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## City of Enderby

### NOTICE

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By Order.

GRAHAM ROSOMAN.
Clerk to the Municipal Council.

Enderby, March 19th, 1906.

## Spallumcheen Farmers' Institute.

A meeting of the above will be held at the Town Hall, Enderby, on Thursday, March 29th., at 1 o'clock p.m.

Lectures will be given on several subjects interesting and instructive to farmers.

Geo. Heggie, President.
John B. Bird, Secretary.

20th March, 1906.

## Seed Potatoes for Sale.

Early Harvest, Bliss Red River, Triumph, also several kinds of late potatoes can be had of

W. ELSON.

### W. C. T. U. Organize in Enderby.

An interesting meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Geo Bell, two weeks ago, when a large number of the ladies of Enderby met for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union, an organization which has become world wide in its effort to seek the protection of the home from the many evils which invade its sanctity.

Mrs. W. H. Spefford, of Victoria, presided at the meeting and explained the work of the Society, after which the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Hale, Vice Pres., Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Worthington; Vice Pres., Episcopal Church, Mrs. Lawes; Vice Pres., Methodist Church, Mrs. Teece; Secretary, Mrs. McMahon; Treasurer, Mrs. Paul. The regular meeting of the new union will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

In a town the size of Enderby, even, there is much with which this usefnl society may engage in, and no doubt, the ladies, in their endeavour to promote the interest of the people at large, will find hearty support from the citizens who are desirous of seeinga wholesome moral atmosphere grow up with the community.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETING,

A meeting of the Spallumcheen Farmers' Institute will be held in the Town Hall, Enderby, on Thursday next, March 29th., at 1 o'clock p.m. Lectures will be given on several subjects interesting and instructive to farmers. The speakers and their subjects will be announced by posters early next week. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout of farmers and others interested in Institute work. Farmers of the district have in the past not taken the interest that should be taken in Institute work. The subjects spoken of at these meetings, held from time to time, are of vital importance, and are discoursed on by men specially fitted to do so. Then the opportunity which is offered for the asking of questions and the free discussion which follows is of greatest benefit.

The Enderby Brick and Tile Co., shipped a carload of brick to Armstrong last week.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS

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| Potatoes, per ton | - | $24.00 |
| RETAIL PRICES | | |
| Apples, per 40lbs | - | 1.50 |
| Poultry, per doz. | - | to $6 |
| Eggs, per doz. | - | 25c |
| Butter, per lb | - | 35c |

## LOCAL NOTES.

Don't forget the Farmers' Institute meeting on Thursday afternoon of next week.

R. Race left for Hope, on Monday, where he has accepted a position with A. W. Johnston, D. L. S.

Messrs. F. H. Hale, G. McCormick and F. V. Moffet were those of Enderby's citizens returning on Monday from business trips to different parts of the Province.

A. Sutcliffe, who left for England a short while age, sent a post card to the writer, dated March 10th, on which day he was just sailing from New York.

Messrs. W. A. Dobson, W. P. Gooch, Geo. Bell and F. H. Barnes visited Vernon on Wednesday.

Mr. Miles, who for some time has been chief clerk in the general store of Harvey & Dobson, left on Wednesday for Kamloops, where he goes into business for himself, having purchased a stock of groceries at the inland capital.

W. T. Broderick came in from Revelstoke on Tuesday, and spent a few days in town.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid will hold a Handkerchief Sale in the Orange Hall on Easter Monday afternoon, April 16, and will give a concert in the evening.

The name of the new Anglican minister at Armstrong is Rev. King, not Davis, as appeared in our item last week.

Miss L. Young who has been visiting with Mrs. Geo. Heggie, of the Stepney Ranch, returned to her home on Saturday last.—Advertiser.

The local organization of the Dominion Rifle Association are busy enrolling members for the year. This is a splendid scurce from which to obtain the practice necessary to become expert in the use of the rifle.

## Salmon Arm Items.

With the opening up of spring, business is picking up, and settlers are coming in. G. R. Merton and family moved in from Agassiz last week and are living on the place he bought from B. Peters, close to town. Chas H. Brooke and family arrived from Didsbury this week and moved on to the T. Davis farm, which he purchased, and J. Sanderson has moved in from Maple Creek, Alberta, on to the Smith Ranch, which he purchased at the beginning of the year.

We are without a Doctor, there is an opening for one here.

