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by Eden Philipotts

CHAPTER VIII
Continued

West of Ecuador by nearly six hundred miles by Galapagos, and the last lap of the journey took some days in a slow boat. But the volcanic nests of islets, though lacking in much charm for a chance visitor, could furnish both Tom and Jane with very potent attractions, since for the naturalist who loves birds, or plants, it offers something unique. Not only the gigantic tortoises, that give the islands their name, rejoiced the lovers, but for Jane the land birds were such as she had never seen.

Indeed, they cannot be seen elsewhere and are peculiar to the islands. As for Tom, new plants confronted him on every side, as they had confronted a genius in days long past and led him to mighty conclusions touching the origin and variations of species.

Here is one thing worth visiting this group of islands, said Tom. "This is where the famous lichen, orchilla, comes from. It is gathered and sent to England and makes a wonderful purple dye."

For Angus the craters that honeycombed the islands—from mere blowholes to deep cups of great size—impressed him most.

"If we ever find Tabletop," he told them, "it will be much on this pattern, low-lying in tremendously deep water, shrouded in mists, and with an active, or extinct volcano rising in the middle of it. And just as the flora and fauna are extraordinary and unique there. These isolated places are links with life from the far past that had persisted and escaped the devastation man brings along with him."

It was to Charles Island and not Albermarle that the travellers had come, and at the little settlement of La Florencia, Felice Pardo awaited them.

He interested Jane very much, for she was immediately conscious of a mind cast in a different pattern from any she had yet met in her brief existence.

She had never known a foreigner very well before, and the mixed bloods that went to create Felice produced an intellect and outlook that gave her much to think about. She approached him cautiously, and when an instinct of doubt and even aversion began to dawn in her, she blamed herself, not him, and told herself that only a child, or a savage, mistrusts the unknown.

He was clever and courteous, poured into her new knowledge of the world in which he lived, and obviously strove to please her; but she felt him to be radically different in essence from her own kind. She would never understand him, as she understood the simple nature of Tom or Angus. Yet he did not hide his enthusiasm or conceal his strong Socialist convictions. He was quite honest in that matter.

"What I want to see before I die is a juster world, Miss Bradshaw; and that would also be a better world," he said.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Every 3 years since his death in 1821, the body of the great singer Enrico Caruso has been taken from the family vault in Italy and inspected. Why? Because the famous tenor requested it. No other reason was given. Everytime the body is inspected it gets a new robe and somebody sings a few bars from the dead singer's favorite songs. But the most amazing thing about Caruso's body is that it has not shown any signs of deterioration since it was placed in its tomb 32 years ago!

It is said with some authority that the ghost of Abe Lincoln haunts the White House, that the poet Shelley returns to its room in Italy where he wrote his last poems; that the tower of London has at least three ghosts that prowl the place previous to every coronation; that Louis Rell's apparition appears every 10 years where he was hanged as a traitor on Nov. 16, 1865, at Regina, Sask., because he fought to give the Indians a fair break; that the ghosts of Wolfe and Montcalm are sometimes seen walking about the Plains of Abraham where they both laid down their lives in battle.

Jack Garfield, the actor, who was discovered dead in a blonde's apartment not long ago, was considering the dramatization of the novel "Murder One" as a new play. The plot of the book has to do with a blonde who finds a dead man in her room.

In Virginia, it was announced last March that income tax refunds were being held for George Washington of Richmond and Martha Washington of Beach, Va.

Leo Garmartin, of Lunenburg, N. S., lost his store teeth while fishing cod—then found them in the stomach of a fish he caught later in the day.

Strange but true, the names of the first three fishermen to arrive in Pictou, N. S., last season were Hook, Fly and Fish. Their names may be seen registered at a resort hotel.

Because he refused to bear arms in World War II Larry Clark of Halifax, N. S., had to serve a couple of years behind bars. Last year they put Larry back in the same cooler for the same stretch for carrying a concealed weapon. It's a strange world is it not?

A patient in an English hospital who was suffering from loss of memory was handed a paper by an orderly. Suddenly he put his finger on an item reporting the disappearance of Harold Jarvis, 48, and yelled, "That's me!" A police check-up proved he was right.

When Captain Martin Olsen retired after a successful career catching salmon, he beached his ship the Sea Lion rather than sell the vessel into other hands, and for 10 years she sat on a sandy spot called Point Monroe, not far from Seattle. The Captain sat on her seared deck on sunny days and dreamed his dreams of the olden days.

Yet strange to say the very day Capt. Olsen died the Sea Lion went to sea and drifted around the world until her skipper found her. Then it came to rest on the very same sandbar where it had spent the previous 10 years.

