

Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman CHAPTER III Continued

The guards and the two "trusties" ate their meal a little apart, and in consequence, the prisoners were allowed a freedom of speech which was normally forbidden.

Obtused by his own thoughts, Blount took little part in the muted conversation which was going on, but after a while the man in the next to him nudged him with an elbow in his ribs.

"What do you say, Anglairs?" he demanded. "Don't you think he asked for it?" "Who are you talking about?" he asked. "I didn't hear what you were saying."

"Why that fellow they buried yesterday, the man returned. 'For my part I say he only got what he deserved. Don't you agree?'" "I don't know," Blount answered slowly. "I wouldn't blame anyone for having a shot at it if he thought he could get away."

"That's what I say," the man opposite put in. "Why shouldn't he? It's his own skin he's risking, isn't it?" "But it isn't a risk — it's a certainty," the other argued. "He couldn't have hoped to get away. If it could be arranged with some one outside, and one knew that a boat would be waiting at a certain place to take one off, that would be different. But when it comes to making a bolt for it just on chance it's sheer madness. One can't swim away from the island and one can't live among these cursed trees for anything."

"There's something in that, I suppose," the other man agreed slowly. "But they don't think it out in that way. These things are not done in cold blood. A man sees a chance and just takes it. It's when he's got clear that he starts to do the thinking."

"As for me, I wouldn't take the chance," Christophe put in in his queer soft patois. "Just fancy my going alone in those swamps! Or coming back at last to face months in the punishment squad! Maybe this is a hell of a life — but it's better than that!"

"Huh! You're just a nigger that used to living like a pig anyway! One of the men jeered; and from then the conversation degenerated into a wrangle till the half-hour allowed for the meal was up. The afternoon was a repetition of the morning, save that the heat seemed even more intense. Actually, the men engaged in felling had the best of it, for at least they were working in the shade of the trees they were cutting down, whereas the others were out in the open, with no protection from the burning glare of the sun. Even so, there were minor disadvantages, among which were the fact that tree snags kept dropping from their clumsy nests on to the sweating men's shoulders and their bites were like the problings of a red hot needle.

The new guard had lost something of his alertness since mid-day, and except when the sergeant came round on his periodical visit of inspection, he was now sitting on a fallen tree trunk with his carbine across his knee. He seemed to have concluded that the job was not worth the vigilance he had put into it at first, and he left the direction of the work largely to the prisoners themselves.

Shortly after five o'clock a breeze suddenly sprang up from the south-east, bringing a suggestion of coolness to the labouring men. It rustled among the tree-tops, and Duchart, who had just come up and was talking in a low voice to the guard, stepped out of the shade and looked up at the sky above the clearing.

"That feels like rain to me," Tony heard him remark as he rejoined the guard again. "Let's hope it keeps off till we're back in our quarters. You fellows who have been on inside work don't know what it's like to be caught out in one of these pleasant little showers."

The guard shrugged and laughed. "All the same, I'd rather be out here than doing sentry duty or superintending latrine fatigues!" he said. "What are you going to

W.C.T.U. NOTES

A Part of the Whole Duty of Man There was published in 1658, by Timothy Garthwait, "at the little North Door of St. Paul's," a book later translated into many languages, which sprang into immediate popularity. It bore the title "The Practice of Christian Graces, or the Whole Duty of Man." When books were few, as they were in those far-off days, it was hoped this one might be a constant companion.

It is remarkable that so long before any organised temperance movement was on foot, such plain advice "for the practice of ordinary Christian duties" should have been written down. Herewith are some striking extracts: "Social Custom. 'One man drinks to keep another company at it. But I would ask such an one, whether if that man were drinking rank poison he would pledge him for company? If he say he would not, I must tell him, that by the very same, may far greater reason, he is not to do this. For immoderate is that very poison; perhaps it doth not always work death immediate (yet there want not many instances of its having done, even that, very many have died in their drunken fit), but that the custom of it does usually bring men to their end, is past doubt; and therefore, though the poison work slowly, yet it is still poison."

Drinking for Friendship. "Did ever any think to befriend and kindness show a man by helping to destroy his estate, his credit, his life?" "Drinking to produce merriment and jollity. 'If mirth be such that reason must be turned out of doors before it begin, it will be very little worth.'"

Drinking puts away cares. "Are they cares that should be put away? Unless thou meanest to renounce being both a man and a Christian, never betake thee to this pitiful shift to rid thee of thy cares."

Drinking passes away the time. "What leisure people may have at any time, it concerns them to employ to the benefit of their souls, and not to bestow it to the ruin of them, as they do who spend it in drinking."

Drinking for pleasure. "Few men will own up to this: the bare pleasure of the drink. He who has come to this degree of sottishness is not likely to receive benefit by anything that can be said. Those first drawn into the sin for the love of the company at last continue in it for the love of the drink."