Jas. Evans has the lumber on the ground to build a livery stable.

W. Palmer and H. Kneeland are purchasing the blacksmith shop and property of W. Monteith.

L. R. Raven lost his house by fire on Thursday evening, the 15th. A very small part of the contents of the dwelling was saved. Mr. Raven carried no insurance on the property.

Jas Carlin visited the Arm last week on business.

People who took shares in the Vancouver Co-operative Loan and Investment Company are wondering where they are at. Suckers are not all dead yet!

The members of the Farmers' Institute sent for a carload of stumping powder last week and will save $2.50 per box on the retail price.

W. J. Wilcox stopped off on Saturday, on his way to the Coast; he is Planting about 1,500 trees on his property here, and plans for extensive improvements on his farm this season.

## COUNCIL MEETING

The usual weekly meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday. His Worship the Mayor and all the Aldermen being present.

A letter was received from the Education Department, in reference to the extension of the city school district. The department stated that the city's proposition was under consideration, and that the matter would be settled with as little delay as possible.

A letter was received from the Columbia Flouring Mills Co., asking for permission to lay a tramway across Cliff street and along the river bank to their power house, for the purpose of operating small push cars for the conveyance of wood from the sawmill, to be used as fuel. This was referred to the Board of Works.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lambert, Secretary of the Vernon Women's Council. The letter had regard to the forming of an Okanagan branch of the Provincial Anti-Tuberculosis society, and asked the support of the city council of Enderby in the movement, and also that they would send a delegate to a meeting which it was proposed to hold very soon, of which further notice will be given. The clerk was instructed to acknowledge the letter, informing Mrs Lambert that the Council were entirely in sympathy with the movement, and would most likely appoint a delegate as requested.

A letter was received from A. M. Baird, in reply to the Council's request that he would submit for their approval a plan showing how he proposes to lay out his land, stating that he was not at present prepared to do so.

Ald. Kenny gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council, he would bring in a by law to regulate the width of streets.

Ald. Worthington asked if the estimates for public improvements were ready for presentation yet. The chairman of the Board of Works replied that they were not. He said that one afternoon this week he had taken a "lonely" walk around the city, and as a result, was much discouraged; for the amount of work necessary to be done was simply appalling. Ald. Barnes was of the opinion that there was plenty of time yet in which to prepare the estimates. The proper time said the alderman would be when the ground could be worked—which was impossible at present, seeing that it was still frozen.

The Council adjourned just before 9 o'clock, and at the moment of adjournment, Dr. Verner entered the council chamber. He stated that he wished to lay a water-pipe from the main at the corner of Belvedere street to his house. The Doctor also drew attention to the contamination of the river water by the outflow from the slough and by the drainage from houses on the bank. He stated that there was a danger of typhoid arising from this contamination, and that water for domestic purposes should be drawn from a point higher up the river—some little distance above the bridge.

A resolution has been adopted by the Spallumcheen Council that it would be to the best interests of this municipality to borrow on its credit the sum of $20.000 for the purpose of preparing and gravelling the main roads, according to the best expert supervision to be had on the modern Good Roads System, and that the money now annually put aside for gravelling the main roads be applied for the purpose of providing interest and sinking fund for a period of twenty years. And that the Reeve call a public meeting at once with the view of discussing the proposition, so that the ratepayers may cause a petition authorising the Council to prepare a By-Law for the above purpose, so that the ratepayers may have an opportunity to vote on it at an early date, in order, if carried, to have the work done this year.

## LAY CLAIM TO A ROAD

The attempts of Messrs Harvey & Dobson to close the thoroughfare leading from the foot of the bridge, along the river bank, to the premises of the Columbia Flouring mill Co., has provided the topic of conversation this week.

A little while ago posts were erected, one on each side of the road claimed as private property, and gates made all in readiness for the final act of barring entrance to the road. This was done on Tuesday, of March 20th., when precisely at 12 noon the gates were duly hung and closed and a guard stationed in front of them; at the same time the following notice was posted up:

NOTICE

The property over which this road runs has been closed for 24 hours, from noon, this 20th. day of March, 1906, in order to protect the rights of the owners. All persons may use the same, subject to our rights.

Harvey & Dobson.

However, the gates did not remain in position long, for Provincial Constable Gardom, on information laid, came, armed with a warrant authorizing him to remove any obstructions, took the gates from off their hinges and stood them against the store building.