Borden and Vicinity

Borden school opened this week with the following staff of teachers: principal Mrs. Easton; vice-principal, Miss Theresa Handrahan, and Misses Elva McKenna, Mary McCarville and Madeline Greenan.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pike and daughters, Bertha, Marie and Miss Dolly Cobb of Halifax, were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pike at Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White who have been enjoying their annual holidays spent the week-end in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving MacDonald returned home August 30, from Cape Tormentine. They were accompanied by their daughter, Heather, who had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Snowball Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gillan had as their guests on August 30, the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George MacAulay. Her grandmother, Mrs. William Power and daughter Miss Anne Power of Souris East.

Visitors to Borden on August 30, were Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Gallant and family of Rimont Bay. This is the family who suffered terribly from burns when their home was destroyed by fire last summer. All are now fully recovered only the scar and very sensitive skin remaining. One boy's skin is so tender that he can only wash in salt water from the seashore.

Captain and Mrs. Lorne Cousins left Borden for Portage La Prairie, Man., August 31, to spend their holidays with relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duncan and son's Keith and Harold of Trenton, N.S., who have been touring the Island for the first time, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jardine returning home on Sunday August 30.

Mrs. Michael Handrahan and son Michael and Miss Anne McKenna of Peake's Station were visitors to Borden on August 30, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gillan.

On August 31, members of the Borden Women's Institute and many citizens of Borden gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ramsay to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Nell Darrach who have since left to reside in Charlottetown. An address of appreciation for the fine work she had accomplished during the many years she had been President of the Institute was read by Miss Eleanora MacIsaac and the presentation of a life membership pin to Mrs. Darrach was made by Mrs. J. V. MacDonald, a charter member of the Institute. Major Willard Leard on behalf of the town spoke the regret of all to lose such fine citizens and presented them with a well-filled purse accompanied by the good wishes of all.

Famous Gardens
Included in the gift were the famous eighteenth-century gardens and policies.

The heir to the baroncy is his brother, Major Alexander Edwin Burnett, who at present lives at Ballater.

Sir James had two sons, Thomas, who died in 1934, and Roger, who was killed in action with the Scots Guards in 1945 in Western Europe.

BICYCLE TOUR
HALIFAX. — (CP) — A group of 10 high-school students from the United States visited here on a bicycle trip through N.S. They plan to see the Cape Breton highland game and visit Prince Edward Island before returning to their homes in New York and Connecticut.

Interesting History

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city of Jesus, then pastor of the Mission of St. John the Baptist, Miscouche, and of St. Patrick's, Grand River.

Mr. Even McKinnon was the builder of the church which was completed exteriorly in the summer of 1875. A tea party was then given by the parishioners in order to raise some money to assist in defraying the expense of finishing the interior. Some years elapsed before a sufficient fund was raised. In the meantime the pastor, Father McDonnell resigned his charge and left the diocese of Charlottetown. In the year 1882 Rev. N. C. A. Boudreau, pastor of Miscouche, brought the work of the church to completion. Mr. Peter Cameron was the carpenter employed and Mr. Gibson was the painter.

The altar which was neat and tasteful was given to the mission by the late pastor Father McDonnell, S. J., and was made by Mr. Dempsey of Summerside. The church was fifty feet long by thirty-five feet wide. The height of the wall was twenty feet. It was very neatly finished within and without. There is an entry in the register dated January 1877, which reads "Mrs. Alexander McKinnon generously presented this church with a chalice; may God reward her."

During the pastorate of Rev. John A. MacDonald, the church built in 1875 was enlarged and the present parochial house was built. In 1950 extensive repairs were made to the church and it was tastefully painted. On January 21, 1951, this church was completely destroyed by fire. The parish hall was immediately fitted up as a temporary chapel. In June 1952, the construction of a new church, the construction of a new church, 1952, the new church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception was

Scot Who Gave Castle To Nation

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JAMES BURNETT, Bt., of Leys, a baronet of Nova Scotia, who has died at his home, Crathes Castle, near Banchoy, Kincardineshire, on August 13th, at the age of 73, took a prominent part in the public life of the county when he retired from the Army in 1935.

He had been a Vice-Lieutenant since 1944, a J. P., and Vice-Convener of Kincardine County Council.

Sir James, who was the thirteenth Baronet and 25th Lord, entered the Army in 1899 and served in the South African War and the 1914-18 War, when he was severely wounded and awarded the D. S. O. He was made a C. M. G. in 1919, and a C. B. in 1932. He was Colonel of The Gordon Highlanders from 1939 to 1948 and Brigadier of the Royal Company of Archers.

About two years ago, Sir James handed over Crathes Castle, regarded as one of the finest specimens of Scottish baronial architecture, to the National Trust for Scotland, with an endowment to ensure its future upkeep.

opened for divine service. The parish of Wellington is now composed of 110 families. Since 1880, a considerable number of Acadians from the neighboring parishes of Rimont Bay, Mont Carmel and Miscouche have settled in the parish of Wellington, and they now form a large proportion of the parishioners.

