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himself, hastened to Seagrue, whom
he found at the moment the sheriff
was leaving him. Bill told his em-
ployer the machine story and the two
went back to the outfit train to see
what condition the motor car had been
left in.

Spike came forward as Seagrue and
Bill appeared and while the latter two
examined the machine.

"The girl and Storm came up with
this crook in the machine," Bill said,
nodding toward Spike.

"Where are they now?" demanded
Seagrue of the convict.

"Up town getting something to eat,"
answered Spike.

In the restaurant, to which Storm
had taken Helen for lunch before they
should go up to the courthouse, Storm,
while Helen was ordering, took from
his pocket the note for the recorder and
gave it to her. Helen opened, re-
read and laid the note on the table
with her pocketbook. She and Storm
were just enjoying the prospect of a
substantial meal, when Seagrue, walk-
ing in, approached their table. He
spoke to them unconcernedly and
without waiting for an invitation,
pulled up a chair and sat down with
them.

As tactfully as she could, she made
her explanations to Seagrue about
commandeering his motor car. Seagrue
affected truculence and declined to
accept her apologies. But he drew a
pencil from his pocket, at length,
and using the note lying beside Hel-
en's pocketbook for a pad, wrote on
it an exorbitant figure. Showing this
to Helen, he said dogmatically, "That's
what it will cost, if you want this
thing settled without trouble for you."

Helen flushed a little with indigna-
tion when she saw what he demanded
but she was resolved not to quarrel.
"All right," she answered simply, "Mr.
Rhinelandler will send you a check."

The luncheon Storm had ordered
was just coming in and while Helen
and Storm watched the waitress, Seagrue,
leaning forward, looked again at
Rhinelandler's note still lying on the
table. He began to read it. Storm
saw the impertinence and leaning
over, coolly picked the note from un-
der Seagrue's eyes and folding it, put
it in Helen's pocketbook.

Seagrue, somewhat disconcerted at
being caught, rose and left the table
without further words. By the time
he gained the street he had charted
the situation, imprudently revealed
through Helen's carelessness in guard-
ing the instructions, pretty clearly in
his mind.

Returning to the train he found Bill,
Spike and Lug. Taking Bill aside, Seagrue
called Lug over and told the two
about Rhinelandler's loss of the deeds
and the effort Helen would make to
secure certified copies of them. While
he was talking he looked at his watch.
"In five minutes," said Seagrue, "the
men in the recorder's office will start
for dinner. You two fellows take
Spike and go quietly up to the court-
house. When the office is empty get
the book of deeds and bring it to my
room. Bill, can you trust Spike?"

Bill answered he thought he could.
"Don't lose any time," directed Seagrue.
"You may have to hunt around a
little up there. Report to me down
at the room."

Bill and his companions stepped
over to the train for a jimmie. Spike
watched them disappear and hurried
up street himself. He now made him-
self responsible for a further interrup-
tion to the lunch that Helen and
Storm were just beginning to relish.

"Seagrue," he whispered, "is up to
some work."

"What work?" demanded Helen in
alarm.

"Don't know yet," answered Spike,
"but I'll find out."

"Do Spike!" she murmured, hur-
riedly. "Don't let him make any more
trouble for us, will you?"

Spike nodded to reassure her, and
trotted away. When he got back to
the train Bill and Lug came from one
of the cars. Bill had a revolver in his
hand.

"Bill, where's my kit?" demanded
Spike.

"Stow it," muttered Bill, "and fol-
low me."

When the three shambled up to the
courthouse square, the clerks were
leaving the building and the last man
out closed the front door. Bill re-
solved to get in through a convenient
side entrance and dispatched Lug
around the building to force a back
window.

By the time the street was clear,
Lug had effected his entrance and
opened the door for his companions.
With Spike, Bill made his way to the
recorder's office and began a search
among the books. It was not until he
had tossed one book after another
aside and when, finding the lost book
of deeds, he consulted the index book
and threw open the pages containing
Rhinelandler's right-of-way deeds, that

Spike got the least inkling of what
he was after.

But the moment Bill found the page
he was looking for, he slapped his
hand down on it exultantly. "That's
the book we want," he exclaimed
huskily.

Spike stretched his eagle neck for-
ward. "Fine!" he muttered, grinning.
"Hold on! What's that?" he whis-
pered in alarm, grabbing Bill's arm with a
start.

Bill, alarmed, looked around. "Some
body's coming," cried Spike, under his
breath. "See if Lug's there."

Bill unsuspectingly ran out to see if
their lookout had been disturbed. The
instant he left the room Spike, watch-
ing his chance, ripped the two leaves
recording Rhinelandler's deeds forcibly
from the book and stowed them into
the breast of his shirt just as Bill re-
turned.

Bill grabbed up the book and going
to an open window, dropped the book
where Lug stood waiting. The mo-
ment the latter caught the heavy vol-
ume he made hurriedly away with it
for Seagrue's room.

Spike and Bill were less fortunate
in their escape. They walked into the
hallway and had reached the head of
the stairs when they were seen by the
day watchman. With a shout he hailed
them.

Bill, without hesitating, whipped
out his revolver and fired. Spike an-
grily caught his companion's arm,
wrested the gun from his hand and
stuck it in his own pocket. The watch-
man, pulling his own pistol, dropped
back into a doorway. Bill dashed
down the corridor one way, while
Spike made a record sprint down the
stairs the other. The watchman clutched
Bill, and Bill, reaching a window,
sprang to catch it to the ground. Get-
ting on his feet, he ran for safety
down the street.

The one shot fired in the courthouse
had already made a commotion. Spike
gaining the foot of the stairs hid him-
self just as clerks, coming in at the
front, ran upstairs to see what was
wrong. And when the coast below was
clear Spike slipped out of the open
door and walked away.

Seagrue, at his window, had been
watching his men in Main street. At
ter what seemed an interminable time
he heard steps on the hall stairs and
the next moment Lug, hurrying into
the room as Seagrue opened the door
for him, threw the book of records on
the table.

Seagrue opened it in haste and
looked for what he wanted, but while
the index sheets indicated the regis-
try of the deeds, he failed to find the
pages where they should be. While
he was searching Bill ran in.

"Well," exclaimed Bill, "you got
what you want. We came mighty

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1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown-
Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely
severed from politics and administered on sound business prin-
ciples under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission spe-
cially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and
working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Con-
servation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics,
giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and
the control of the labor, together with the Government appropria-
tions, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each
parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered
every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof for-
warded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the super-
visors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial en-
gineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected
from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, to-
gether with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Pro-
vince each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for
permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.
PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature
to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within
the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and
within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the
same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should
the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to
bring the same into force by proclamation within one year there-
after.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible
for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and
still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the
age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith
upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery
revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall
each be represented by one member.

We will also consider amendments to the election law to
bring them in municipal as well as provincial elections impos-

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial con-
dition of the Province in order that the people may have definite
knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous
obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay;
and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the
number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct tax-
ation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the
resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural
methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm;
to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend
the educational grant received from the Federal Government
without regard for political patronage.

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7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Trans-
continental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist
upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the
original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the
gross earnings thereof.

EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service
of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in
carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon tech-
nical education.

IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to
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