

The Unlatched Door

By Frank Price
CHAPTER SEVEN
(Continued)

"A clue to the person who fired the shot that did this?"

"Perhaps, it doesn't do to jump to conclusions, you know. But if this man was attacked and fired the shot that damaged the wall in self defence, his bullet going wild because he was hit as he pulled the trigger, the footmark does tell one thing. Whoever made it was in the room after his shot and, presumably after the one that killed him."

"And if you find the man who made it you will be a long way on the road to learning exactly how he died?"

"Oh, quite a long way! But there's a very big 'if' in that! And it wouldn't be a man I should find. That footmark was left by a woman."

"A woman?" Dr. Chivers looked down at the dead man. "There was bound to be a woman in it some where, I suppose, and the size of the wound suggests the kind of midsize weapon one might carry."

"I've known men to carry that kind, too," said the inspector. "We mustn't go all sex conscious at the mere mention of the word 'woman'—What is it, Flexman?"

"What is to be done about these people outside, sir?" asked Sergeant Flexman whose appearance at the door of the room had caused the question. "Three of them live in flats on this floor but there are two men who don't belong here and one of them wants to take the other home."

"One of them is drunk, isn't he?"

"Drunk and incapable, sir. I never saw a worse case!"

"Have you questioned them? Are they likely to be able to tell us anything useful?"

"Well, sir, Mr. Parkes—that's the gentleman who first saw the chap outside and whose wife rang us up—says those two and the lady—they claim to have been visiting in her flat next door to this—admitted to him that they knew the deceased."

"They hadn't told you that?"

"No, sir. As a matter of fact I hadn't asked them. I was carrying out your instructions with regard to the injured man, meaning a question all those people when we'd got him off to hospital when his name, Revelstone—that's the name he gave to P. C. Andrews, he constable on beat who was here first—came worrying me to say that he could take his friend home to go offensive when I put him off and then Mr. Parkes slipped in a word about their knowing Mr. Borden."

"Mr. Parkes rather struck me as

Charlottetown Man On Nootka Gun Crew



The performance of HMCS Nootka's "X" gun during the engagement with Communist shore batteries at Chongjin, on the east coast of Korea, won high praise from the destroyer's commanding officer, Cdr. R. M. Steele, of Rothesay, N. B. Pictured here are members of the gun's crew.

Front row: AB Gilbert Melanson, Springhaven, N. S.; Ldg. Sea. Richard Russell, Halifax and Victoria; AB George Armstrong, Simcoe, Ont.; AB Gabriel Fortier, St. Evariste, Frontenac Co., P.Q.; and Ord. Sea. Gerard Olivier, Ottawa.

Rear row: AB John T. J. Brown, Toronto; Ord. Sga. Henry Birch, Verdun, P.Q.; Ord. Sea. J. E. DePatie, Niagara Falls, Ont.; AB H. A. Smith, Andover, N. B.; AB Reginald Cullen, Charlottetown; AB S. F. Brown, Parrsboro, N. S.; Ord. Sea. Fred Laplante, Peterborough, Ont. and Ord. Sea. Melvin Sinclair, Alma, N. B.

"liking the sound of his own voice!"

"The others didn't like it just then, sir—at least, Revelstone and his lady friend didn't. They looked at Mr. Parkes as if they'd like to do a bit of murder on their own."

"That may mean something or nothing. Nobody wants to be mixed up in a murder case. I'd like to see them. Persuade this Revelstone to wait while I finish in here. You can't detain him if he insists on going so put it as tactfully as you can that it will create a bad impression if he clears off before I have spoken to him."

"Yes, sir." Sergeant Flexman moved as if to go, but hesitated.

"Is there anything else?" asked the inspector.

"About the injured man, sir. The ambulance has been taken and taken him. Mrs. Parkes says he has been in and out of this flat for the last week. She took him for Mr. Borden's servant, quite new to the job. There was another one here up to ten days or a fortnight ago."

