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y, and more than once,

and clutched at her heart.

che chute.

his machine was capable of. "On-

life very dear to me. Do the very best you can, won't you?" she pleaded.

strain, Helen, staring through the open

cab window, had only eyes for the ore

cars, which in another moment sl

saw stood in on the switch with th

last gondola spotted for loading under

What car had Storm been thrown

With Storm still struggling on the

into? The question racked her nerves

car floor, the foreman of the ore plant.

taking a fresh chew of tobacco, signaled: "Ore on!" A man below threw

the lever and the jagged quartz rock

Storm, working to free himself, had heard the foreman's order, heard the deadly rush of the falling rock. It was

tumbled with a roar into the chute.

only as the great chute—the one which he, himself, had helped to install and

which worked with such fatal efficien-

cy-slowly descended that he gave up

A cry outside, a woman's voice, hardly roused him from his stupor. But the

next moment he felt a great shock. It

seemed as if he were launched precipi-

tately into space; the world was fall

ing around him. Overhead, a mighty

roar crashed on his hearing-con-

What had happened was that Helen,

leaping from the gangway of the en-gine, almost before the Special, its wheels ground by the brakes, fully

stopped, had run swiftly up the switch

track beside the gondola in which

Storm lay. She had no means of

knowing whether this car contained her lover. It was too late to signal the

leverman, too late for him to avert the

disaster, if one were impending from

his action-the chute was coming

down. But at the instant the monster

maw was opened and tons of heavy

quartz shot into the gondola. Helen,

outside the car, turned the dumping

key and Storm dropped through the

opened car bottom under the trestle.

When the young engineer returned

to consciousness, Helen was raining

tears and kisses on his upturned face. He lay under the trestle, freed from

(To be continued.)

sciousness left him.

Tense and collected under the

AUTHOR OF "WHISPERING SMITH," "THE MOUNTAIN DIVIDE," "STRATEGY OF GREAT RAILROADS," ETC.

The two picked Storm up, unconscious, and carried him along the rack, laying him beside it to await the oming of the freight train. Returning bring Spike in like fashion, the vere surprised and upset to find I and disappeared.

Spike had, in fact-overhearing th fate in store for him-rolled, gagg bound as he was, along the tr to the bridge below. Gaining this, continued to roll over and tried to decout of sight underneath. But in go ting down, helpless as he was, ands caught by the rope with which ie was fastened on the head of a projecting spike and instead of droppi: to where he speedily could have hi den himself, he hung quite helple s e air suspended by his wrists.

The ore train, meantime, had coalong the mine spur and Ward at Adams, watching their opportunit

entire weight of his body on the thong that bound his wrists, he kept despe ately busy in the hope of releasing imself before his captors should r urn. For he had no doubt that Ward as assistant director, would not hesitate to kill him on sight. With a re source and cunning developed through a long career of doubtful enterprise and close squeaks-Spike struggled wildly for freedom and life, and thus engaged he heard the footsteps of men

running along the track. This might mean help; it might mean a knock on the head. There was but a moment left to effect his escape Jerking himself convulsively, arms legs and body-the cord cutting and sawing every moment into the quick around his wrists—he threw such a ling in at the top. force on the rope that the strands finally parted on the sharp iron face and Spike dropped exhausted to the ground. But he had hardly struck it before he rolled, bounced and scram- the cords that had so nearly caused bled away into hiding.

It was none too soon. Ward and of the day crowding around. Adams, searching with sharp eyes gered to his feet and greeted his de

every place of concealment came on Their hurry, however, was too great nd the very place where they should have looked, they passed. Even before they were well out of the way

ng beside the Special with her friends These latter saw a bareheaded ma

In the gondola into which he had been flung, Storm, pounded and shaken over the rough rail joints, gradually recovered consciousness.

He knew he was in no danger until he should reach the mine, not even then, if he were only able to cry out. 192 Officer Commanding, Lieut. Col.
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then, if he were only able to cry out.
But struggle as he would, he could not release his hands and feet nor the gag that half choked him. Every movement of the train was so familiar release his hands and feet nor the gag that half choked him. Every movement of the train was so familiar o him that it added to the horror o

> He was hoping it might stop be t should reach the deadly chute, for this that constituted his peril.

witch—the track of which he was fa miliar with-and the farther he was pulled, the worse his predicament

The car rolled slower and slower. He knew well what the engineer wa

the engineer to every burst of speed

Opposition Platform

The following platform we adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently: In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge

NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

ourselves:-

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 principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Con-

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 appropriations, 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 forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial en-

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds - 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-

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible 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 of revision as it now exists.

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

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to hake bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impos-

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition 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 taxation 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.

VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Transcontinental 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.

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 technical education.

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