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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Isobel Stormont, daughter of Sir David Stormont, a wealthy Scotch country gentleman, disappears without leaving the slightest trace. She was a quiet, retiring girl, with only one distinguishing feature—beautiful Titian hair, which had been a mark of the Stormont family for generations. Her fiancé, Basil Conyers, comes from London to aid in the search for her, and finally receives intelligence that a girl answering to her description has been seen with a band of gypsies.

Guided by a gypsy, he finds Isobel, almost dead, in an abandoned dwelling. Her clothes have been changed, and when she recovers she seems to be another girl. All memory of her experiences has been wiped out by the privations she has undergone, and she begins a new life. Her character is quite changed, and she completely captivates Basil, whose affection for her heretofore has been more of the cousinly kind.

In one of the pockets of her gown he found an old Testament, which Sir David appropriated and he seems unexplainably perturbed over her return.

Various stories of the girl's experiences are circulated, and attract the attention of Evelyn Ashe, a fortune hunter, who meets her at a charity fete given at her home. Meanwhile Sir David extracts a promise from Basil that he will not renege his engagement until Christmas, which is four months away. Then, to complicate matters further, Ashe saves Isobel from being run over by an automobile, and discovers that the old Testament which is in Sir David's possession may contain a clue to the mystery of her seemingly dual identity.

He skillfully assumes the girl's curiosity, while she is yet nervous and mentally unstrung over the disappearance of her portrait from its place on the wall. She searches her father's desk and finds the Testament. What she discovers written on the flyleaf throws her into a faint and another spell of unconsciousness.

For the benefit of her health and of Sir David's the Stormonts go abroad. Ashe follows, and in Switzerland overhears the keepers of an English orphan asylum remarking upon the wonderful resemblance of Isobel to a runaway girl who had been in their care. He vainly attempts to force her to engage herself to him, and just after a painful interview she attempts suicide, and is rescued by Conyers.

CHAPTER XXV (Continued.)

With but one good hotel open, and only a sprinkling of guests dotted over its big rooms, the little English contingent was thrown more together than if there had been the usual crowd. To lessen the constraint of the long, lamplight evenings Lady Stormont had given her voice against a private sitting room, but she regretted it now, since it was impossible to exclude Ashe, a recent guest, a man to whom they owed an unforgettable debt, from their circle. Why she now found his presence so irksome she could hardly say. That Basil should resent it she did not wonder. A man in love is always one-sided, but that a man in Ashe's position should presume to Miss Stormont was absurd, and all the more so Isobel evidently avoided him; but, before another day had passed Lady Stormont had become uncomfortably conscious of some undercurrent beneath the still conventionally smooth surface.

A woman of the great world is not easily deceived within her own sphere. Isobel might avoid Ashe, but she was intensely conscious of his presence, her mother saw, while Ashe was too placidly unaware of her coldness. What it might be she could not divine, but that there should be the faintest hint of anything beyond the most formal acquaintance between her daughter and Evelyn Ashe was not to be thought of; yet she could not take the easy and obvious way to put an end to it by leaving Zermatt. Ashe would hardly have the effrontery to follow them again as he had done from Caix. Sir David, for some reason or no reason, could not be induced to leave, though every day saw more visitors departing down the valley.

With an Englishman's craving necessity for doing something, Conyers had persuaded the unwilling guides to undertake some of the lesser expeditions, which at least filled up the time and relieved the women of Ashe's company. He was always one of the party, for there was as yet no open breach between the two

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THE NOBBIEST NEW MODELS IN SCOTCH MIXTURES.

It is quite evident that novelty materials are to be fashionable as separate coat and two piece suit fabrics this season, for two thirds of the early models of both styles of garments are made of these Scotch mixtures in combinations of blue, brown, green, grey and red with black, or two shades of one color. The material, a Scotch serge, is in two shades of brown in this instance. The fronts are single breasted and the back almost tight fitting. The skirt of this coat is cut so full as to fall in godets from the sides all around the back, making the garment particularly

THE CITY AND THE BANK

Stringency in Money Market Makes it Imperative for City to
Retrench---\$100,000 Overdraft Now--A New Industry
Projected---George E. Day Goes to School Board.

