "militarism" into this country.

A new militia bill being in process of preparation, the minister of militia requested the commanding officer to suggest such changes in the old act as he might consider desirable, so Dundonald made certain intimations in a copy of the old act, and sent it to the minister. It is three or four of these clauses, with alterations in the general's handwriting, which the Globe prints in fac-simile.

The old act provided for the establishment of a corps "for continuous service"—this is the existing permanent corps—not to exceed 1,000 in number. Lord Dundonald suggested that the maximum be raised to 5,000. By this suggestion he did not recommend that the strength of the permanent corps be increased to 5,000 at once. He said that the number should not exceed 5,000, the number to be enlisted being left to the discretion of the Government. Upon this suggestion the Globe bases its charge that Lord Dundonald sought to establish a "standing army" in Canada. According to the Globe, the existing permanent force of 1,000 is not a "standing army," but it would be a "standing army" if it were increased to 5,000. The new militia act passed that session fixed the maximum at 2,000. Would a force of 2,000 be a "standing army" or only a recumbent one?

The next charge is that Dundonald suggested that the word "army" be substituted for "militia." This charge is sustained by the evidence. But what does it amount to? European "militarism" cannot be fastened upon Canada by a change of names.

Next it sought to prove that Dundonald tried to "make it obligatory upon every citizen to serve in the 'army' in time of peace." To support this charge the general's alteration of clause 13 in the old act is reproduced. The original clause was: "The period of service in the active militia in time of peace shall be three years." Lord Dundonald suggested that it read: "The period of compulsory service in the army shall be three years," but when hostilities are threatened his service may be extended for a year." It is clear that the general did not mean to suggest that all citizens be compelled to serve in the army, for he suggested alterations in the preceding clause so as to read as follows: "The army shall be divided into corps raised by voluntary enlistment or by ballot, or partly by voluntary enlistment and partly by ballot." The Globe reproduces these latter alterations in the general's handwriting, and yet it has the hardihood to assert that he sought to make it "obligatory upon every citizen to serve in the 'army' in time of peace." It is hard to imagine a more impudent example of misrepresentation. What Dundonald meant by interpolating the word "compulsory" in clause 13 was, probably, as Colonel Denison says, to provide for the cases of men who may wish to remain in the militia after they have served three years. This is already a period of "compulsory" service. It becomes such when the militiaman takes the oath. Without the word "compulsory" the clause might be construed as meaning that no one may serve in the militia longer than three years.

And then there is the charge of "boy conscription." Having in mind, no doubt, the school endowment system, Lord Dundonald suggested that all male youths between the ages of 14 and 18 years "shall perform not less than 100 drills of one hour each, under such regulations as may be made." This might be regarded as an extension of the school cadet drills. But the Globe says that if this suggestion were acted on, each boy would, during those four years, be "for 100 hours a 'soldier' in the 'army.'" Another deliberate, cold-blooded misrepresentation. For Lord Dundonald took care not to recommend that youths under 18 shall be liable to serve in the militia. The classes liable for service are mentioned in clause 11 of the act, and the general suggested no change in that regard.

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Some one else may hover near, prepared to say
The word that you in fear
Hesitate to let her hear;
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Opportunity will some day ring your bell,
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She will not inquire if you are ill or well,
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