"Borden's servant, eh?"

"Yes, sir. Revelstone and Miss Carlake—that's his lady friend—confirmed it after Mr. Parkes gave away their acquaintance with Borden. But Detective Barker had a good look at him, helping to put him on the stretcher, and is pretty sure he is a man by the name of Milvers who was under suspicion as a blackmailer a couple of years ago. Barker shadowed him for a while, but never got anything

against him."

"That's interesting! You put a man on guard at the hospital?"

"As you instructed, sir."

"Then we've always got him when we want him. Any more discoveries?"

"That's all, sir."

"Then get back to Revelstone and Co. and leave me to finish here." Sergeant Flexman departed, and the inspector turned to Dr. Chivers. "Got that bullet?" he asked.

"Not a chance here. It's somewhere at the back of the skull. I suppose you want photographs and finger-prints and all the rest of it when you raked me out to come I'll get back to the case I was on with you. Send this to the mortuary when you've done with it, and I'll make a complete examination and give you a report with the bullet."

"Thanks. You might tell Parsons and Whitgift to bring their cadets in as you go."

"Right."

To be continued

Successful Islander Home On Visit

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boyer of Melbourne, Australia, are house guests of Mr. Boyer's sister, Mrs. Thomas Allen, Spring Park Road, Charlottetown.

Mr. Boyer, formerly of Mount Stewart, now representing the diversified interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as traffic manager for that company in Australia, is visiting Canada to confer with his company in connection with the inauguration of the jet "Cornet" passenger air service which will be placed in operation later this year to supplement their present service between Vancouver, Honolulu, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer travelled by air trans Pacific and will leave on their return flight early in August.

Mr. Boyer explained that the new jet service will reduce to less than 24 hours the flying time between Canada and Australia. This could provide the anomaly of a passenger leaving Australia on Saturday and gaining a day when crossing the International date line in the Pacific, reach Canada on the previous Friday.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have greatly enjoyed their visit to the Island and the opportunity to re-

Return From Trip To Western Canada

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. MacLeod, Charlottetown Royalty, have returned home after a most delightful trip. They travelled as far as Vancouver Island spending a short time in Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod also attended the International Y's Men's Convention at Banff Springs Hotel from June 15 to 19.

While en route they met many Islanders including a sister and three brothers of Mrs. MacLeod's.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod are loud in their praise for the kindness received and the effort made by all their friends to make the stay for them as pleasant as possible. It is 37 years since Mr. MacLeod last visited the West and he was greatly impressed with the immense improvement during that period especially in Calgary where he resided for five years.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod returned home by way of Seattle, Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

new the acquaintance of their relatives and friends.

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There will be sold by Public Auction in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown on Monday the 14th day of July A. D. 1952, at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon . . . all that parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Royalty of Charlottetown in Queen's County bounded thus: COMMENCING on the west side of the Malpeque Road at a point one hundred and eight feet distant from the North side of the new Road, thence westwardly parallel with the said New Road for the distance of one hundred and six feet, thence northwardly and parallel with the said Malpeque Road for the distance of twenty-four feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with the said New Road one hundred and six feet to the said Malpeque Road and thence southerly along the west side of the same for the distance of twenty-four feet to the place of commencement and is part of pasture Lot Number forty in the Royalty of Charlottetown.

ALSO ALL THAT OTHER TRACT, PIECE AND PARCEL of land situate, lying and being in the Royalty of Charlottetown in Queen's County in Prince Edward Island, bounded and described as follows, that is to say:—COMMENCING on the west side of the Malpeque Road on the north side of property owned by the mortgagor and running thence west for the distance of one hundred and six feet, thence north parallel with the said Malpeque Road for the distance of forty-four feet, thence east for the distance of one hundred and six feet to the Malpeque Road aforesaid, thence south along said Malpeque Road for the distance of forty-four feet to the place of commencement.

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