At the monthly meeting of the common council, held yesterday afternoon, an offer from R. D. Isaacs, of this city, acting for outside capitalists, to erect in St. John a \$250,000 car works employing 300 men, was received. The matter was referred to a joint committee of the treasury and safety boards. George E. Day was appointed a school trustee in succession to Robt. Maxwell. M. P. P., who was also nominated. Considerable discussion took place on the recommendation to abandon new work in all departments, but the motion eventually carried.

The mayor occupied the chair and Ald. Hamm, Bullock, Vanwart, Lewis, Willet, Lantulum, McGowan, Holder, McGoldrick, Frink, Sprague, Baskin, Baxter, Kelley, Pickett and Sproul were present with the common clerk, Marshall Coughlin was in attendance.

On the treasury board report being taken up the following resolution to abandon new construction work was discussed:

Your board recommend that, owing to the unsettled condition of the labor market, no new construction work be undertaken by any of the civic departments.

Ald. Bullock, the chairman, explained the matter arose from the water and sewerage board having exceeded the estimated expenditure on several contracts. His board considered the recommendation a wise one. He pointed out that the resolution omitted any reference to financial stringency which was largely the reason of the board's action and moved to change the motion to "unsettled condition of the money and labor markets." It was inadvisable at the present time, he added, to increase the bond issue or the overdraft at the Bank of New Brunswick. It would cost 7 1/2 per cent more to float a loan and with the 4 per cent interest on the bonds would give an approximate loss to 11 1/2 per cent. By borrowing the city had now an overdraft of nearly \$100,000 at the bank and while this would be repaid in October it would again be in evidence at the end of the year.

Ald. Pickett moved an amendment to add the words "without being brought before the respective boards."

Ald. Baxter agreed that the matter might very well be left to the boards and instanced catch basins as an item which should be attended to at once. If that work were omitted the road beds would be destroyed. The action would be penny wise and pound foolish.

Ald. Frink said the whole object of the recommendation was for the council under existing circumstances to get along with what they could do without. It was a matter of domestic economy.

Ald. Bullock said he was surprised at Ald. Pickett relieving himself of responsibility by not attending the meeting of the treasury board at which the matter was discussed. As a solicitor to the Bank of New Brunswick he must know the stand Mr. Kesson, the manager, had taken. The city was constantly being asked by the bank if there was to be no let up on borrowing. It was not that the city's credit was not good. The condition of the money market was such that banks did not have the money. Under such conditions it was a wise move for the city to retrench.

On Ald. Pickett's amendment being put, it was lost. Ald. Pickett, Baxter and Sproul voted aye, Ald. Bullock, Hamm, Lewis, Lantulum, Holder, McGowan, McGoldrick, Frink, Sprague, Baskin and Kelley nay.

The remainder of the report was adopted without discussion. A recommendation to repair the Pettibone wharf at a cost of \$4,000 was criticised by Ald. Baxter on the ground that the council had just passed a resolution to stop all new work this year.

Ald. Bullock—"This is for repairs." Ald. Baxter—"Well, repairs are new work." Ald. McGoldrick said the repairs had to be made and the board would go on

with the work. A large revenue was derived from the wharf, and the expenditure would be recovered.

The recommendation was carried. It was recommended that the C. P. R. be granted a strip of land facing the Lancaster school lot in Fairville in return for which the company would do the work of filling in on Union street, the ballast being taken from the lot.

The report of the claims committee was taken up. A recommendation to settle a claim of E. T. Sturdee for a plate glass insurance company for a broken window in Water street was passed. A claim of \$100 by James Gibbon for loss of a horse was filed.

Ald. Frink, the chairman, reported that Edward Shillington had agreed to accept \$100 in full settlement for all damage to his property from breaks in the mains on the water extension. The settlement was agreed to, and the report adopted.

Ald. Frink and Sanford notified the city that they claim on behalf of the Excelsior Wooden Pipe Company \$1,000 out of the money payable by the city to McArthur & McVey. This was referred to the claims committee.

F. A. Barbour, consulting engineer on the water extension, wrote that Nos. 2 and 3 mains were now in shape to warrant an increase in pressure on the redistribution system being tried. He pointed out that delay was caused owing to a special reducer casting not being ready and urged that the matter should be hurried.

