

JOHN TOPP, PIRATE.

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But on the fourth morning, after breakfast, my father told me to follow him into his study, and I guessed that an uncomfortable half hour was in store for me. I was not wrong.

"John," said my father, "what were you doing at Don Miguel's house three nights ago?"

"I went to see Inez," I replied, trembling, but defiant.

"Do you often go?"

"Yes, father."

"Why?"

He was looking at me so gravely, and he spoke so quietly, I knew he was very angry. I thought, however, that the boldest course was the best, so I spoke the plain truth.

"Because Inez is my sweetheart."

"Your sweetheart? H'm!" and he stared at me harder than ever.

"Yes, father," I said, twirling my cap in my fingers nervously, "and—and I want to marry her."

"Oh, is that so? How old are you?"

"I'm in my nineteenth year."

"Quite true, quite true. Your statements are generally reliable, John. It is your one good point. But I may remind you that it is also true that you celebrated your eighteenth birthday just a month ago. You'd forgotten that for the moment!"

"No, father."

"No? Well, just for the sake of argument, we will say you are 18. Rather young to marry, isn't it?"

"Yes, father," I answered, "but—"

"Never mind the 'but,' John. You are too young to marry, and that's one point against you. How do you propose to support a wife? Pardon my asking; it's a very pertinent question."

"I thought perhaps that you"—

"Well, out with it, John. You thought perhaps that I"—

"That you would set me up in some business."

"Good! I was afraid that you were going to suggest that I might share my income with you, but I'm glad to find that I misjudged you. Let me see. What sort of business should you prefer? A fisherman's? You shake your head. A poacher's? No? Well, I'm afraid I can't think of anything else for which you are suited. It is very sad, but really I don't think you can support a wife at present. Point number two, John!"

"But, father—"

"Wait a minute. I have two more points to urge yet, and then you can have your say. Point number three—the lady is a foreigner. Point number four—I have other views for you. Now let me hear what you have to urge on your side."

"I love Inez."

"Ah! And"—

"She loves me."

"And"—

"Nothing else."

"Well, John, they are both, no doubt, very cogent reasons. I shouldn't advise you to trust too much to the second, by the way, but I am afraid they are not sufficient. Now, sir, listen to me. You are an idle, good for nothing scamp, and from every side I hear nothing but bad reports of you. You



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PROCLAMATION.

The executive committee of the Provincial Government having in charge the arrangements connected with the coming visit of their R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, deem it advisable that the people of the Province generally should be afforded an opportunity of being presented to their Royal Highnesses, at the reception at the Exhibition Building in the City of St. John, on the evening of the 17th instant. And they respectfully invite the people generally to apply in writing before noon of the 15th instant to the secretary of the committee, George Robertson, M. P. P., St. John, for invitations to be present.

It is necessary, of course, that all who propose to attend should comply with the Court restrictions as to dress, etc., and be provided with two visiting cards, one of which will be presented on entering the building and the other handed to the aide-de-camp before presentation.

It may be added that the dress on this occasion will be, in the case of ladies, half mourning, that is to say, black, white, lilac or grey, and for gentlemen, evening dress.

L. J. TWEEDIE.

Provincial Secretary.

St. John, 2nd Oct., 1901.

Sept. 5th, d91.

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