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Daily Investment News

Halifax, Dec. 10, 1913.

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Montreal, November 20, 1913.
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The butler appeared and offered me drink, but the thought of drinking alone did not appeal to me. I repelled the suggestion coldly, but after I had dropped my eyes to the English review I had taken up I was conscious that he stood his ground.

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Our hearts, you say, will never grow cold.
But doesling as we grow old
Grow old!

You count the years that you and I
Will watch the summer days go by,
And when our fields are turning brown,
And age like night comes softly down,
I shall not feel your clinging hold,
Will brighten life as we grow old—
Grow old!

And all the while you talk to me,
Of that old time when you were young,
That tells me that, ere a year has flown,
Each will be on his way alone.
I shall not feel your clinging hold,
Nor you my faltering steps uphold—
As we grow old!

'Tis not that time will witness things
To lips that kiss and arms that cling;
You will not seek love's sweet replies
In other lips and other eyes;
My heart is loyal will hold fast,
But, darling, I shall not grow old—
Grow old!

And when your tears are falling fast
Upon a brow whose pain is past,
When all your loving words are vain
To win an answering smile again,
I shall not feel your clinging hold,
Remembering love can never grow old—
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throwing down my review. "What walks?"
"You 'er hit, sir, the walls. It goes right through the solid brick—most hunaaccountable."

"You hear a noise in the walls and think it's ghosts? But you forget, James, that this is a new house, only a year or so old, and apouts don't frequent such places. If it were an old place it might be possible that the creaking of floors and the settling of walls would cause uneasiness in nervous people. The ghost tradition usually rests on some ugly fact. But here nothing of the kind is present."

"It was one of 'is majesty's' horrors, sir," he answered hoarsely.

It flashed over me that this big old fellow was out of his head; but, since he had been so greatly disturbed, I was best, I thought, or either hypothesis to speak to him peremptorily, and I rose, the better to deal with the situation.

"What nonsense is this you have in your head? You're in the United

States, and there aren't any majesty's soldiers to deal with. You forget that you're not in England now."

"But this 'ere country used to be thought of as a part of the United States, and the soldiers got in the village goes back to the hold times, sir, when the colonies was his rebellion, if I may so call it, sir, and 'is majesty's' troops was puttin' down the rebellion in these parts. Some American rebels chased a British soldier from over near White Plains to these 'ere woods as they was then, and they 'anged 'im, sir, right where this 'ere 'ouse stands. If I may be so bold, sir—"

"You'd better go to bed, James. And don't encourage talk among the servants about this ghost. I know something about the building house, and I'll give these walls a good looking over. Good night."

I made myself comfortable for an hour, smoking a cigar over an article on English politics, and while I read a big placidly burned itself to ashes I found the switch and snapped out the library lights. When I had gained the second floor I turned off the lights in the hall below, and as I looked down I saw a light in the room below.

I was quite sure that the light was in the room below, and I turned the light switch and found the light in the room below.

Standing by the rail that guarded the well, I stepped upward, thinking that some one above me was manipulating another switch, but the silence was as complete as the blackness. I was about to turn from the rail to the wall to find the switch, but at this moment as my face was still lifted in the intention with which I was listening, something brushed my cheek—something soft of touch and swift of movement. As I gripped the rail I felt this touch once, twice, thrice. Then my hand touched the wall, and with no aid from the wall I was quite sure that the touch was mine.

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dead soldier might be lying in wait for me, but I saw and heard nothing. The door of the unused chambers on the third floor were closed, and I did not feel justified in trying them. The servants were housed on this floor at the rear of the house, and a door that cut off their quarters proved on examination to be tightly locked.

The fourth floor was only a half story, used for storage purposes. The roof was gained, I recalled, by an iron ladder and a hatchway in a trunk room. I ran down to my room and found a candle, to be armed against any further sickness of the lights, and set out for the fourth floor. I had changed my coat and with a couple of candles and a box of matches started for the roof. My courage had risen now, and I was ready for any further adventure that the night might hold for me. Miss Hollister and Cecilia were both in their rooms, presumably asleep. The servants doubtless had their doors barred against ghostly visitors, and the house was mine to explore as I pleased.

I think I was humming slightly as I mounted the stair, which, in keeping with the general luxuriousness that characterized the furnishing of the house, was thickly carpeted even to the fourth floor. I was slipping my hand along the rail and, meaning, I dare say, a little jauntily as I screwed my courage to an unfamiliar notch when suddenly, midway of the first half and just before I reached the turn where the stair broke, the lights failed again with startling abruptness. This was carrying the joke pretty far, and instantly I clapped my hand to my pocket for the box of safety matches, dug it out and then in my haste dropped the lid essential to ignition and stooped to find it.

The stair had narrowed on this flight, and as I sought with futile eagerness to regain the box I could have sworn that some one passed me. Still half stooping, I stretched out my arms and clasped empty air, and as suddenly had I thrown myself forward that I lost my balance and rolled downward the space of half a dozen treads before I recovered myself. I was badly scared and hardly less angry at having missed through my own clumsiness the joy of grappling with the ghost of one of King George's soldiers. But the matches having been lost in the pitch darkness of the stair, I could get my bearings again only by clinging to the stair rail until I found the second floor switch. I should say that two full minutes had passed between the loss of the matches and my flashing on of the lamp. From top to bottom the lights shone brightly. But no one was visible, and I heard no sound in any part of the house.

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Express from Pictou (daily except Sunday), 11.55 a.m. except Sunday.
Maritime Express (daily except Sunday) from Montreal, 1.30 p.m. except Sunday.
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The House, however, except in the person of Sir Henry Balfour, does not work as hard as it used to. The House is now a more serious place, and the House is now a more serious place, and the House is now a more serious place.

But, as pre-eminence is seldom gained in more than one field, the interest of the House is now in the House, and the House is now a more serious place, and the House is now a more serious place, and the House is now a more serious place.

It is a real gain, therefore, when an occupant of the House, by his note-book or his pen, has been able to record the House, and the House is now a more serious place, and the House is now a more serious place, and the House is now a more serious place.

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its annual meeting on the 24th of August, 1913, at

the Hotel de Ville, London, England.

The following is a summary of the

business transacted at the meeting:

The directors reported that the

company had during the year ended

31st March, 1913, received from

policyholders a sum of £1,000,000

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