A second time the gates were placed in position, and again removed by the constable, who carried them away. Nothing more was done till Wednesday afternoon, when a little after six a notice saying that "trespassers will be prosecuted," was posted up, and a third attempt made to obstruct the highway by piling stovewood across it. This was removed by the constable.

Mr. Harvay, interviewed with regard to the action of the firm, said that he does not wish to permanently block the highway, but took the steps that have been taken to prove, as per his notice, his ownership of the land in question. It is desired to make improvements on the road, which is in a bad state; and which improvements he does not wish to be claimed by the city. The deed of the property on which his store and other buildings stand, shows that the lots extend to the water's edge, and Mr. Harvey states that no road was ever gazetted to run along the bank of the river.

Mayor Bell, questioned with regard to the city's intentions, said that they would stand firm. He believed that the public have a legal right to this roadway, if only on account of it having been used by them for a long time. For it is said that this road existed over twenty years ago. "In any case," said His Worship, "under the provisions of the Highways' Act of 1905, the road is established as a highway, by reason of government money having been spent, both to build and maintain it."

While it is to be regretted that occasion should have arisen for the forcible closing and reopening of the road, it is pleasing to note that no personal hostility has been displayed, the question being very properly viewed by both parties to the dispute as entirely a matter of business and legal right. The steps which have been taken on both sides are doubtless those recommended by their respective legal advisers, and only preliminary to the final amicable adjustment of the question in a court of law.

The slaughter of horses for glanders has been stoped by the Dominion government and the veterinary inspectors have been withdrawn. This quick change of front is said to have followed the dispatch of a strong remonstrance to Ottawa by the Liberal members for this province in the Dominion House and the provincial Legislature.

A scene was witnessed one morning a week or two ago, which we are asked to mention. Several boys were, on the morning in question, noticed in the act of teasing a Chinaman, who, no doubt, greatly enraged at the boys' annoyance, pulled out a knife, and made several lunges at them, happily, without effect. Boys have been noticed on various occasions teasing the Chinamen, and steps should be taken, so that when next seen doing so, to teach them a lesson.

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## Notes and Comments

What about a fire brigade? Is no move to be made in the direction of organizing one?

Seeing that no further protection to the river bank at the foot of Cliff street has been provided for in the Dominion Estimates, some steps should be taken to ensure the $1500 that still remains of a previous appropriation being spent. It is known that unless some move is made to secure it, the grant will lapse in June. Now that our member in the Dominion House Mr. Duncan Ross, is in hospital at Ottawa with diptheria, and consequently quite unable to look after the interests of his constituency, it becomes more than ever necessary for us to look out for ourselves, and a determined effort made by local Liberals to secure the $1500 as yet unspent.

There are quite a number of our citizens who could take a lesson from the C. P. R. in tidying up their station grounds. Many lots around town would look all the better for a clean up. To be known as an untidy place is not a sobriquet to be proud of, nor to be desired. If we wish to induce some of the landseekers who are travelling the valley looking for a desirable location to pick on Enderby, we must take a little pride in the appearance of our city streets, and each strive to do his or her level best to make it a "city beautiful."

We also hope that steps are being taken to improve the sanitary condition of some of the back yards in the town. We shall soon have the warm weather upon us, and with it the ever-present possibility that an outbreak of some fever, induced by the presence of filth in and on the surface of the ground. There were some places (and our readers will not need more explicit definition of what we mean thereby) that were, to put it mildly, in a disgraceful condition last summer. It is against all laws of health and nature to have those places in such a condition and so near to human dwellings; and sooner or later, if this state of things be not remedied, Enderby will pay the penalty by a visitation from an epidemic of some pestilential nature. Now is perhaps the best time to erect new places, and we hope that those of citizens to whom this applies will, for their own health's sake, and that of the community also, take the necessary steps to remove the danger.

A short while ago the announcement was made that a sweep of United States silver from Canada would begin on March 1, with the idea of replacing it with coins "made in Canada." Since that date the banks have been coralling all Uncle Sam's silver and nickle coins. The Dominion government has made arrangements with the Bank of Montreal in New York to receive all this currency at face value. When a bank ships to New York it will receive the equivalent in Canadian coinage from the nearest receiver-general. The replacing of American by Canadian silver will take a long time, and result will be the imposition of a discount on such currency, just as Canadian money is subject to discount on the other side.

