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To Attend Cadet Camp At Banff



Selected as the outstanding High School Cadets of the Province the two cadets above will attend the National Cadet Camp at Banff this month along with fourteen others of the Maritimes. Shown left to right are David MacDonald, Charlottetown, Capt. C. S. Eaton and Sgt. J. P. Wendon who will be in charge of the Maritime group and Patrick Wedge of Charlottetown. (Canadian Army Photo).

The Unlatched Door

By Frank Price
CHAPTER TEN
(Continued)

For the rest of the meal Roy and Barbara talked exclusively about themselves. To both it seemed incredible that they knew as little of each other as was the fact.

"I feel as if I had known you all my life!" Roy said, gazing at her intently, and Barbara smiled and nodded her head. She had the same feeling, and it appeared only right that it should be mutual.

She learned that Roy had come to London six months ago as the representative of a combine of South African producers, and was working hard to make a position for himself. It was not easy, but he was not dissatisfied with the progress he had already made.

"I'm doing better than I had any right to expect," he said, "but it's all collar work and round going at present. I get a nominal salary and a phenomenal commission; salary quarterly, which about clears the rent of my rooms and the so-called office I've had to open; commission when orders have gone through and the cash begins to come in. There's precious little of that up to now, but I shall be all right in a few months if I can only hang on."

"Is that where the overdraft you spoke about last night comes in?" she asked, and he nodded. "I thought you were only joking."

"There's no harm in trying to be cheerful," he returned with a grin. "I expect I shall get through, but I have been living on my capital and that's just about finished now. There wasn't much of it left when my father had taken what he wanted. Fortunately, an old friend took charge of it for me and had managed everything wonderfully. But at the present moment I'm practically on the rocks. I'm telling you this because you ought to know."

"Why? That's a silly question. Aren't you going to marry me?" "I haven't said so and I'm not sure you would want me to if you knew all about me."

"And you won't tell that!" His voice was serious for a moment, but remembering his promise he went on more lightly: "Tell me as much as you can."

There wasn't a great deal to tell. She had lived all her life at High Layley, where her father, now a widower, was a doctor in general practice. Nancy Milton had been her chum at school and the friendship had continued though, for a couple of years, they had seen little of each other owing to Nancy taking a position as secretary in London. Then she married Martin Winterton and came to live in Streatham. This visit was the first Barbara had paid to them in their home.

"Not a very exciting story, is it?" she said with a laugh. "I wouldn't make much of a heroine for a novel!" "Your place isn't in a novel," he said; "it's in a poem."

"Will you write it?"

"I mean to do better than that. We are going to live together." "That would be lovely if it came true, but—" She sighed and he was pained to see the strained expression which came into her eyes. Why wouldn't she let him help her? He didn't know if she could but he was certain that she needed help. He lowered his voice.

"Is it forbidden to ask how you came to meet Borden? You said something about his having a house near your father's."

"It's a bungalow. He bought it a little more than a year ago. He used to motor down most weekends, and sometimes stayed longer. I used to see him about and we met two or three times at parties and so on, but I never liked him and we hardly ever spoke."

"And is that all you know about him?" "There was a momentary hesitation which did not escape his notice before she said: "Yes—except for what you have told me."

He had to leave it at that because of his promise. They had finished coffee and he signalled to the waiter for his check. "I'm free for the afternoon," he said. "If you don't want to get back to Streatham we might do a talk."

"I'd love it!" The prospect of returning to the house in which such an uneasy atmosphere had existed that morning did not appeal to her, and there would be darkness and a chance to think in a picture-house.

They sat a long programme through but Barbara would not have been able to give any clear account of it afterwards. Her mind was busy with what she had read in the paper about Roger Borden's death. Scanty as were the details the police had given out, there was much food for thought in them.

Why had the police come to the conclusion that it was a case of murder? Until she read the report she had never acknowledged to herself the hope which she had harboured that Borden would be assumed to have committed suicide. But it had been there. The weapon was beside him; only his finger-prints could be on it. That word "finger-prints" brought up another which appeared in the report. The police were in possession

of clues. What were they? What could they be? Did they point to her? She went over and over every move and action of hers in the flat but could think of nothing done that could betray her. Had she been seen? Was some third person in the flat while she was there?

A sudden cold shiver went over her. That sound of a closing door! Had she really heard it as she stood, holding the pistol and watching with frenzied eyes while Borden so slowly and horribly slumped down on the floor? She could not be sure. There had seemed to be so many other noises—a roaring in her ears, echoes of the shot, the clatter of the motor back-firing in the street. Could anyone else have been there? But, if so, why had he, or she, not come forward and denounced her?

Had that been done? If she had been seen she would not be known to the witness. All that could be given to the police was a description of her. They might be looking for her now. She pictured the whole vast network of police investigation, of which she had read so ten, spreading through every street and corner of London and its environs—searching for her! Her fingers closed convulsively and she was comforted to feel the warm clasp of Roy's hand answering hers. He loved her; he believed in her; he would stand by her if—

—if things came to the worst! Then there was that odious

looking manservant who had been found unconscious in the flat when the discovery of Borden's death was made. What did that mean? He could not have got back from his errand with the letters until at least two hours after the end of Kruger Borden—Kruger! It must have been of him those people at the door of the other flat had talked! Did they know anything? There had been no suggestion of it in what they said.

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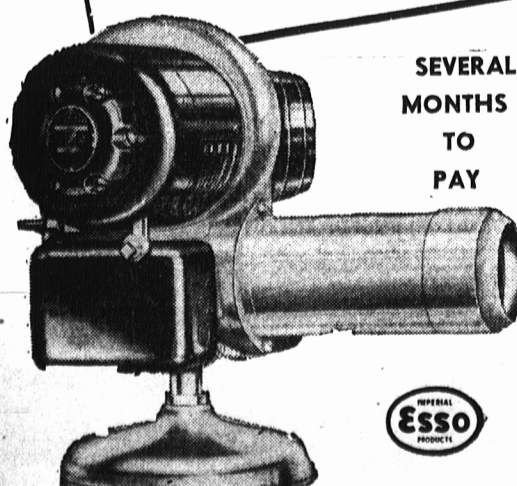
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