

# Two Husbands Wanted

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## SYNOPSIS

When Polly Long, a little mannequin, falls in love with Ralph Halliday, a married man, things begin to happen. Ralph is in love with his own wife, Lola, but they have drifted apart. John Blake is also in love with Lola, but Ralph's father and mother have prevented the marriage. John and Polly become friends and Polly is happy enough until her mother dies. She is on the stage at the time and moves immediately into a smaller apartment, which she shares with Annette, another mannequin. Lola is thrown from an airplane and injures her spine. Royal Hamilton who has been paying both Annette and Lola some attention, turns to Polly.

## INSTALLMENT THIRTY-SEVEN

### POLLY AND JOHN

That night when Polly was finally dressed and ready for the street she felt too tired and dreary to face the thought of the long subway ride home. She almost sighed for the luxury of Royal Hamilton's car and then was furious at herself.

Royal Hamilton's car was one thing, but he was quite another. She couldn't stand being with him. She couldn't stand the thought that any minute he might try to kiss her or draw her close to him.

No, she would not see Royal Hamilton again. That would leave him to Annette until he tired of her and perhaps Annette would develop a better humor if she had more diversion.

At the stage door entrance John spoke to Polly. Tears almost welled into her eyes with pleasure.

"I'm so glad to see you."

"Not that glad."

"Yes I am."

John was hurrying her into a taxi and she was trying to resist accepting. But she did wonder if John could afford the expense of a taxi all the way uptown.

But she was so very tired and as she sank into a corner of the car, John turned to her.

"You're unusually tired tonight aren't you? What have you been doing?"

He looked at her narrowly his jaw hardened against her sweetness.

That afternoon she hadn't been drooping and tired. He had seen her with that rotter Royal Hamilton he had passed by the car and she had been smiling and sweetly responsive.

Now she was tired.

Polly suddenly caught a glimpse of his face. She straightened up determinedly.

"I know what you are thinking."

"Do you?"

"Yes I do."

"Well perhaps you might tell me your side of it."

"I'm not going to see him again, John, really I'm not, but I was so tired and then we stopped to inquire for Mrs. Halliday—"

John interrupted.

"That's what infuriates me—Hamilton daring to stop and inquire for her."

"But that isn't fair, John. Lola went around with him quite a bit and of course he is worried like every one else."

"Her voice trailed away. How many men there were who cared for gay, daring Lola!"

She, Polly had no one who loved her like that. And she wanted some one to care what happened to her, some one aside from the few college boys she saw occasionally and did not take seriously.

Her remark brought a further stiffening of John's jaw. He knew that Lola had encouraged Royal Hamilton but it didn't help matters to be reminded of it. Then he turned and saw Polly. She was crying quietly with her face turned away from him.

"Polly" he said suddenly. "Polly don't be foolish, dear. We mustn't quarrel. And, by the way I have good news for you. Lola is better. She may not be a cripple after all."

Polly was warm, ardent "I'm so glad, so terribly glad."

"I knew you would want the latest bulletin."

"She's so lovely to be lame."

"Well, she may not be," John's voice was doubtful, however. It was as though he almost dreaded speaking the words. But he could not seem to keep his thoughts away from Lola and his thoughts kept spilling out her name on his lips.

For Polly he had a warm brotherly affection, nothing more. But when they had climbed up the steps of the apartment and John saw her pale little face under the light he was conscience stricken.

"Polly."

"Yes."

"I didn't think you were like the other girls of the chorus. I didn't think you'd encourage the attentions of a man like Hamilton. You know what his reputation is."

"Oh John, how unfair! Lola can encourage him and go about with him but that is all right."

"It has nothing to do with you."

"I hate him," Polly said passionately. "But sometimes I wonder if you realize how tired I get. It's pleasant to take a little drive and it means nothing to a man like Mr. Hamilton."

"It gives him a chance to try to make love to you."

Polly's scarlet face was evidence of the fact that he had. She drew a quick breath, and then laughed.

"Oh, well—"

"You're not going to see him again, are you?"

"No I hate him."

"Not even for the pleasant drive in his car?"

And then he was ashamed of himself. Polly was too dear and sweet to gold-dig a man for anything. He would have to see that she got out more.

"I'm sorry, Polly; my nerves are on edge tonight, but I didn't mean that."

Polly was sobbing like a child, dry hard sobs—she put out her hands to John.