However, while the authorities are so engaged in the collection of currency whose entry into Canada has been brought about by the close commercial relations between the two nations, and therefore square and above board, the fact appears to have been missed that coinage of another country is finding its way into Canada in ever increasing numbers. Nor is it through the interchange of commerce with that country, nor is it the rush of settlers into the Dominion from that part of the world. But, it is claimed, that its presence is due to the fact that the country is being flooded with this coin by men who are making a business of it. We alude to the Straits Settlements half dollar.

It is doubtful if the circulation of this coin could be stopped by a similar arrangement to that for getting rid of States silver. To redeem the Straits money at par would place a fixed market value on them greatly in access of their intrinsic value, which would only increase their importation.

The only course open seems to be that the public should refuse to accept this coin. All would be losers at the first—at least, those who have them in possession. But at the present time such loss would be small compared to the prospect as these coins become more numerous, as no doubt they will if we will accept a coin not worth half its face value.

No doubt it goes against the grain to refuse such an elusive commodity as cash. But when we Canadians find ourselves being imposed upon, it is time then to take decisive action.

The various letters and press comments on the cavalier way in which the Okanagan has been passed over in the matter of sending a representative to the Fruit-Growers' Convention at Ottawa seem to make clear one point, viz., that the persistent self-advertisement of the coast and Kootenay fruit-growers has resulted in giving them a prominence which is scarcely in keeping with standing as fruit-producers. The Okanagan is too modest, and the acknowledged superiority of its fruit is scarcely sufficient to make up for the lack of that push which compels consideration.—Vernon News.

The session of the legislature being over, the resignation of the attorney-general, Hon. Chas Wilson, has come to light. When Mr. Wilson left for Ottawa on private business at the heaviest part of the session, there was a prophecy that went the rounds to the effect that he would never again occupy the attorney-general's chair in the House. And so it has come to pass.

Government organs say that his resignation is due to the pressure his private business, and the health of his wife; while the Opposition press, in no unmistakeable language, say it was due to the fact that the late attorney-general was not in accord with his co-ministers on the Columbia & Western bill. It is even stated that had he been a private member, instead of holding a portfolio, he would have made his position clear on the floor of the House.

The estimated revenue of the Timber Department of the provincial Government for the fiscal year 1906-7 is $500,000, or practially the same as for the year 1605-6. There is no indication at the present time that there will be any appreciable increase in the revenue for the coming fiscal year, though there is a general belief on the part of Government officials that the receipts from timber sources will be no less than in the case of the present fiscal year. The revenue from royalties and licenses for the present fiscal year is estimated at $400,000. Collections made to date show that this estimate will not prove an inflated one. The revenue from rentals is expected to approximate $80,000, though it may run as high as $100,000. Eighteen years ago the revenue of the province from its timber amounted to about $9000. Since that time the receipts have been annually increasing as the timber resources were being exploited and developed. Today the Government proposes to appropriate $10,000 to pay the salaries of the scalers to be employed under the amended scaling regulations — or $1000 more than the total timber revenue of less than a score of years ago when the great forests of British Columbia had practically not been introduced to the axe.

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BY GUY BOOTHBY.

Author of "DR. NIKOLA," "THE BEAUTIFUL WHITE DEVIL," "PHARAOS, THE EGYPTIAN," Etc.

She did not question me further about it then, but, asking me to excuse her for a moment, stepped over the little plot of ground where her dear ones lay, and plucked some of the dead leaves from the flowers that grew upon it. To my thinking she was just what an honest English girl should be; straightforward and gentle, looking the whole world in the face with frank and honorable simplicity. When she had finished her labor of love, which only occupied her a few moments, she suggested that we should stroll on to her house.

"My uncle will be wondering what has become of me," she said, "and he will also be most anxious to see you."

"He does not accompany you to church, then?"

"No," she answered. "He is so conscious of his affliction that he cannot bear it to be remarked. He usually stays at home and walks up and down a path in the garden, brooding, I am afraid, over his treatment by Mr. Hayle. It goes to my heart to see him."

"And Mr. Codd?"

"He, poor little man, spends most of his time reading such works on archaeology as he can obtain. It is his one great study, and I am thankful he has such a hobby to distract his mind from his own trouble."