Ald. Frink said the casting referred to was the one made by the Union Foundry which the director would not pass. At the meeting of the water board, Mr. Waring had complained that he was being ill-treated. He was now given to understand that Mr. Waring had receded from his position and that the director's view would prevail. From Mr. Barbour's letter, he added, it appeared as if the increased service was really at hand.

A complaint from the Cold Storage Company that the want of a sewer near their building off Main street was causing a nuisance was referred to the water and sewerage board.

R. D. Isaacs wrote under date of Sept. 3 asking the council to consider the question of granting exemption from taxes and a free site for a car works in St. John. He believed the business would be a paying one and was prepared to arrange for a \$250,000 plant employing 300 if satisfactory terms could be secured.

On motion of Ald. Baxter the communication was referred to a joint committee of the treasury and safety boards. The alderman added that the same course would no doubt be adopted as in the case of H. R. McLellan except that he would suggest all expenses should be paid by the company in advance.

Under deferred business, the appointment of a school trustee to succeed R. Maxwell, whose term of office had expired, was taken up.

Ald. Hamm moved that election should be by nomination and ballot.

Ald. Baxter said he would not agree to a ballot being taken. Such a course had never been adopted by the council and he hoped never would be. Each man should stand up and vote for his candidate.

Ald. Frink said there were many strong and able critics of the school trustees and among them Thomas Potts was an out

and out opponent of some of their methods. He had asked Mr. Potts if he would allow his name put in nomination and he had agreed. He therefore nominated Mr. Potts.

Ald. Hamm nominated George E. Day. No one present appeared desirous of nominating Mr. Maxwell, and Ald. Baxter said he was not prepared to vote for Mr. Maxwell and therefore could not nominate him but he would move that the names of those before the council at the previous meeting be put in nomination.

The mayor said he hardly saw his way to accept nominations made at a previous meeting. He would be glad to receive any names from those present.

Ald. Baxter said he desired to be perfectly fair to Mr. Maxwell and his nomination was an attempt to get over the difficulty.

Ald. Baskin stepped into the breach at this juncture and nominated Mr. Maxwell. The names on being put to the vote, Mr. Potts received one vote (Ald. Frink), Mr. Day received eight to three and was declared elected. Ald. Holder, Lantulum, Willet, Vanwart, Hamm, Baxter, Kelley and Sprague voted for and Ald. McGowan, Lewis and Frink against Mr. Day's appointment.

Ald. Bullock as a school trustee did not vote.

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Halifax, N. S., Sept. 5.—St. Joseph's Catholic church at North Sydney, one of the handsomest structures of the kind in the province, was completely destroyed by fire, which started this morning. The glebe house and convent had a narrow escape. Mystery surrounds the origin of the fire, the favorite theory being insufficiently insulated wires. Everything that the local fire brigade, who were assisted by a corps from Sydney, could do was done to avert the disaster, but the efforts proved unavailing and the building was razed to the ground.

Considerable altar and vestry property, including the blessed sacrament, was saved. The church was built in 1883 at a cost of \$22,000. The building was insured for \$12,000 in the Sun of London, and Queen Insurance companies.

LIGHTNING STRUCK CHURCH

LEMBURG, West Prussia, Sept. 4.—A Catholic church here was struck by lightning Sunday. Four persons were killed and sixteen men and children were seriously injured in the panic which followed by being trodden under foot.

HORSEWHIPPED BY NEIGHBORS

Warm Reception for Artist Earle Who Discarded His Wife.

New York, Sept. 4.—The American tomorrow will say:

The "tristful temperament" collided to night with "public decency," and Ferdinand P. Earle, the artist, reaching Monroe after having shipped his wife and child to Europe in order that he may marry his "soul's affinity," fell into the waiting and welcoming arms of a mob.

The mob, composed exclusively of Earle's neighbors and former friends, dragged him from his carriage, which he overturned, and lashed him with a horsewhip, and might have responded to the repeated suggestions that a rope be secured had not the mayor of the village and the chief of police recalled them to their senses and given Earle safe conduct to his home.

All day the mutterings against the artist were heard about the usually quiet streets of Monroe. Earle arrived shortly before 8. The crowd was on hand, and as the train stopped and the tall form of the artist was seen emerging from one of the cars a great shout went up.

