

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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At the District meeting, Sheffield, last week, R. B. Jones was elected delegate from the Woodstock Methodist church to the conference which met at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Wednesday.

A. R. Wetmore, C. E. and staff, reached here Tuesday, and have begun at Woodstock, the work of locating the route of the St. John Valley Railway.

A recent number of the Boston Hotel Guide contains a good portrait of Hon. F. S. Risteen, together with a very complimentary biography. Mr. Risteen has recently been elected the first vice president of the United States Hotel Association. Mr. Risteen has, during the past twenty years, been elected a councillor, assistant assessor, one of the Board of Directors for public institutions, and Senator. The Guide says:—

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A strong and practical argument in favor of an immediate construction of a fishway in the dam at the mouth of the Meduxakik has been offered during the past few days in the presence of large quantities of salmon below the dam attempting to get above it. These salmon are presumably from the river Lachery. Supt. Stewart started the boys on a somewhat novel sport for this place, when one evening last week he took a salmon with a fly just below the dam. There was quite an excitement the following days around this new fishing pool, and some catches of good sized fish were made. All kinds of equipment, "ancient and modern," were brought into play, and it was "an experience" to see a lad with a bit of stick, a twine line and worm baited hook, throwing a six pound salmon over his head in the same fashion he would a club or sucker. To go back we must have a fishway.

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F. Balloch who left town about eighteen years ago.

The Albert Street Baptist Church was handsomely decorated with flowers, and the walls hung with appropriate mottoes, for the Centennial Missionary service held there Sunday evening. Mr. Blackall presided, and the church was comfortably filled by an interested audience. After the opening service of singing by the choir, prayer by Mr. Robertson, and reading of Scripture by Mr. Blackall, excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. B. H. Thomas and Mr. Blackall. During the taking up of the collection Miss Gilmore presided, and the service was conducted in her usual captivating manner.

There was a very good audience at Miss Sharp's Musical Recital in the Opera House, Thursday evening of last week, and the rendering of the programme reflected very great credit on the pupils of Miss Sharp, who assisted her on the occasion. Miss Nannie Bull's playing of the piano elicited great applause; not only was she encoered, but when in response she returned to the platform and bowed her thanks. James Lithgow stepped from the audience and in his inimitable graceful manner presented her with a handsome bouquet. Miss Gilmore sang, as she always does, sweetly. Mrs. Ludwig captured the admiration of her hearers, and Miss Bussey's readings gave very great pleasure to her audience. Miss Sharp may feel justly proud of the way in which her pupils acquitted themselves.

CAN'T HUMBLED THE WEST

(From the Toronto Globe)

The West lost more than the East by trade obstruction, because the industries that suffer most are at least one of that name. What is Woodstock's loss however is some other town's gain. We were pleased to hear that the Ballochs at Centre ville had heard this week from John at large is the victim.

The House of the Whispering Pines

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN

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But no. The hand slowly unclasped and fell away from the decenter, his head sank forward until his chin rested on his breast, and a sigh, starting to Sweetwater, fell from his lips. Hexford was right—only one thing could arouse him.

Sweetwater now tried that thing. He knocked softly on the sickroom door. This reached the ear oblivious to all else. Young Cumberland started to his feet, and for a moment Sweetwater saw again the heavy features which an hour before had produced such a repulsive effect upon him in the rooms below. Then the nervous figure sank again into place with the same constraint in its lines and the same dejection.

Sweetwater's hand, lifted in repulsion of his knock, hung suspended. He had not expected quite such indifference as this. It upset his calculations just a trifle.

The door was opened to him this time. As it swung back he saw first a burst of rosy color as a room paled in exquisite pink burst upon his sight, then the great picture of his life—the bloodless features of Carmel—aimed for the moment into sleep.

Sweetwater gazed at the winsome brown head over the nurse's shoulder and felt that for him a new and important factor had entered into this case with his recognition of this woman's great beauty. How deep a factor he was far from suspecting or he would not have met the nurse's eye with quite so cheerful and self-confident a smile.

"Excuse the intrusion," he said. "We thought you might need these things. Hexford signed for them." "I'm obliged to you. Are you—one of them?" she sharply asked. "Would it disturb you if I were? I hope not. I've no wish to seem intrusive."

"What do you want? Something, I know. Give it a name before there's a change there."

She nodded toward the bed, and Sweetwater took advantage of the moment to scrutinize more closely the nurse herself. She was a robust, fine looking woman, producing an impression of capability united to kindness. Strength of mind and rigid attendance to duty dominated the kindness, however.

"I want another good look at your patient, and I want your confidence since you and I may have to see much of each other before this matter is ended. You asked me to speak plainly and I have done so."

"You are from headquarters?" "Coroner Perry sent me." Throwing back his coat, he showed his badge. "The coroner has returned to his office. He was quite upset by the outcry which came from this room at an unhappy moment during the funeral."

"I know. It was my fault. I opened the door just for an instant, and in that instant my patient broke through her torpor and spoke."

