

BEAUTIFUL ADVENTRESS

Police Are Looking for Young Woman Who Victimized Montreal People

MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—In a handwriting that shows considerable refinement and force of character there appears in the register of the Place Vigor hotel, September 1st, 1903 this signature:

"Miss Eva Fox-Strangways, Melbourne, Australia."

She was there for three months, during which time she cut quite a wide swath in Montreal society. Then she left suddenly because she could not help it, and to-day the police of every town and city in Canada and the United States are looking for her.

Miss Eva Fox-Strangways is wanted on charges of fraud; the New York detectives have been told to leave nothing undone to find her and take her back to New York where she is said to have swindled hotel men and others out of sums that will aggregate a hundred thousands dollars.

In Montreal she left a trail of heavy debts but as far as now known none of her victims are anxious to make her answer to any criminal charge.

When she reached the Place Vigor she soon made it known that she was "the daughter of the Earl of Ilchester, one of the proudest families in England."

BECAME EXPENSIVE INVALID.

She was not there long before she was introduced by a lady of social standing to the firm of Henry Morgan and Company and there she made purchases of beautiful clothing in keeping with the position she was supposed to hold.

Then she became noted as an invalid. She had one of the most prominent physicians in the city, and he visited her regularly for a long time. Eventually in addition to the money which she owed him for professional services, she left the city with her debt to him increased by a loan of money with which she was to have paid her passage to England, her friends having blundered in some way and misdirected the draft, probably sending it to Melbourne.

Meanwhile she had developed an extraordinary liking for champagne. It was, she said, ordered by the doctor, and there were other invalids in the hotel at the time who wanted to have the same doctor.

During one of the "spells" when she was not as ill as usual and able to sit up and take notice with champagne added, she told the story of being engaged to be married to a very wealthy Australian whose son, she said was at that time a student at McGill College. Sure enough, a youth was found who was from Australia and his name was the same as that which she had mentioned.

He used to pay her daily visits to the hotel, even when she was too ill to be seen by anyone else, except the doctor, of course.

BILL WAS RUNNING UP.

Meanwhile the bill was running up at an alarming rate and nothing coming in. Her promises were many and they seemed to be genuine; they were as a matter of fact, genuine, as promises, but the fulfillment never came. No money was forthcoming and when the thousand dollar mark was being neared it was thought time to make some more.

The end of it all was a seizure upon her goods, including the diamonds and early in 1904 these were advertised for sale. They sold for a fair sum, and it is said that in the end the Place Vigor hotel were not great losers.

It was only after she had gone—and she went very suddenly when the end of her Montreal career was evidently at hand—it was that a number of prominent people felt how badly they had been taken in.

She had with her, when she arrived here, a letter of introduction to Sir William Van Horne, and this she used to the greatest advantage. When any of the employees of the hotels did anything that did not just suit her she used to flash this letter tell them what Sir William would do to them. Other little pranks of this character made her decidedly

well known during her three months at the Place Vigor, and she was missed when she left.

THE WOMAN'S NEW YORK ESCAPADES.

She went directly to the Manhattan Hotel, New York, but there her career was short, for it so happened that a prominent hotel man belonging to Montreal was at the Manhattan shortly after she arrived there, and one day he happened to tell the Manhattan man the story of Miss Fox-Strangways' Montreal experience. He promptly replied that he believed he had the very woman in the house at that moment. So it proved and she was told to get out quickly.

She managed however, to ingratiate herself into the hearts of many men and women, and the members of the Board of Education took her up for a time. She told exactly the same story there that she told in Montreal and she added that she was an authoress of note. Just how she managed to make them believe this is one of the many mysteries. How did she carry along her bluff for three years without getting into jail? But she did and she did it well. Her most recent escapade was in Philadelphia.

In the Quaker City she was entertained in the most lavish manner. She was wined and dined and garden fetes of a remarkable character were arranged in her honor. Then she made a gentle "touch" from her friends and got out.

It was only at this stage of the game that her victims awakened to the real situation, and the matter was placed in the hands of the New York and Philadelphia police.

They paid particular attention to Montreal and Toronto in their letters requesting her apprehension, as it is thought that she would believe that she would have a better chance in Canada.