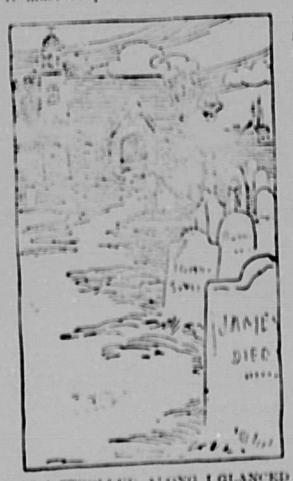
"Their coming to England must have made a great change in your life," I remarked.

"It has made a difference," she answered. "But one should not lead one's life exactly to please one's self. They were in sore distress, and I am thankful that they came to me, and that I had the power to help them."

This set me thinking. She spoke gravely, and I knew that she meant what she said. But underlying it there was a suggestion that, for some reason or another, she had not been altogether favorably impressed by her visitors. Whether I was right in my suppositions I could not tell then, but I knew that I should in all probability be permitted a better opportunity of judging later on. We crossed the little bridge, and passed along the high road for upwards of a mile, until we found ourselves standing at the entrance to one of the prettiest little country residences it has ever been my lot to find. A drive, some 30 yards or so in length, led up to the house and was shaded by overhanging trees. The house itself was of two stories and was covered by creepers. The garden was scrupulously neat, and I fancied that I could detect its mistress' hand in it. Shady walks led from it in various directions, and at the end of one of these I could discern a tall, restless figure, pacing up and down.

"There is my uncle," said the girl, referring to the figure I have just described. "That is his sole occupation. He likes it because it is the only part of the garden in which he can move about without a guide. How empty and hard his life must seem to him now, Mr. Fairfax?"

"It must, indeed," I replied. "To my thinking blindness is one of the worst ills that can happen to a man. It must be particularly hard to one



AS I STROLLED ALONG I GLANCED AT THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE VARIOUS TOMBSTONES.

who has led such a vigorous life as your uncle has done."

I could almost have declared that she shuddered at my words. Did she know more about her uncle and his past life than she liked to think about? I remembered one or two expressions he had let fall in his excitement when he had been talking to me, and how I had commented upon them as being strange words to come from the lips of a missionary. I had often wondered whether the story he had told me about their life in China, and Hayle's connection with it, had been a true one. The tenaciousness with which a Chinaman clings to the religion of his forefathers is proverbial, and I could not remember having ever heard that a mandarin, or an official of high rank, had been converted to the Christian faith. Even if he had, it struck me as being highly improbable that he would have been the possessor of such princely treasure, and, even supposing that to be true, that he would, at his death, leave it to such a man as Kitwater. No, I fancied if we could only get at the truth of the story, we should find that it was a good deal more picturesque, not to use a harsher term, than we imagined. For a moment I had almost been tempted to believe that the stones were Hayle's property, and that these two men were conducting their crusade with the intention of robbing him of them. Yet, on maturer reflection, this did not fit in. There was the fact that they had certainly been mutilated as they described, and also their hatred of Hayle to be weighed in one balance, while Hayle's manifest fear of them could be set in the other.

"If I am not mistaken that is your step, Mr. Fairfax," said the blind man, stopping suddenly in his walk, and turning his sightless face in my direction. "It's wonderful how the loss of one's sight sharpens one's ears. I suppose you met Margaret on the road?"

"I met Miss Kitwater in the churchyard," I replied.

"A very good meeting place," he chuckled, sarconically. "It's where most of us meet each other sooner or later. Upon my word, I think the dead are luckier than the living. In any case they are more fortunate than poor devils like Codd and myself. But I am keeping you standing, won't you sit down somewhere and tell me your news? I have been almost counting the minutes for your arrival. I know you would not be here to-day unless you had something important to communicate to me. You have found Hayle?"

He asked the question with feverish eagerness, as if he hoped within a few hours to be clutching at the other's throat. I could see that his niece noticed it too, and that she recoiled a little from him in consequence. I thereupon set to work and told them of all that had happened since I had last seen them, described my lucky meeting with Hayle at Charing Cross, my chase after him across London, the trick he had played me at Foxwell's hotel, and my consequent fruitless journey to Southampton.

"And he managed to escape you after all," said Kitwater. "That man would outwit the master of all liars himself. He is out of England by this time, and we shall lose him."

"He has not escaped me," I replied, quietly. "I know where he is, and I have got a man on his track."