"I thought you'd always understand, I didn't think you had that opinion of me."

"I haven't dear. You're splendid, and I'm going to see that from now on you get more recreation. I have another piece of good news for you. Manager's desk with a good big raise. I'll have more money. I can afford to take you out often."

But Polly didn't want that. She wanted the love of her own true knight. She wanted Sir Lancelot riding on a white charger.

And that night Sir Lancelot knelt at his wife's bedside and thanked God that she would live. He didn't remember that there was such a person as Polly Long in the world.

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# Proposed Meductic Dam was Discussed by Sportsmen

Pres. McAvity of the N. B. Fish and Game Protective Association Thinks it Would Destroy the Salmon Fishing Industry—Hon. C. D. Richards Gives His Views—More Pay for Fishery Guardians Urged—Americans and Woodcock Covers.

The proposal to dam the St. John River at Meductic Falls was among the matters discussed at the annual meeting of the York-Sunbury branch of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association on Friday evening. President McAvity opposed to the scheme on the ground that it would destroy the salmon fishing industry of the St. John River. Hon. C. D. Richards discussed the matter and took occasion to point out that cheap power was needed by the towns along the St. John River and would have to be provided from some source. He acknowledged the value of the salmon industry, but other interests had to be taken into consideration.

## Allan G. McAvity

A. G. McAvity, president of the Association, said the organization had been in existence for three years and was doing good work in co-operation with the government for the protection of fish and game. Game reserves, he considered a good thing, but he was very glad to note that one had been opened during the past year on the headwaters of the Lepreau. In his opinion there could be no objection to people fishing on reserves, but it should be restricted. Some recommendations had been drawn up by the Association and had been approved by a number of the branches. Among other things it was proposed that the season should open on May 31st., and close on August 1st., and that no more than thirty fish should be taken during a trip, and all fish taken under eight or ten inches should be returned to the water. It was suggested that special wardens be appointed for the game reserve, and that the rivers and lakes be protected. He was glad to note that the interference of politicians in connection with the protection of fish and game was diminishing. He told of appearing before the Fishery Commission in St. John, when he had presented the case of the Association in accordance with resolutions adopted at a meeting at Boiestown. Afterwards in a private conversation with the chairman, Judge MacLean, that latter had assured him that he was on the right track. He was hopeful that the Commission would act on his recommendations. He was glad to report that drifting for salmon above the reversible falls had been stopped, as a result of the recommendations of the Association. He had assurance that there would be no extension of the netting season on the St. John River this season. A fishway was to be installed on the Magaguadavic at St. George and the river would be restocked. He was hopeful that Jack Miner would be able to visit the province during April or May and deliver a series of ten lectures. If he did come Fredericton would be one of the places he would visit. Regarding the proposed Meductic dam he hoped that the matter would not be brought up in the House during the present session. He thought if the dam were built it would destroy the salmon fisheries of the St. John River. He felt sure that the salmon industry was of more benefit to the province than one power plant could possibly be. The St. John could be made one of the best salmon rivers in the province and as for a power plant it could be established elsewhere.

## More Pay for Guardians

Mr. Raymond Currie thought the meeting should take some action with a view of securing an increase of wages for the men employed as fishery guardians, the men who did the actual work of protecting the rivers. At present they were paid only \$2.25 a day, whereas they should be paid at least \$3.

Mr. MacAvity said that it had been shown by Max Mowatt and Thomas F. Allen that the question of pay was not of great importance, as the rate was less on the Tobique and Restigouche, then paid by the Government. Mr. Currie said that guardians on

the Tobique were only required to watch the river in front of their own homes, while on the St. John they had to work from sundown to sunrise, and cover a distance of ten miles. They also had to provide their own canoes.

Mr. MacAvity said that clubs employing guardians could promise them a job for the following year on condition that they did efficient work, but no assurance of continuing our employment could be given by a government. The Fishery Inspector could not select his own man, but could fire them for inefficiency.

Mr. E. T. Langille—Not directly.

Mr. Havelock Wheeler, said that he had been requested by a number of parties to deposit boulders in the Hart's Island pool in order to provide a resting place for salmon. He wanted to know if the law would allow him to do that.

A resolution by Mr. Currie and seconded by Mr. Langille that the government be asked to increase the pay of guardians to at least \$3 a day was unanimously adopted.