The Hotel Men's Protective Association is also taking up the matter for their mutual protection. Each hotelman has been made aware of the escapades of the lady. She is a bout 35 years of age, and is decidedly good looking, a pleasing conversationalist and speaking generally, very attractive.

WHO THE REAL FOX-STRANGWAYS ARE.

The family of the Earl of Ilchester is a very wealthy and noble one, the Earldom having been created in 1756. The father of the first Earl, Sir Stephen Fox, was one of the staunchest of the adherents of Charles II. in exile, and afterwards contributed largely to the foundation of the Chelsea Hospital. The fourth Earl was a distinguished diplomat. The family estate consists of 32,900 acres.

Henry Edward Fox-Strangways, the present Earl and the fifth of the name, was born in September, 1847, and was the eldest son of the Hon. John George Fox-Strangways, and the grandson of the second Earl. The present Earl married Mary, the oldest daughter of the first Earl of Dartrey, in 1872. His education had been obtained at Christ Church, Oxford.

DAUGHTER OF COASTGUARDSMAN.

London, Aug. 2.—Detectives here have discovered that the woman who so successfully insinuated herself into the graces of many Montrealeers and, later, New York's four hundred by pretending to be the daughter of the Earl of Ilchester, and who disappeared leaving bad cheques and unpaid bills behind her, is the daughter of John Stangways, a humble coastguardsman, stationed at Bridgeport, England.

Her remarkable familiarity with the affairs of the Ilchesters, which disarmed all suspicions of her connections while in New York, is due to the fact that the Ilchester's country house is near Bridgeport. The woman, who lives in that town for most of her life, naturally came frequently in contact with people from the Ilchester estate. She could easily obtain information that would render the impersonation of Lady Ilchester an easy matter.

car was not yet returned. No man had a car back in less than a month. They had also trouble in siding privileges. It was hard to buy land for the erection of potato houses. His potato house was the largest, but he filled it in one day.

B. F. Smith, M. P. P., said there is no use in disguising the fact that more potatoes than last year will be raised. Then, of course, the C. P. R. did the best they could, but if they had furnished all the cars that were wanted the market would have been glutted and the farmers would not have realized as much as they did.

The C. P. R. should build a few potato houses and say to the shippers, "We will rent you these houses at a normal rent."

Mr. Kirkpatrick, general freight agent of the C. P. R., said that as far as the C. P. R. was concerned, it would enlarge the potato market. A new and more favorable tariff would be given the shippers. It might be possible to find a market in England. Some N. S. shippers sent potatoes to the West Indies last year. "We will," he said, "give you a better car service next winter, but during October and early in November the supply of cars is limited. Get the farmers to put in the potato houses. Then he can keep his potatoes and dispose of them when he likes. There are, or will be, eighteen or twenty potato houses between Woodstock and Edmundston that will take care of 300,000 bushels."

He suggested that the government get some practical man to go around and have plans drawn for the erection of root houses. The C. P. R. would not go into the potato house business for it was not practicable for the C. P. R. to build potato houses.

Mr. Smith advocated building root houses. These could be built for \$400. The money could be secured at six per cent., which would be cheaper than paying ten cents a barrel for storage.

Mr. Palmer was favorable to root houses, and as a farmer he always advised his neighbors to build them.

J. C. Manzer, of Andover, said he always told the farmers to have storage for a crop. A man and his boys can build a root house in a few days. Such a building will store 1,000 barrels. The farmers around here on the line of the railway shipped 1,500,000 bushels last year, and at least it will be double this year. They had a good market that will stand an increase of 50 per cent., but they must not give the market in increase of 100 per cent.

J. P. Tweeddale, M. P. P., said he was one of the company incorporated to build potato houses, and had invested \$15,000 and would build six new houses. J. C. Manzer and Jas. Porter each would build one in Victoria county. He was surprised that Woodstock shippers did not provide more last year 478 car loads were houses. From Victoria county sent and they could have sent 200 more, and Fort Fairfield dealers sent 100 cars to the Canadian market. It was to the farmers' advantage to provide facilities for storage.

TO TALK IT OVER WITH FARMERS.

F. B. Carvell, M. P., N. S. Dow, C. E. Gallagher, jr., Messrs. Burden, Armstrong, Guy Porter and others, also spoke. It was moved by Mr. Carvell, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, that the provincial government employ men to travel through the four counties and discuss with the farmers the ways and

means of storing the surplus crop of potatoes.