"Then where is he?" asked Kitwater. "If you know where he is, you ought to be with him yourself instead of down here. You are paid to conduct the case. How do you know that your man may not bungle it, and that we may not lose him again?"

His tone was so rude and his manner so aggressive, that his niece was about to protest. I made a sign to her, however, not to do so.

"I don't think you need be afraid, Mr. Kitwater," I said more soothingly than I felt. "My man is a very clever and reliable fellow, and you may be sure that, having once set eyes on Mr. Hayle, he will not lose sight of him again. I shall leave for Paris to-morrow morning, and shall immediately let you know the result of my search. Will that suit you?"

"It will suit me when I get hold of Hayle," he replied. "Until then I shall know no peace. Surely you must understand that?"

Then, imagining, perhaps, that he had gone too far, he began to fawn upon me, and what was worse praised my methods of elucidating a mystery. I cannot say which I disliked the more. Indeed, had it not been that I had promised Miss Kitwater to take up the case, and that I did not want to disappoint her, I believe I should have abandoned it there and then, out of sheer disgust. A little later our hostess proposed that we should adjourn to the house, as it was nearly luncheon time. We did so, and I was shown to a pretty bedroom to wash my hands. It was a charming apartment, redolent of the country, smelling of lavender, and, after London, as fresh as a glimpse of a new life. I looked about me, took in the cleanliness of everything, and contrasted it with my own dingy apartments at Rickford's hotel, where the view from the window was not of meadows and breezy uplands, but of red roofs, chimney-pots, and constantly revolving cowls. I could picture the view from this window in the early morning, with the dew upon the grass, and the blackbirds whistling in the shrubbery. I am not a vain man, I think, but at this juncture I stood before the looking-glass and surveyed myself. For the first time in my life I could have wished that I had been better-looking. At last I turned angrily away.

"What a duffer I am, to be sure!" I said to myself. "If I begin to get notions like this in my head there is no knowing where I may end. As if any girl would ever think twice about me!"

Thereupon I descended to the drawing-room, which I found empty. It was a true woman's room, daintily furnished, with little knick-knacks here and there, a work-basket just neatly away for the Sabbath, and an open piano with one of Chopin's works upon the music-rest. Leading out of the drawing-room was a small conservatory, filled with plants. It was a pretty little place and I could not refrain from exploring it. I am passionately fond of flowers, but my life at that time was not one that permitted me much leisure to indulge in my liking. As I stood now, however, in the charming place, among the rows of neatly-arranged pots, I experienced a sort of waking dream. I seemed to see myself standing in this very conservatory, hard at work upon my flowers, a pipe in my mouth and my favorite old soft felt hat upon my head. Crime and criminals were alike forgotten; I no longer lived in a dingy part of the town, and what was better than all I had—

"Do you know I feel almost inclined to offer you the proverbial penny," said Miss Kitwater's voice behind me, at the drawing-room door. "Is it permissible to ask what you were thinking about?"

I am not of course prepared to swear it, but I honestly believe, for the first time for many years, I blushed.

"I was thinking how very pleasant a country life must be," I said, making the first excuse that came to me. "I almost wish that I could lead one."

"Then why don't you? Surely it would not be so very difficult?"

"I am rather afraid it would," I answered. "And yet I don't know why it should be."

"Perhaps Mrs. Fairfax would not care about it," she continued, as we returned to the drawing-room together.

"Good gracious!" I remarked. "There is no Mrs. Fairfax. I am the most confirmed of old bachelors. I wonder you could not see that. Is not the word creatiness written plainly upon my forehead?"

"I am afraid I cannot see it," she answered. "I am not quite certain who it was, but I fancy it was my uncle who informed me that you were married."

"It was very kind of him," I said. "But it certainly is not the case. I fear my wife would have rather a lonely time of it if it were. I am obliged to be away from home so much, you see, and for so long at a time."

"Yours must be indeed a strange profession, Mr. Fairfax, if I may say so," she continued. "Some time ago I came across an account, in a magazine, of your life, and the many famous cases in which you had taken part."

"Ah! I remember the wretched thing," I said. "I am sorry that you should ever have seen it."

"And why should you be sorry?"

"Because it is a silly thing, and I have always regretted allowing the man to publish it. He certainly called upon me and asked me a lot of questions, after which he went away and wrote that article. Ever since then I have felt like a conceited ass, who tried to make himself out more clever than he really was."