## Hon. C.D. Richards

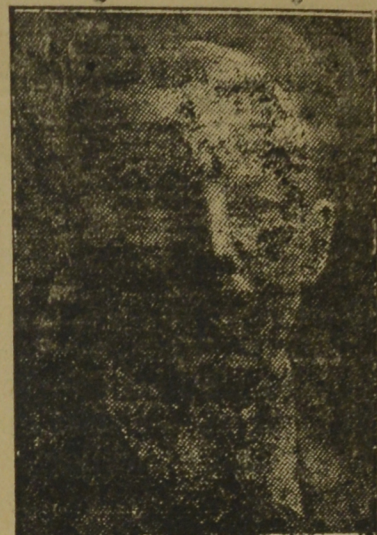
Minister of Lands and Mines, was next called upon and was very cordially received. He said that he was satisfied that the association was a live one and he could assure them that the Department of Lands and Mines appreciated the work it was doing. It was due to his efforts that there was now a better appreciation on the part of the public with respect to fish and game. The relations between the department and the association were most cordial, and he could say that Mr. MacAvity carried on his work with great enthusiasm.

## The Meductic Dam

In regard to the Meductic Dam he could not speak in an official sense and was not in a position to make any announcement in regard to it. It was a matter for the decision of the government and the decision would be made at an appropriate time. In the meantime they should not lose sight of the fact that there were towns and villages along the river which were demanding cheap electrical power. It was not a political question, but one which concerned the people of the province as a whole, and the general welfare of the people had to be taken into account. While the salmon industry was undoubtedly valuable, something was needed to stimulate industrial development in the province, and the other interests must be taken into consideration. It was the duty of the government to do what was fair and right to all classes of the population it was expected to serve. It was his own view that electric power had to be obtained from some source for the people of the river countries.

## Game Preserves

In regard to the game preserves he would be glad to give consideration to the regulations which had been drafted by the Association. What the department wanted was something workable and fair. Mr. John Doran, an experienced guide, had been placed in charge of the Lepreau reserve and would be given some assistance to see that it was given proper protection.



HON. C. D. RICHARDS  
Minister of Lands and Mines.

## Restigouche Leases

The minister noted that the president in his address had referred to the water reserved on the Restigouche for the use of the public. He could say that it was largely due to representations made by the York-Sunbury branch that a stretch of water had been withheld from the sale. At first he had not been very sympathetic, but he would say that as an experiment it had been fairly successful. The government had practically broken even financially on the transaction. The province had been given much valuable publicity and on that ground alone on the experiment had been of great value. He thought it would be a good thing if it were possible to keep open one of the rivers of the province for the use of the public under certain regulations. He would like to see that done so that the people of the province could enjoy the sport of salmon fishing in their own waters. They had a fine pool at Hart's Island, on the St. John River, which had provided good sport for the people, and had brought a number of tourists who had expended considerable money in Fredericton and also contributed to the provincial revenue. Last year the provincial government had employed a special warden to assist the federal guardians in protecting this pool. The Jacquet River last year had been given up by the lessees and he (Richards) had refused to put it up for sale, although he had several applications. He had left it open for the public under a special guardian.

## Game Law Changes

The minister went on to speak of the changes made in the game law last year. The shooting of moose with antlers under ten points had been prohibited. There had been some criticism, but it had been recommended by the guides and he hoped that it would be supported. At the end of two years they would be in a position to judge as to how it had worked out. So far as he could learn there was not great difference in the amount of game killed illegally because of the change. There were some who looked upon the game as a matter of commerce rather than a medium of sport, and they were honest in their point of view and should be given consideration. The remarks of the minister were well received by the audience.

## Woodcock Shooting

Mr. H. G. Chestnut complained about American sportsmen coming into the province and leasing woodcock shooting grounds. Within a few miles of Fredericton, signs have been put up warning people to keep off. These people used to get the glad hand when they came to the province, but now it seemed they wanted all of the shooting rights to the disadvantage of our own people. He considered it a most regrettable state of affairs. Land was leased from private individuals, the people of the province were shut out and nobody seemed to know what to do about it. He had a remedy to suggest which, while somewhat drastic, he thought should have favourable consideration. He then moved a resolution to the effect that the Association request the government to prohibit the shooting of woodcock for a period of five years except by bona fide residents of the province, or people who have lived in (Continued on page five)