Exhortation to forsake drinking. "Reject the temptation to drink at the very beginning. Take care to avoid the occasions and beginnings of it—declare thy purposes of sobriety. Love of drink makes a man loath to believe it is dangerous."

The above "advices" were written three hundred years ago, yet they are still applicable, and men and women are still in need of their helpfulness. Beware of strong drink. Millions of dollars are spent every year on alcoholic liquors and there are thousands of licensed places where they may be obtained. Total abstinence is still one of the Christian Graces and part of the whole duty of man.

ISLE OF THANET, England. (CP)—The horse more than held its own in the annual plowing match in this Kent County community. Two days of rain mired most tractor-drawn plows and the equine entries plodded on to collect the prizes.

The famed tidal bore of the Patuxent river passes Moncton, N. B., at a height of three to five feet.

do, sergeant? March them back now!" "No fear!" Duchart returned emphatically. "It may not come to anything, and I don't want to be told what the Commandant thinks of me for bringing my squad in before time in case they get wet! He says it does the swine good to get an occasional thorough wash, and he doesn't worry about our getting a bath, too. But that's all in the day's work, and personally I think he's right. There'd be no holding the animals if they once thought their feelings were being considered."

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Kiwanis Variety Show

The Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown are presenting a Variety Show at the Prince of Wales College Auditorium on Friday, April 10th at 8:15 p. m. The age of the participants will range from 4 to 18 years inclusive and the show is open to contestants from any part of Prince Edward Island within this age range.

Entry blanks may be cut from the advertisements which have already appeared in the local papers. Anyone wishing to obtain an entry form may obtain one by writing The Secretary, Kiwanis Club, Charlottetown.

The show will consist of the best talent obtainable on Prince Edward Island in singing, dancing, instrumental music, short skills, group singing &c. Applicants will be advised either through the press or individually when and where to report for an audition.

Uncle Bill has been invited and has consented to be the Master of Ceremonies on the night of the show. Proceeds from the show will be used for the further development of the Kiddies' Wading Pool at Victoria Park. Price of admission will be fifty cents per person. The Kiwanis Club is sparing no effort to make this one of the most outstanding shows of the year.

Happenings Of The Week

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J. Arthur Clark, Mrs. J. K. Curran and Mrs. James MacDonnell.

Among the students from Mt. Allison University who spent the long weekend and holiday at their homes in Summerside were Dorothy Ellis, Anne Dystant, Sheila Clark, Frank Lockhart, Charles Simpson, Billie Stewart, Neil Walker, Peter Darby, Don Nicholson, Gordon Ledstone, John Gorrill and Gordon MacDonald.

Mrs. R. J. MacNeill and daughter, Miss Doryse MacNeill, returned to Summerside on Saturday after a holiday trip to Florida.

Mrs. Gordon Bennett of Charlottetown spent a few days in St. Eleanor's, the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bernard, also Mrs. Bruce Bernard.

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Callbeck of Summerside had as their guests on Wednesday Mrs. C. D. Wright of Bedouque and her niece, Miss Mildred MacMurdo, who has returned from Regina, Saskatchewan. Miss MacMurdo will leave next Thursday for England where she will attend the Coronation.

Mrs. Lowell Compton was hostess at bridge at her home in Summerside last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Silas MacFarlane left Summerside this week for Florida.

Miss Julie Meikle, student laboratory technician in Charlottetown, spent the weekend at her home in Summerside.

Miss Constance Enman of Summerside is in Halifax, N. S. this week.

Mrs. F. J. E. Wright left Summerside last Saturday for Montreal where she will spend a few months with her niece, Mrs. W. J. Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson of O'Leary, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Allison Harris of Summerside, left this week by automobile for Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Frank with their children, Mary Ellen and Carol Anne, of Sackville, N. B. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker, Summerside.

Mrs. Dorothea MacSweeney Smith of Moncton, N. B. was the weekend guest of the Misses Dorothy and Wanda Wyatt, Summerside, while attending the Gates-Lecky nuptials.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hirtle and young son returned to their home in Mahone Bay, N. S. on Wednesday after spending a week in Summerside, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Lecky.

Mrs. R. S. Williams with her young children of Mouth of Keewick, N. B. have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burt of Truller's Rest and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Williams in Summerside.

Welcome Party For York Residents

On Friday evening, March 13th a number of the residents of York, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Watts, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simpson and little daughter Violet, to the community.

Rev. J. M. Sproule, in his pleasing manner, stated the purpose of the gathering and extended a hearty welcome to the new comers, and on behalf of those present, presented them with an appropriate gift.

Mr. Simpson fittingly replied and thanked all for the kindness shown them. A sing song followed with Mrs. J. M. Sproule and Mr. Arthur Vesey being the pianists. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

IN MEMORIAM

MISS LIDY ISABEL INMAN

Not dead—Oh! no, but borne beyond the shadows. Into the full clear light; Forever done with mist, and cloud, and tempest, Where all is calm and bright.

