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...That... Preposterous ..Will..

BY L. G. MOBERLY.

(Continued.)

An expression of annoyance, suppressed almost as quickly as it appeared, flashed over the Squire's face, but he instantly turned back and came to Miss Stopher's side.

"I do not mind confessing that I am not fond of this room," he answered, turning the key slowly in the lock, "though there is nothing really of the Bluebeard chamber about it. But my wife and I——;" he glanced uneasily towards Lady Connell who, as was her wont when her husband seemed to be in any difficulty, came quickly to his side and finished his sentence for him.

"We do not care much about this little room—the blue room, as we call it" she said quietly, "because in the last century it was the favorite sitting-room of a certain Patricia Connell, who was a kind of Lucrezia Borgia in my husband's family. She conceived various diabolical but ingenious methods of disposing of those who stood in her path—and—I—must own I always feel in her room as if she had left some of her evil influences behind her. I dare say it is a very fanciful notion, but still—it remains."

Whilst Lady Connell had been speaking, Sir Ralph had crossed the small room, whose shutters were closed, and which emitted the faint indescribable odour that clings to an old room long shut up and disused.

The light admitted by the opening of the shutters disclosed an octagonal chamber furnished in the style of a century or more ago, with polished oak floor, and oak panelled walls, upon which hung three or four family portraits. The faint musty odour that was noticeable made Lady Connell exclaim hastily to her husband.

"Open the window, dear, a little damp fresh air is better than none; Patricia's room does not smell at all nice. No one ever comes into it ,except an occasional housemaid to clear away its dust," she added, with a note of apology, glancing round at the assembled guests upon whom a little silence had fallen. Unimaginative as were the larger number of them, their hostess' words about the evil influences in the room had not failed to produce an effect, and they glanced round the panelled walls, at the spindle legged chairs and tables, and the faded brocade, with a certain amount of apprehension, almost as if they expected the notorious lady of the past to appear in person amongst them.

Miss Stopher alone seemed to be quite unaffected by any ghostly or fanciful terrors, and walked briskly across the polished floor, her pince-nez held aggressively to her eyes, whilst she proceeded to investigte every nook and corner of the little room. She had reached the darkest corner of all, and had closely examined a quaint old work-table that filled it, when she proceeded to lift her eyes to the wall above the table upon which hung a small but full length portrait, she uttered an exclamation that might without exaggeration have been termed a shriek, after which she stood gazing at the picture with widely staring eyes and half open mouth, as if she were face to face with an apparation from another world.

"What is the matter?" Lady Connell said quickly, crossing the room to Miss Stopher's side; "something seems to have surprised you." At the same moment the other guests, drawn thither by Miss Stopher's surprised cry, clustered round the corner in which she and her hostess stood.

"Surprised?" Miss Stopher?" gasped; "I am naturally surprised. I think you will be surprised too, Lady Connell, when you see what I have seen. Look at that picture."

Lady Connell lifted her eyes to the full length portrait that hung above the worktable, and an exclamation of amazement instantly burst from her lips.

"You see it?" Miss Stopher said eagerly; "you see it too? It is not my imagination?"

"Certainly it is not your imagination," Lady Connell's voice was grave and puzzled; "but—but—it is very strange; Ralph come here and look. This portrait is——"

"Is the living image of Miss Miranda Hume," Miss Stopher exclaimed impetuously, breaking into Lady Connell's speech "It is as much like her as if she had sat for it in person."

Mrs. Grey here uttered a low exclamation and a light broke over her face.

"Now I know why I have been constantly haunted by the certainty that I had seen either Molly herself, or some one exactly like her. It must have been this picture of which she reminded me. I saw it, you know in this very room, when I was staying with you three years ago," she added, turning eagerly to Sir Ralph and his wife, who were looking from the picture to Molly and back again with bewildered eyes.

"I never saw a more extraordinary likeness," Miss Stopher exclaimed in growing excitement, "the very turn of the head, the look in the eyes, the color of the hair, are the same. How can such a remarkable coincidence have come about?"

And Miss Stopher looked round the astonished guests with flushed face and eyes bright with eagerness.