"I don't think you would do that," she said. "But, if you will let me say so, yours must be a very trying life, and also an extremely dangerous one. I am afraid you must look upon human nature from a very strange point of view!"

"No; more strange probably than you do," I answered.

"But you are continually seeing the saddest side of it. To you all the miseries that a life of crime entails are visible. The greater part of your time is spent among desperate men who are without hope, and to whom even their own shadows are a constant menace. I wonder that you still manage to retain your kind heart."

"But how do you know that my heart is kind?" I inquired.

"If for no other reason, simply because you have taken up my uncle's case," she answered. "Do you think when he was so rude to you just now, that I could not see that you pitied him, and for that reason you forebore to take advantage of your power? I know you have a kind heart."

"And you find it difficult to assimilate that kind heart with the remorseless detective of Public life?"

"I find it difficult to recognize in you the man who, on a certain notable occasion, went into a thieves' den in Chicago unaccompanied, and after a terrible struggle in which you nearly lost your life succeeded in effecting the arrest of a notorious murderer."

At that moment the gong in the hall sounded for lunch, and I was by no means sorry for the interruption. We found Kitwater and Codd awaiting our coming in the dining-room, and we thereupon sat down to the meal. When we left the room again, we sat in the garden and smoked, and later in the afternoon my hostess conducted me over her estate, showed me her vineries, introduced me to her two sleek Jerseys, who had their home in the meadow I had seen from the window; to her poultry, pigs and the pigeons who came fluttering about her, confident that they would come to no harm. Meanwhile her uncle had resumed his restless pacing up and down the path on which I had first seen him, Codd had returned to his archaeological studies, and I was alone with Miss Kitwater. We were standing alone together, I remember, at the gate that separated the garden from the meadow-land. I knew as well as possible, indeed I had known it since we had met in the churchyard that morning, that she had something to say to me, something concerning which she had not quite made up her mind. What it was, however, I fancied I could hazard a very good guess, but I was determined not to forestall her, but to wait and let her broach it to me in her own way. This, I fancied, she was now about to do.

"Mr. Fairfax," she began, resting her elbows upon the bar of the gate as she spoke, "I want, if you will allow me, to have a serious talk with you. I could not have a better opportunity than the present, and, such as it is, I want to make the best of it."

"I am quite at your service, Miss Kitwater," I replied, "and if I can be of any use to you I hope you will tell me. Pray let me know what I can do for you."

"It is about my uncle and Mr. Codd that I want to speak to you," she said, sinking her voice a little, as if she were afraid they might hear.

"And what about them?"

"I want to be loyal to them, and yet I want to know what you think of the whole affair," she said, looking intently at me as she spoke. "Believe me, I have good and sufficient reasons for my request."

"I am to tell exactly what I think about their pursuit of this man Hayle? And what chances of success I think they possess?" I said.

"I am not thinking so much of their success," she returned, "as of the real nature of their case."

"I believe I understand what is passing in your mind," I said. "Indeed I should not be surprised if the suspicion you entertain is not the same as I have myself."

"You have been suspicious, then?"

"I could scarcely fail to be," I replied.

"Perhaps you will tell me what you suspect?"

"Will you forgive me, in my turn, if I am abrupt, or if I speak my mind a little too plainly?"

"You could not do that," she answered with a sigh. "I want to know your exact thoughts, and then I shall be able to form my own conclusions."

"Well," I said, "before I begin, may I put one or two questions to you? You will, of course, remember that I had never seen or heard of your uncle and Mr. Codd until they stopped me on Ludgate Hill. They

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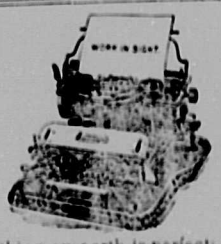

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Clerk: Graham Rossman

Constable: Basil Gardom

Rev. Mr. Miller conducted divine service at Mara Monday evening.

J. W. Bacon returned from Mara on Tuesday morning.

R. McQuarrie passed through on Monday en route for Vernon, on business bent.

Ira C. Jones has finished clearing his ten acres, about a mile from town, and will plant it with fruit trees this spring.