First settlers of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception, Wellington: John Kent; James Fitzgerald (Mount-Hemlock); Philip Condon; Thomas Culler; John Ayres; Nicholas Kent; Peter Malone; John Larissey; Michael Walsh; Hugh Gillis; Archibald Cameron; Donald McDonald.

Pastors of Wellington parish: 1847-1879—Rev. Ronald B. MacDonald (residing at Miscouche); 1879-1886—Rev. Nazaire C. A. Boudreau (residing at Miscouche); 1886-1890—Rev. Lauchlin C. MacDonald (residing at Grand River); 1890-1917—Rev. John A. MacDonald (residing at Grand River); 1917-1925—Rev. Felix L. Connolly (first resident pastor); 1925-1928—Rev. Joseph S. Gallant; 1928-1929—Rev. F. X. Gallant (residing at Rimont Bay); 1929-1930—Rev. John A. MacDonald (residing at Grand River); 1930-1948—Rev. Urban Gillis; 1948—Rev. Leonard J. MacDonald (present pastor).

(The above sketch is from a series of articles prepared by the late Rev. A. E. Burke and brought up to date by Prof. J. H. Blanchard, Charlottetown.)

Among The Farmers

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tion provided by stove oil or kerosene.

Hogs Verses Beef

The following comparison proves that during the past year a very decided change has taken place in the relative values of hogs and cattle:

On August 28, 1952 the price of 100 lbs. live weight, of good steers was 132 per cent of 100 lbs. B. 1 hog, on August 22 this year the steer price was only 72 per cent or a change of 60 per cent in the relative value of hogs and

beef. During the years from 1914 to 1941 steer prices have been on the average approximately 76 per cent of hog prices, the hog man also finds that during the last year there has been an improvement in Barley-Hog ratio, 100 lbs. of hog been equal in value to 22 bushels of barley at the moment as compared with 15 bushels a year ago. For the present at least, the hog is looking down his snout at the steer and may continue to do so for at least another year.

Farm Policy

It is a generally accepted fact that prosperity in Agriculture is desirable not only for farmers but for other sections of the economy. However, many of the attempts either on the part of farmers themselves or by Government to achieve equality of return, run into criticism, particularly if these attempts show any likelihood of affecting the returns of other groups.

For many years past farmers have been concerned with the monopolistic trends that have developed in Labour, Industry, and Business, but while resisting these trends there has been the development of the belief that the way to fight fire is with fire, hence the development of certain features in Agriculture which can perhaps be termed monopolistic in the marketing field.

Farmers as individuals can exert very little control over the external forces which regulate both their income and costs and it is only through group action, which in many cases must be supported by legislation and Government intervention that Agriculture can even be in a position to fight for its rights.

Many thinking farmers of strong Individualistic Character find cause to be concerned over the trends above mentioned, but in general there is recognition and acceptance of the fact that the production of food is far too vital to justify leaving the producer to the mercy of blind fate and unregulated competition of every description.

Freedom of individual decision may be a right, the value of which is over estimated, possibly if the farmer achieves economic freedom he will be in a position to more effectively safe guard the other freedoms.

Necessity never makes a good Bargain.

BACK TO SCHOOL BUT FIRST TO GREENDAL'S

Table listing clothing items and prices: BOYS' SUITS (Sizes 24 to 34, LESS 20%), BOYS' JACKETS (\$2.00 to \$7.95), BOYS' PANTS (\$3.95 to \$6.95), BOYS' SHIRTS (Reg. \$1.85, NOW \$1.00), BOYS SHIRTS (Reg. \$2.95, NOW \$1.49), BOYS' SWEATERS (\$3.50 to \$4.95), BOYS' HOSE (39c and 49c), GIRLS' Wool & Corduroy SKIRTS (\$1.95 and \$2.49), GIRLS' DRESSES (Jumper and all others, Newest styles, \$2.49 to \$4.95), BLOUSES (\$1.69 to \$2.95), SWEATERS (Cardigans & Pullovers, \$2.49 up), ANKLE SOCKS (29c, 39c and 49c), JEANS & SLACKS (\$1.49 up).

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I'M BETTIN' HE MAKES IT! THE MAJOR'S GOT MORE NERVE THAN A GUY, BAWLIN' OUT, THE WIFE OVER LONG DISTANCE!

EGAD, MEN! MERE CHILD'S PLAY! I'M AS COOL AS A SEA LILION ON AN ICE FLOE! UM! DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THE VICIOUS RATTLER I ROPED DURING MY VACATION?

TELL US AFTER YOU SHOOT = 9-4

The Khyber Pass in the mountains between Pakistan and Afghanistan is only 50 feet wide at its narrowest part.