Thus it seemed when in the beautiful early morning hours of Sunday, February 15th there entered into rest after a brief illness the gentle spirit of Lidy Isabel Inman of Victoria, Prince Edward Island, in the fifty-fourth year of her age. She was the youngest daughter of the late William C. Inman and his wife Isabel Holm of Hampton.

The late Miss Inman, who had never known the enjoyment of good health, was laid aside early in life through a painful illness and during the past thirty-seven years was a continual sufferer, but it was only those who knew her intimately who were aware of this for she possessed a personality that radiated cheerfulness to a marked degree.

Being gifted with an artistic nature she spent many happy hours creating works of lasting beauty, and in so doing she brought much happiness to herself as well as to others. The funeral which was largely attended was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 17th, from the N. D. MacLean Funeral Home, Charlottetown. Services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Irwin and Rev. M. D. Dunbar, each paying fitting tributes to the life of the deceased, who at all times manifested a deep and abiding faith in her Saviour. Music was under the direction of Mrs. K. S. Rogers and the hymns beautifully rendered were: "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" and "Shall We Gather At the River", which were favorites of the deceased; also "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done". Floral tributes bore loving memory to the esteem in which she was held.

Left to mourn are the following brothers and sisters: Charles and Warren of Hampton, Beecher of Desable; Fred of Victoria; (Margaret) Mrs. Donald Gordon, Apple Road; and Florence of Charlottetown, who lovingly cared for her through the long years of her illness. Two brothers pre-deceased her a short while ago, Thomas in Winnipeg in 1951, and Jack in Bridgewater, Mass., in 1952. She also leaves a number of nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends who will long cherish her memory.

The following acted as pallbearers: Frank Myers, Chester Shaw, Clark Fall, Wilfred Ferguson, Elmer Inman and John MacQuarrie. Burial was in the Craupaud Cemetery where she was lovingly laid to rest, there to await the Glory of the Resurrection Morning when the dead in Christ shall rise first.

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Forty Days Without Winter Communication

By J. F. Lafferty

Fifty years ago this winter, that of 1903, was the worst in the winter service interruption since the Stanley was put in the service in 1890, when for 40 days there was no communication with the mainland due to the Stanley being fast in a pan of ice. Later the Minto, in endeavoring to clear the Stanley, became disabled by the loss of most of the blades of her propellers; both steamers were drifting up and down the lower part of the straits for over a month.

The Stanley, which had taken up the service between Summerside and Cape Tormentine late in December and was making daily round trips between these ports, became fast in a large pan of ice off Summerside harbour. Leaving Summerside on the morning of January 13th and unable to clear the outer harbour, the Stanley laid up for the night between Indian Point and Sea Cow Head. Heavy tides and winds of the next few days further imprisoned her. From January 13th to 23 she remained in same position fast in a pan of ice of about 300 acres.

On January 23rd a large crowd of men with saws and other tools worked all day endeavoring to loosen the ice arch between the straits and later in the day was reported as far eastward as Hampton.

The writer endeavored to locate the ship's log, but apparently this had been destroyed years ago and for the position of the ship for the next two months it was necessary to take the reports as furnished by the newspaper files. From those files the following daily report was compiled.

January 26th and 27th—Reported almost stationary off Hampton and on 27th the captain of Minto reported that straits were packed with ice and would be impossible to go to her assistance.

January 28th—Reported still in ice about six miles off shore near DeSable in about 5 fathoms of water ice from 18 to 20 feet deep. January 30th—Still fast in ice off Cape Traverse; plans were being made for Milton Welsh, of the Marine department to try and board the ship with dynamite in an effort to relieve her.

January 31st—Reported west of Victoria and drifting westward. Mr. Welsh with a quantity of explosives boarded the ship east of Cape Traverse and later in the day Capt. Thos. Howatt and a number of men boarded the ship off Cape Traverse wharf. They returned to shore that evening and requested that more dynamite be rushed to the ship. When Capt. Howatt returned to shore the Straits around Cape Traverse were, with exception of the pan of ice in which ship was imprisoned, clear of ice.

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No further reports were received until February 10th when she was reported about 7 miles east-west of Cariboo and drifting northward.

Dorothy Dix's Column

Continued from page 3 typing course in high school, but I have only finished three years of grammar school. I came to this wonderful country when I was 13 years old and my family never sent me to school here.

ANSWER: Adult education courses in evening high schools are open to all interested persons, and your previous schooling has nothing to do with what you want to accomplish now. Good luck with your typing.

DEAR MISS DIX: Fifteen years ago I took an elderly man—he is now close to 80—into my home as a boarder, for a small payment each month. Now, I have had an operation and am not well enough to maintain my home. I am worried about the man since I don't know where he can go.

ANSWER: Since he is able to pay board, I'm sure you could find a family who would welcome the extra income. Try a small advertisement in this paper, or contact the local welfare agency who will doubtless be able to help him.



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