F. H. Hassard left on Tuesday on a trip to the coast, taking in the Provincial Stock Sale at New Westminster.

J. G. Whitacre, of Rossland, agent for Mason & Risch Pianos for B. C. passed through on Tuesday, on his way home.

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D. J. McDonald, Homestead Inspector, spent a few days in town this week, seeing that all settlers are complying with the regulations.

J. R. Linton was a visitor to Armstrong on Saturday. Mr. Linton has cut, under his contract with the C.P.R. 17,000 ties during the winter from off J. Christian's place near Armstrong.

The proprietors of the King Edward Hotel, have placed two iron ladders in position at the north and south ends of their hotel building respectively, leading from the windows of the passage along the top story.

Mrs. G. R. Lawes returned on Saturday, from a few days visit to Vernon.

Mine hosts, of the King Edward had the green flag of Ould Ireland at the mast-head on Saturday, in honor of her patron Saint, St. Patrick.

A petition is being circulated, praying that the government change the location of that portion of the Mabel Lake road which traverses the Indian reserve, so that it will run along the line between the reserve and the settlers homesteads, adjoining it. As it is now, running through the centre of the Indians' land, ranchers are put to great trouble and expense, for each settler has to make and maintain a road from his ranch to the main road, and is not infrequently called upon to remove trees which the Indians fell across it,—done it is claimed, purposely to block up his way of reaching to his ranch, as they object to roads being made across their land.

The Armstrong and Spallumcheen Agricultural Society's Fall Fair will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 10th and 11th.

At a meeting of the Armstrong Electric Light and Power Company, held at their office on Thursday of last week, it was decided to open the share list, says the Advertiser, to every resident of the Municipality. This action was taken in pursuance of the stipulation in the franchise granted the Company, by the people, at the last civic elections. The prospectus of the Company, together with blank application forms, will be sent to each resident of the district, and a chance given to subscribe for the Company's stock, which has been fixed at one dollar per share, and in not less than twenty-five share allotments. All applications for stock must be accompanied by cheque or cash, as the shares are payable on allotment. Immediate steps will be taken to build a telephone line connecting Enderby with Vernon, through Armstrong, thus giving a through wire from Enderby to Penticton. The matter of connecting private wires belonging to farmers with that of the main line, will be discussed with the directors of the Farmers' Exchange, and arrangements made with the central office for the small fee of one dollar per month. Several other matters of importance in the business of the Company were taken up and disposed of at the meeting.

Mrs. George Hutton, of Edmonton, accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Parkinson and son Bruce, left for an extended visit to the Okanagan on Monday morning's train. Mrs. Parkinson has been here from the east visiting her brother, Geo Hutton, for some time. Mrs. Hutton will probably be back in a month's time and Mrs. Parkinson will then retuen to her home in Lhornbury, Ontario.—Edmonton Journal.

Geo. Hopkins of Boissevain, Man., spent a few days in town this week, visiting his brother, E. Hopkins, and old friends from Manitoba, now resident here. He left on Tuesday for Vancouver.

The wire and cable for the Dominion government telephone line between Penticton and Kelowna, after being four months on the way, have at last arrived and Superintendent Stevens will have the wire strung and the cable laid without delay.—Kamloops Sentinel.

Two Chinamen were fined $10 each on Monday by R. Gordon, J. P. on a charge of spewing water from their mouths over clothing. Chief Bain prosecuted, J. E. Scott appeared for the accused and intimated he would appeal the case.—Kamloops Sentinel.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in council has been pleased to appoint the under mentioned persons to be commissioners for taking affidavits in the Supreme court, for the purpose of acting under the "Provincial Elections Act" in the electoral districts in which they reside. These appointments will expire on the 31st day of December, 1906.

Okanagan—H. E. Johnson, of Salmon Creek; Robert Turner and Fred. A. McLeod, of Canoe Creek.

Kamloops—Wm. A. Palmer and A. J. Hedgman, of Salmon Arm, and Frank Parry, of Tappen.

A. Reid, Dominion Timber Inspector of Kault, spent several days in town this week.

Complaints are being made with regard to the refusal of the C.P.R. authorities, to allow passengers, who may arrive at Sicamous on Sundsy, from travelling down the S. & O. on a freight, (if one happens to be running on the day of rest.) Sometimes it is a hardship for a man with a large family, to stay over at Sicamous, on account of the very expensive hotel which the Company maintains there, and it is felt that passengers arriving at Sicamous after the departure of Saturday morning's train, should be allowed to travel by a Sunday freight.

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