The eyes of all present turned from the pictured face on the wall to the face of the girl, who stood a little aside from the interested group of spectators, and whose eyes held a look of complete mystification. For to her, as to the onlookers, the likeness between herself and the pictured face was so remarkable as to be positively startling, and for a moment no words came to her to express the surprise she felt. There could be no doubt about the extraordinary resemblance that had overwhelmed Miss Stopher, no doubt about it at all. It leapt to the eyes of every one who glanced from the living girl to her counterfeit presentment. The girl in the picture was gowned in white, and a white hat rested upon the masses of her burnished hair. But the hair itself, both in its color and in its soft waviness, was a counterpart of the bright loveliness of Molly's sunny locks, the eager eyes that looked out of the face on the wall were of the same golden brown hue as the eager surprised ones of the girl standing in the room, the mouth and chin of the woman in the portrait showed precisely similar lines of strength and determination to those which were so marked a characteristic of the young heiress' face.

Sir Ralph was the first person to speak after that excited exclamation of Miss Stopher, and both his tone and words expressed the extreme astonishment under which he labored.

"What an extraordinary thing," he said; "I cannot help feeling that this likeness must be more than a coincidence. The two faces are precisely the same—and I now understand why, when I first saw you, Miss Hume, I felt so convinced I had already seen you before. This discovery quite accounts for my feelings."

"But how is the likeness accounted for?" Molly asked, the bewilderment deepening in her eyes; "I cannot in the least make out why I should be so exactly like one of your pictures. Would you tell me who that lady is?" and she nodded towards the portrait.

"It is a certain Dulcibel Connell, an ancestress of mine, and the very lady who fell under the displeasure of that Lady Patrica of evil fame after whom this room was named."

"Tell us the story, do tell us the story, Sir Ralph," cried a chorus of voices "we can see by your face there is a story."

"Certainly there is a story," the Squire answered with a smile, "and on the story is based the unpleasant fame of this very room. That poor lady, the Dulcibel of the picture, married into our family, and came here as the wife of a certain Sir Brian Connell. At that time Sir Brian's mother was alive, and living in this very house, and she had as companion a cousin, one Patricia Connell, the lady whom my wife not unjustly compared to Lucrezia Borgia."

"The lady who disposed of her enemies in various clever ways?" Mr. Digby here interrupted.

"That same lady," Sir Ralph replied gravely. "From all that can be learnt of what took place, it would seem that Patricia had set her affections on her cousin Brian, who, although a good deal younger than herself, had evidently if unwittingly won her heart. Judging by his portrait in the gallery, he must have been an eminently attractive young man."

"And his cousin was jealous of his wife perhaps?" Mrs. Bedsworth's soft voice spoke for the first time, though Mrs. Grey, who had been watching her, had observed with what interest she had followed every word uttered, how keenly her glance had flashed from the portrait of the beautiful dead Dulcibel to the beautiful living Molly.

"You are quite right, Mrs. Bedsworth; Patricia was jealous of the young wife of Sir Brian brought to his home, jealous with a furious, insensate jealousy almost beyond comprehension. She seems to have contrived to dissemble her feelings, at any rate for a time, and to have pretended great friendship for the bride, frequently inviting her to share the room which was set apart specially for Patricia herself, the very room in which we now stand. For a few months after the marriage all went well, both Sir Brian and his mother congratulating themselves on the friendship of Patricia and Dulcibel, and neither of them dreaming of the tragedy that was to come. That picture was painted in the early days of the marriage, and was given by Sir Brian and his wife to the woman they both believed to be their best friend. But after the birth of a daughter to Sir Brian and his wife, things did not seem to run so smoothly between Patricia and Dulcibel."

"What happened?" Molly asked, breathlessly, when the speaker paused.

"There were occasional high words and even quarrels between the two, until the end came. The exact particulars of what happened will, I suppose, never be known until the Day of Judgment," Sir Ralph said solemnly; "all that is known is that on a certain stormy evening in March, Dulcibel disappeared."

"Disappeared?" questioned many awe-struck voices.

(To be continued.)

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BORDEN WANTS INVESTIGATION

Leader of Opposition Would Probe Hyman's Resignation of His Seat.

Ottawa, Feb. 18—R. L. Borden brought up the London election case again today. The leader of the opposition moved that the resignation of Mr. Hyman's seat and all papers and correspondence affecting the same be referred to the privileges and elections committee to ascertain as to the validity of the resignation. He was doubtful as to whether it was valid or not and the question might be raised even after the election.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he had already made this offer to the leader of the opposition and would therefore accept the motion. The effect of the motion would be that the warrant issued by the speaker for a new election would have to be stayed.

Mr. Borden said that this would be a result of his motion.

The matter was referred to the committee without discussion.