She had drawn him in by this time and, after another glance at her patient, softly closed the door behind him. "I have nothing to report," said she, "but the one sentence everybody heard."

Sweetwater took in the little memorandum book and pencil which hung at her side and understood her position and extraordinary amenability to his wishes. Unconsciously a low exclamation escaped him. He was young and had not yet sunk the man entirely in the detective.

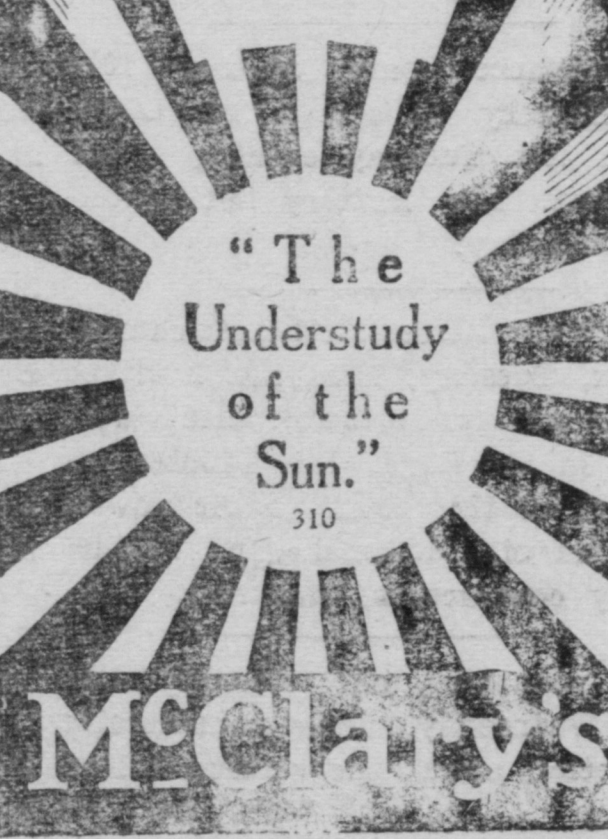
His eye went wandering all over the room as he spoke until it fell upon a peculiar looking cabinet or closet let into the wall directly opposite the bed. "What's that?" he asked. "I don't know. I can't make it out, and I don't like to ask."

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At one end he saw a stuffed canary, not perched on a twig, but lying prone on its side. Near it was a doll, with scorched face and limbs half consumed.



"HER HEART SHOULD BE THERE. HER HEART, HER HEART!"

ed. Next this the broken pieces of a china bowl and what looked like the torn remnants of some very fine lace. Further along his eye lighted on a young girl's bonnet, exquisite in color and nicety of material, but crushed out of all shape and only betraying its identity by its dangling strings.

"Some childish nonsense," he remarked and moved toward the door. "The servants will be coming back, and I had rather not be found here. You'll see me again. I cannot tell just when. Perhaps you may want to send me." If so, my name is Sweetwater.

His hand was on the knob, and he was almost out of the room when he started and looked back. A violent change in the patient had occurred. Disturbed by his voice or by some inner pulsation of the fever which devoured her, Carmel had risen from the pillow and now sat, staring straight before her, with every feature working and lips opened as if to speak. Sweetwater held his breath, and the nurse leaped toward her and gently encircled her with protecting arms.

Flinging out her hand, she cried out loudly, just as she had cried an hour before.

"Break it open! Break the glass and look in. Her heart should be there. Her heart, her heart!" "Go or I cannot quiet her!" ordered the nurse, and Sweetwater turned to obey.

But a new obstacle offered. The brother had heard this cry and now stood in the doorway.

"Who are you?" he impatiently demanded, surveying Sweetwater in sudden anger.

"I brought up the drugs," was the quiet explanation of the ever ready detective. "I didn't mean to alarm the young lady, and I don't think I did. It's the fever, sir, which makes her talk so wildly."

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GENERAL NEWS.

Students of Oxford University broke up a big suffragette meeting and routed the advocates of votes for women, after a sharp skirmish with the police.

The Milwaukee Physicians' Association is preparing a bill for submission to the legislature that has as its aim the prevention of kissing, which is declared to be a blot on civilization and a menace to decency.

Rioting by women on the ground of high food prices has spread to Boston, where a Malden man who persisted in buying meat despite the housewives' boycott was attacked and had to be rescued by the police.

Dr. Bode, the German art expert, claims to have discovered another art gem sold by careless England for a few shillings. He expresses the opinion that a picture recently purchased by a German at a London sale as a copy of an early Rembrandt is the original portrait of Rembrandt's father.

SOME GOOD SUGGESTIONS.

To Prevent Rugs Curling.—If a rug curls, dampen it and roll around the broomstick in the opposite way from that in which it curls, and tie securely. When dry it will lie flat.

To Make Over Woollen Blankets.—If woollen blankets are wearing out, cover them with silk and tuck like a comfort. They need not be tied closely, as they will not slip or pack as cotton does. The fleeced or cotton blankets may be used in a quilt instead of cotton or wadding, and are easier to handle.

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