It was moved by Mr. Porter, and seconded by Mr. Armstrong, in amendment that the government of the county be asked to assist in the erection of potato houses for the surplus stock. The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

G. Porter, seconded by Mr. Burden, M. P., of York, then moved that a committee of two from each county be appointed to wait upon the C. P. R. in regard to sidings and transportation facilities. This was carried and the following committee was appointed: Victoria, Guy Porter, J. C. Manzer; Carleton, C. Dugan, H. H. McCaig; York, Messrs. Bell and G. F. Burden; Madawaska, A. Wirt Hall, J. A. Bernier.

After remarks by Hon. L. P. Farris and Hon. W. P. Jones, the meeting adjourned.

Next morning the committee met the C. P. R. officials and the railway committee gave the assurance that more cars would be provided and better rates given for the shippers of potatoes.

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6 a.m.—For St. John, etc., St. Stephen and Charlotte Co., Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Counties, and United States.

7:00 a.m.—Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

WAY MAILS—East Side St. John River.

7:00 a.m.—For Keswick Ridge, Southampton, etc., Mondays and Thursdays.

West Side St. John River.

7:00 a.m.—For Springhill, Kingsclear, Prince William, etc. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

6:30 a.m.—St. John River via Steamer—For Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9:15 a.m.—St. John, etc., C. P. Railway stations, East, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

10 a.m.—For St. Mary's Ferry, Gibson and Marysville. WAY MAILS.

2 p.m.—For Nashwaakias and St. Mary's Ferry, daily, Nasownorth, New Maryland, Hanwell, Lower St. Marys and Royal Road. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

4:15 p.m.—For Gibson, Marysville, Boiestown, Doaktown, Blackville, etc., Chatham, and I. C. Railway Stations, north and south.

4:45 p.m.—For St. Stephen, Woodstock, United States, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and North West West Provinces.

8:15 p.m.—For St. John, etc., Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

4:50 p.m.—British mails via New York, Mondays and Thursdays.

MAILS RECEIVED.

9:30 a.m.—From St. John, etc., and Nova Scotia. From Hamtown, Royal Road, etc.

11:00 a.m.—From Nasownorth and New Maryland, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

12:00 noon—From Montreal, Ottawa, Northwest Provinces, etc., and United States.

1:20 p.m.—From I. C. Railway Stations, North Shore and Quebec. Scotia and P. E. Island. St. John River via Steamer.

5 p.m.—From Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9:05 p.m.—From Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

8:20 p.m.—From Nova Scotia, P. E. Island and St. John.

WAY MAILS

7:00 p.m.—West Side River, St. John—From Meductic, and Way Offices, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

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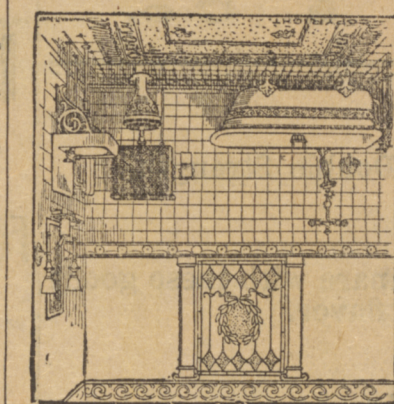
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POTATO MEN'S CONFERENCE

Committee of Government Met Representatives of Four Counties and Talked Over Storage and Transportation

WOODSTOCK, N. B., August 3.—Shippers of potatoes in the four counties interested, farmers and others in large numbers, met Hon. L. P. Farris and Hon. W. P. Jones, a committee from the local government in the Board of Trade rooms Thursday night to consider the providing of better facilities for the storage and shipment of potatoes in York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties. Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Tinker, of the C. P. R. were present, and

J. T. A. Dibblee, president of the Board of Trade was in the chair.

James E. Porter, of Andover, was the first speaker and was followed by H. H. McCain, of East Florenceville, and Chip Phillips, of Woodstock.

C. W. Dugan said last year he shipped 150 cars of potatoes and he understood Mr. Phillips shipped 100 cars. The trouble was in getting a quick return of cars. The most he got out of one car was five trips, and the

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