When the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway bill reached the committee stage Mr. McCraney (Saskatchewan) moved that the passenger rate be three cents per mile. It was four cents but some time ago was reduced to three and a third. He wanted it made three cents. Mr. McCraney explained that he had no intention of imposing a rate that would not pay. Three cents was high enough. He gave a brief history of this road and said that while he wanted to see the bondholders paid, their past indebtedness should not be all charged up to that district. He favored a three cent rate all over. He did not believe in leaving this question to the railway commission. There was other important work for the commission to do in straightening out the tangle of railway transportation in the west.

Mr. Turiff (East Assiniboia) did not want to discuss this question until the motion of Dr. McIntyre (Strathcona) on the subject had been reached, but as it came up he would like to say a few words. His position was that Manitoba had a three cent rate and Saskatchewan, lying alongside, ought to have a higher rate. The trains were as well filled with passengers in Saskatchewan as they were in Manitoba and the distances were longer. He did not want to see one railway discriminated against by having to charge a lower rate than the others. He desired to see a three cent rate all over. He gave figures to show that all kinds of rates were being charged. There did not appear to be any uniform rates.

Mr. Emmerson said that the railway commission had the matter in hand. It would not be fair to treat one road different from the others. Three cents was not an unreasonable rate and the commission was now dealing with the matter.

The motion of Mr. McCraney was defeated and the bill was passed.

A meeting of the Timber Limit Holders' Association of New Brunswick will be held in the government rooms this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Matters to be discussed at the forestry convention will likely come up. R. A. Lawlor, secretary of the association, arrived in the city yesterday. Speaking of the meeting, he said nothing of special interest as affecting the association would come up but it was thought as so many lumbermen would be in the city on the way to attend the convention that a meeting should be held.

CARTWRIGHT HAS PROPOSED DIVISION OF MAIL SERVICE

He Favors the Allans Making Their Home at Halifax and the C. P. R. Boats at St. John --- The New Armory Site Discussed With Sir Frederick Borden Who Offers to Sell Barrack Square Property.

Ottawa, Feb. 18—The St. John delegation had a very busy day, and are enjoying tonight the debate on the Prince Edward Island tunnel, from the galleries of the house of commons. After having their talk with Mr. Emmerson this forenoon, the minister of railways accompanied the delegates to meet the minister of trade and commerce. They arrived just as Andrew Allan left.

While the interview with Sir Richard was carried on in an informal way, Mayor Sears was the principal speaker. This was after Sir Richard stated that there were two reasons why the Allans might claim, under their contract, to cut out St. John or Halifax. These were insufficient freight and lack of harbor accommodation.

The chief reason which the Allans gave against calling at St. John, was the scarcity of freight. As the lack of harbor facilities was not pressed by the Allans, the reply of Mayor Sears to Sir Richard was that the reason for the want of sufficient freight, was on account of the demand for motive power in the west, because of the scarcity of fuel. This would be all over very soon, and it would be wholly unfair for the department to support the Allans in a claim of that kind.

Sir Richard gave the delegation to understand that he did not intend doing so, and he gave no permission or order of any kind to the Allans to allow them to leave out St. John. Incidentally he mentioned that he favored the Allans making their home at Halifax, and the C. P. R. making its home at St. John, but he did not know that he would have the minister of railways with him in a proposition of that kind. Sir Richard thought that this would be in the interest of both ports, but that was a mere opinion of his own and was not under consideration in any way.

The delegates were perfectly well satisfied with the assurances they received from Sir Richard, and some of them would like to get outside opinions on the question of allowing the Allans to stay at Halifax, as there is no doubt that is what they want, and permitting the C. P. R. steamers, including the Empresses, to come straight to St. John. This might end the desire of the C. P. R. to get running rights over the Intercolonial from St. John to Halifax. At any rate the necessity for them would not be so urgent. But this suggestion of Sir Richard's is not a matter that is just now engaging the attention of either the government or the delegation.

Andrew Allan after his interview was very emphatic in his statements that there was not enough of freight for their turbiners at St. John. He knows that there is no use of adhering to insufficient harbor facilities because that would soon disappear.

In the afternoon the delegation met Sir Frederick Borden in his room at the house of commons.

The question of an armory for St. John was discussed. Sir Frederick said that he was quite willing to sell to the city the government grounds at the Barracks, and with the proceeds to purchase a site for the new armory, seeing that there were objections to building it on the lands now owned by the government.

He was willing to place valuators on the present military site and sell it to the city or the exhibition association at the price put upon it. The government intended building a first class drill hall, and a more central site could be secured. This was perfectly satisfactory to the delegation.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the delegation will meet Mr. Fisher. They will be introduced by Mr. Emmerson. The question of dredging will then be discussed. Another berth and the deepening of the channel, will be impressed upon the minister.

