

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER XIV.

DICK MATTOCKS IS BROUGHT TO BAY. "Now, then," observed Dick, "there we are; and suppose we have a summit to drink as we go on talking, for talking's but thirsty work."

"I've no objection," returned Hayes, looking round for the bell-pull, but seeing none.

"What'll you stand?" asked the other. "Whatever you like—porter, ale, or brandy. But where's the bell?"

"Oh, I'll manage that. Table a tanner on yon shelf, and we'll have two pots of porter in a jiffy."

The lawyer looked at Dick inquiringly, who gruffly granted out—

"Got a sixpence?" "Oh, yes—to be sure."

"There, down with it on the brass."

"Here?" said Hayes, pointing to the brass shelf.

"Ah—there."

The coin was laid on the spot indicated. Dick touched a knob above it, and

whispered a word or two at the mouth of a tube, when a click was heard, and down

sank the brass shelf through the floor. Presently it rose to its former place with

two foaming pots of porter standing upon it.

"Ah—hum; very ingenious," said the lawyer, as he followed Dick's example by

taking up one of the pots, and sitting down at the table opposite his com-

panion, who had already taken his seat. The gas shone brightly upon both, and

both again looked at each other narrowly and silently in the strong light, which

revealed the person of each to the other better than the fainter light in Mother

Crimp's had done.

During these few moments the lawyer's

thoughts were partly dubious, partly satisfactory. The appearance of Dick

Mattocks was fully suggestive of the gar-

rotting deal he had perpetrated in Wool-

man's Lane more than two months be-

fore. His round tulle head, with short

hard, stubbly hair, his thick bull neck,

his face set round with matted red hair,

his keen sandy eyes, his brawny chest,

and muscular limbs, made him in any way

an ugly customer to meet with as a foe,

and the lawyer could not but bear in

mind that he was there alone with him,

fully in his power, with no means of

escape should he prove inclined to do

him harm. On the other hand, the

whole of these features have indicated

ed, proved his fitness for the work Hayes

wished him to undertake, and the longer

he gazed at him the better satisfied was

he with the prospect of a successful ne-

gotiation with him. One thing he was

fully alive to, and that was the necessity

of playing his cards boldly. He was in

no position to show fear; coolness alone

and a firm handling of his man were

vitality essential, and Edward Hayes was

both by nature and profession equal to

the emergency.

While he had been thus eyeing Dick,

and drawing inferences from what he

noticed, the latter was as quietly and

coolly taking stock of him, and drawing

inferences too.

"Well, how long are you going to be in

opening the business?" he at length

asked, in this gruff and growling tone he

had lately assumed. The fact was Dick

was a little mystified and suspicious, and

it irritated him, and when he was irri-

tated his savage disposition came unmis-

takably uppermost.

"Suppose we drink to it first," said

Hayes.

"How the devil can I drink to what I

don't know anything about?" retorted

the other.

"Very true," smiled the lawyer. "But

I assure you it is worth drinking to, as

you will see by-and-by."

State of the Militia.

The militia report for 1872, just pub-

lished, states that 30,141 officers and

men mustered at the annual drill last

year. In addition 339 men attended

the Infantry School of Instruction, a

large proportion being officers and non-

commissioned officers in militia corps,

the remainder being candidates for ad-

mission. In nearly every instance each

brigade forms a little army, the whole

acting upon a reserve of almost the

entire manhood of the Dominion, and upon

a reserve organization which has "called

forth the eulogy and approval of eminent

European statesmen and soldiers." The

number attending the camps for sixteen

days was 21,144, and for eight days only,

171. Increase over 1871, 1,600 men.

Considerable progress was made last year

in training the active militia and pro-

viding it with superior arms. In tactical

mobility there is improvement. Most of

the cavalry are armed with cavalry Snider

carbines the same as the regulars. The

artillery are being gradually supplied

with the same good field guns as the

regulars. The infantry are all armed with

Snider breech-loading rifles. The Adj-

utant-General believes the whole force

more efficient than previously, and the

system of annual camps most beneficial.

He praises the Grand Trunk Brigade for

efficiency, and re-energizing to serve

another term, and censures the spirit of those

employers who throw obstacles in the

way of their employees attending drill

and camps of instruction. It is admitted

that the number who voluntarily attended

for but 50 cents a day, when far more

could be earned in business, is a circum-

stance most creditable to the military

spirit and patriotism of the people.

Employers are reminded of the possi-

bility of personal service should the

ballot come into operation. It is believed

that with proper Parliamentary and private

encouragement the full force of 40,000

could be kept up, and that it would not

be wise to let it decline much or fall away.

A compliment is also paid the French

Canadians, who are evincing more inter-

est in the proper maintenance of the

Militia. To train 10,000 men on the

present organization, for sixteen days, with

suitable military schools, would need an

annual cost of \$1,500,000. The Adj-

utant-General is convinced that a smaller or

less efficient force would neither be ade-

quate nor reasonable. There is an in-

teresting account of the Wimbledon ex-

pedition, and it is stated that the Govern-

ment has agreed to reward the owners of

the Kalypso prize with gold medals.

The most interesting portion of the re-

port, however, and a subject of impor-

tance at present, relates to the North-

west Provinces and territories, embodied

in the Adjutant-General's special report

of the journey made by him last year

through Canadian territory to the Pacific

coast. This professes to give accurate

information on the state of the North-

west and Saskatchewan country. The

Adjutant-General's recommendations for

securing the settlement of the valuable

Saskatchewan country and peaceful con-

struction of the Canadian Pacific Rail-

way to our own statement and the com-

mon sense, may be worthy of considera-

tion.

FOR SALE—Lot 71, on Wyndham-

Street, known as the Black-

smith Shop Lot. Clear title and immediate

possession given. Also, a first-class stone

house to rent. Apply to Denis Coffee

Guelph, December 27th, 1872

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Files of Scarlet Flannel at 25c
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The Cheapest and Newest. Prices to suit everyone.

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Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872

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Stringles, Lath and Pickets.

Lumber, etc., delivered in either large or small quantities, in any part of the town, or delivered by the car load on the track here, at any station on the G. W. R., or in cars at the Mill Station north of Walkerton.

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April 21st, 1873. CHARLES MICKLE, 10w1w

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French Pattern Bonnets, French Pattern Hats,

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Making the finest stock ever shown in Guelph, and

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His stock is now complete in BROADCLOTHS,

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Also, a large and varied stock of

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NEW RAISINS, 5 cents per pound
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GOOD PRUNES, 30 pounds for \$1
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OUR VERY BEST GREEN TEA, for 80 cents per lb
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Guelph, Jan. 23, 1873

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

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Price so low that all can use it.

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Hamilton, Feb. 10, 1873

PLUGS.

Just received, a quantity of the celebrated

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THE PORTER, ONTARIO & VICTOR

Steel Board Ploughs; also some cheap Cast Board Ploughs on hand. Prices from \$7.50 to \$30.

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