"Get a rope!" cried the angry villagers. Earle hesitated a minute on the car platform, but the constable seemed to have little patience with him, and exclaimed: "Get a move on. We can't stop here all night."

Earle smiled cynically, drew himself up to his full height, and alighted. The crowd instantly surged about him.

"Where's your wife, you miserable sneak?" they shouted. "Get a rope, men, and let's divorce him sure enough."

Smiling once more, the artist pushed his way through the crowd. A man smashed his hat over his eyes. He paid no attention to the affront and kept on his way with a sneer on his face.

Then, the anger of the crowd burst all bounds. With a roar 600 persons leaped after his carriage and the next instant, amid a mighty cheer, the vehicle was overturned and Earle was wallowing in the mud of the road.

"Get the rope now," they cried.

Some one seized his hat and carried it off as a souvenir. He leaped to his feet in indignation, muddy water dripping from his luxuriant beard, and shook his fist in the face of the mob.

In an instant they were upon him, stones began to fly and a dozen men closed with Earle. One of them, Thomas Mackay, a railroad man, struck Earle a blow in the face with his fist, and Earle retaliated with the whip. An encounter between the two followed, in which Mackay succeeded in wrenching the whip from Earle's hand. Mayor Paddelford came up at this minute and succeeded in dispersing the mob.

GIN PILLS

CURE

Kidney Troubles

BAPTIZED IN THE NUDE

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4.—There is a sensational religious movement in progress in the Norwegian town of Drammen, which requires baptism like that of Christ in the Jordan. Sunday over fifty people, who were almost naked, were baptized in the Drammen River by the fanatics.

A NOVEL WEDDING

Young Woman Takes Groomsman's Place at Ceremony Performed Here Last Evening.

Mere man is never looked upon as occupying an important place at a wedding, but at a marriage ceremony performed here Thursday he was placed farther than ever in the background. This wedding marked a decided departure from the conventional lines, so far as St. John is concerned. It was celebrated in St. Mary's church, the ceremony being performed by the rector, Rev. G. O. Raymond, D. D.

The contracting parties were Miss Arrie Williams, of New York, (formerly of St. John), daughter of Mrs. E. Ross, of Carleton, and Harry Allen Thayer, of Holyoke (Massachusetts.) The ushers and all the attendants at the ceremony, with the exception of three little boys, who acted as ring bearers, were young ladies, even the groomsman's place being so filled. This is said to be quite customary in New York and in the present instance the arrangements were made to meet the wishes of the bridegroom.

There was a good sized congregation in the church when the bridal party entered about 7.45. The choir was in attendance and sang The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden. The bride was leaning on the arm of F. S. Stewart, her brother-in-law, and was followed by the ring bearers. They carried a silken cushion by silken cords, and on top was the gold circlet. Three little girls came immediately behind, carrying a large basket of cut flowers and holding in their hands the ends of a floral chain. Four young ladies came next, all dressed alike, in white, with roses in their hair. The bride looked charming, dressed in white satin, with a bridal veil. She carried a large shower bouquet of sweet peas. Miss Laura Poole, of Westfield, acted as bridesmaid, the bride's mother gave her away, while Miss Leona Beaty took the position usually assigned to a groomsman.

After the ceremony the three flower girls went before the newly wedded pair down the aisle, strewing flowers in their path. Carriages were taken at the door of the church for the residence of Mrs. Ross in Carleton, where a sumptuous luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer left on the Halifax express for a short trip through the upper provinces before taking up their residence in Holyoke, the future home. A large number of friends were at the depot to see them off and they were followed by the warmest good wishes. The bride's going away dress was brown broadcloth, with hat to match. Besides Miss Beaty and Miss Poole, Miss Katherine Bates and Miss Pauline Ring acted as ushers. The flower girls, who were all dressed alike, in white China silk, were Phyllis Williams, of Bridgeport, and Jean Walsh, of Westfield, and little Miss Edryth Leath, of New York, was maid of honor. The ring bearer was Cecil E. Ring, of New York, and Douglas Williams, of Bridgeport, and Reginald G. Stewart, of St. John, were assistants.

The groom's present to the four young ladies was a set of gold bar pins each and to the ring bearers and flowers girls gold signet rings.

The groom is in business in Holyoke and the bride was formerly a member of St. Mary's church, and active in the young people's work there. They will reside in Holyoke.

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