At 11 o'clock the delegates will meet the premier, Mr. Fisher and some of the other ministers, and will discuss the nationalizing of the harbor.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CROWN LAND REPORT FOR 1906

The receipts from sales of timber licenses show, among others, the following amounts: Adams, Bains Co., Ltd., $3,856; Eastern Trust Company, $4,116; Gibson Ry. & Mfg. Co., $1,764; E. Hutchinson, $2,328; Miramichi Lumber Co., $2,732; Fred. H. Murchie Lumber Co., $2,252; W. D. MacLaren (trustee), $4,028; Randolph & Baker, $1,468; Wm. Richards & Co., $4,500; Allen Ritchie, $2,820; Jas. Robinson, $1,472; Royal Trust Co., $6,936; Sayre & Holly Lumber Co., Ltd., $2,380; Stetson, Cutler & Co., $1,096; Wm. M. & E. H. Sinclair, $1,588; Sumner Co., $3,928; Alfred West, $1,344; Daniel Sullivan, $1,088; G. W. Allen, $1,152; George Burchill, $1,148.

Among the sums paid in stumpage were: Adams, Burns Co., $5,120.97; Bay Shore Lumber Co., $1,137.70; A. J. Beveridge, $1,044; Geo. Burchill & Sons, $2,247; Jas. Burgess & Sons, $1,830.19; Wm. M. Calhoun, $1,332; Wm. Currie & Co., $1,620; Dalhousie Lumber Co., $7,924.16; Gibson Ry. & Mfg. Co., $10,300.02; J. A. Gregory, $1,774; Hilyard Bros., $3,259.09; E. Hutchinson, $3,666.92; King Lumber Co., $1,824.15; Timothy Lynch, $1,732.32; W. H. Miller, $1,156.79; Williams' Tanning Extract Co., $2,699.70; Miramichi Lumber Co., $1,376.32; Miramichi Pulp & Paper Co., $8,652.73; R. Moffat, $2,050; John E. Moore, $3,281.21; B. A. Mowat, $1,881.62; Fred. H. Murchie & Co., $3,418.04; Nat. McNair, $1,606; Prescott Lumber Co., $2,047.50; Randolph & Baker, $2,635.17; Jas. Reid, $2,312.50; Wm. Richards & Co., $7,042.50; D. & J. Ritchie & Co., $4,944.50; James Robinson, $4,425.06; Sayre & Holly Lumber Co., $3,533.30; Shives Lumber Co., $18,157.61; Sinclair Lumber Co., $1,420; Smith Bros., $1,311.55; J. B. Snowball Co., $10,205.50; O. F. Stacy & Co., $1,492.50; Daniel Sullivan, $1,900; Sumner Co., $6,553.65; Alfred West, $2,201.50; C. F. West, $2,404.10; S. H. White Co., $3,910.87.

One hundred and seventy-four grants of land, amounting to 15,057 acres, were made during the year. Sixty-two mining licenses, covering 295 square miles, and eight prospecting licenses were granted.

The $12,742 received from fishing licenses came from the following:

Name.	Amount.
Tobique Salmon Club	$50
Ayre, Fred. W.	60
Hollins, Harry B.	250
Restigouche Salmon Club	6,500
Connell, John.	60
Allen & Pringle	25
Gerster & Williams	150
Miramichi Fish and Game Club	355
Adogwasook Fishing Club	50
Weldmann, Jacob	140
Rogers, Archibald	2,000
Barnaby, W. H.	200
Dickinson, Wm.	80
Malcolm, Thos.	1,650
Osler, E. B.	500
Armstrong, G. E.	60
Snowball, J. B.	100
Culbert, W. H.	20
Jones, G. West.	405
Robertson, Geo.	15
Neill, James S.	80
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Bankers who had charge of the public subscription to the $40,000,000 American Telephone & Telegraph convertible bonds failed to make any definite statement concerning the reception which the issues was accorded. That the bonds did not go well, however, is pretty generally understood, notwithstanding the fact that the syndicate members have allowed the impression to go forth that the subscriptions came quite up to their expectations. That bonds offered on so attractive a basis as the Telephone bonds were should not be taken up with more eagerness is one of the strongest proofs of the demoralized state of the market for long term securities.

Leonard P. D. Tilley, LL. B., and H. O. McInerney, M. A., B. C. L., barristers, have entered into a partnership for the practice of law. The firm will be known as Tilley & McInerney, and will continue to occupy the offices in the Canada Life building, Prince William street, at present in use by Messrs. Tilley and McInerney.

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