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DESCENT OF LOVE.

Both man and woman had experience like this. (For poets sing a love which children mock, and bliss of love therein is laughing stock.)

Their silly words make creed for common men? Our life had long been dreamy holiday till when one even on the bleak highway,

I told her that I loved her, and she left Her soul upon my lips, and thus we staid bereft of earth, and then—oh, strange!—we fled.

Down the bleak highway till the place's fear Had closed his wings and left from following. So here, within sound of her sweet singing,

This summer's day I fathom that dread time And liken it—how up some desert peak Sublime went ancient men and heard God speak

And won his law. But once they went, no more! Yes, though God's dreams ran burning in their brain, They hurried to the ways of humble men, Nor prayed for him to visit them again!

—A. Boyd Scott in Black and White.

Villager's Idea of Hotel Business.

A young lawyer in one of the leading lake cities recently passed a few days at the home of his childhood, a rural hamlet in an adjoining county. While there he ran across one of the characters of the place, a quaint old man whom he had known ever since he could remember.

"How's bizness in town?" inquired the aged man.

"Pretty good," replied the lawyer.

"What yo doin now?"

"Practicing law."

"What's your brother Jim doin?"

"Jim is running a hotel," and he named one of the largest public houses in the city.

"Is Jim married yet?"

"No."

The old man raised his head with a commiserating glance. Then he dryly observed:

"Has to depend on hired help, eh!"

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A VISIT TO THE MAGDALENS

Their Population, Industries and Requirements

A LAND OF CLEAR SKIES AND BEAUTIFUL TEMPERATURE.

A Primitive yet Noble-Souled People
—Description of the Isles.

On landing we found the Vicar General of the Island, whose parish church is but a couple of miles away, awaiting us; and my companion, Rev. Dr. Chaisson, who had previously administered to the spiritual wants of Grindstone and All Right, found in every one of those gathered around the place a warm friend and welcome. But calcehes, a two wheel carriage corresponding to the English, fly awaited, us and away we scampered over the hilly roads of the Eastern Grindstone after a manner quite calculated to convince even the most incredulous that a Magdalen pony is the fleetest animal in the world, and his driver the most daring of Jehus. A runaway engine in the Kicking Horse Pass, a toboggan started from the moon, a bicycle gone mad, could not have gotten you up to a higher pitch of nervous excitement than this Scots-Canadian lad, talking an energetic patois to his steed, angular and ugly as he was, but able to take a hill and put you down its other side with anything you ever sat behind. "Smart old horse that," we ventured to say when we were landed on the strand at Arsenault's store to await our friends so far behind. "Sure you dare, Father, that horse got two minutes record on de Souris track," was our teamster's rejoinder; and there was nothing left else to do then but return thanks for life and unbroken bones. This lad's name was Paton, a forty-second cousin of your merchant prince in Victoria Row perhaps, but certainly doing his broad Scotch in a French not unlike a Prince of Wales' professor. Whilst awaiting the Doctor who had succeeded in syllogizing his reverend companion into a pace quite out of vogue in Island circles, we made the acquaintance of Mr. Nelson Arsenault, the king of the Islands, whose fame for open-heartedness had long gone on before. Soon our host, the Rev. Father Blaquiere, the young, clever and energetic pastor of the Church of the Magdalene House Harbor, came over the channel to give us that hearty welcome which is the sincerest joy of the stranger. And lest anything should be wanting to fix our arrival in the record, we were speedily arranged along the little verandah in front of the store, while an enterprising Pictou photographer tortured us into looking pleasant in three or four different attitudes. My companion and the Grand Vicar arrived just in time to be too late for this interesting operation, and to overcome their envy it was necessary to call in the resourceful little Pictonian again, who, with his graphophone gave them in such grand style, "The Royal Emmet Guard," as sung for the Graphophone Co., of Washington, D. C., as to restore to their features the habitual smile for which they are so well known. "Goodness gracious, that's grand," said the enthusiastic Vicar General, and our host having crossed the palm of the operator with a crown, we hastened after him to the ferry and were pulled over in his little skiff against the swift rushing tide by a septuagenarian ferryman, Gil Richard by name, of whom may the son of Erebus and Nix never get the ferrying when he puts out for the last voyage; for Gil is a faithful and trustworthy boatman, and, like another I know of somewhere East in this Province, is never particular about naming his price if an attempt at generosity is likely to bring him a triple fare. We were now on All Right Island within a mile of our destination with the stately church in full view and a roadway before us fit for a race course on the flat, hard, grey beach. A little jockeying again of drivers and we pull up before the hospitable Presbytery, where the cure of distant Amherst, the Rev. Father Theriault is ready to greet us, and, with his brother clergymen, arrange a programme of pleasurable events in which time flew on the wings of the wind. After time for mature reflection, we are now compelled to say that no more enjoyable meeting could have been passed anywhere—one which even the wrinkles of care could not resist, and one which has silenced for ever, I fear, the somewhat asperate and iterate syllogism of my learned travelling companion.

The group of Islands, known as the Magdalenes have a population of about 5,000 souls. They comprise not only the three old and well settled Islands of Amherst or Havre Aubert, Grindstone, and All Right or House Harbour, and the small Island opposite called Entry, but also Grand Entry and Goose Isle, Byron Island and the Bird Rocks. Grand Entry is 20 miles north of All Right and joined to it by a long sand bar. Byron is about 10 miles north of Grand Entry and the Bird Rocks about a dozen miles north of Byron. These Islands are included in the County of Gaspe, in the Province of Quebec. Their representative at Ottawa is the representative of the County of Gaspe, at present Rodolphe Lemieux, journalist and at Quebec they have by a last act of late administration of Hon Mr Flynn, who for so long represented them at Quebec

himself as M. P. P. for Gaspe, been granted the exclusive right of representation; and by devices such as he alone could employ, Dr. Delaney, of West Prince fame, secured a majority of the votes and sat at Quebec last winter, as first representative for the Magdalene Islands. But his seat is by no means secure. An election decision on reserved points is pending, and if Quebec judges are troubled with any of the scruples which obtained with our bench at the Hackett trial, the doctor will not only lose the seat but be granted seven years of enforced seclusion so far as politics are concerned, a decision every decent man on the Island will rejoice at exceedingly. In the three principal Islands there are about 15,000 acres of arable land, 10,000 of which are under cultivation, chiefly in hay growing and the rest either available for such or suitable for pasturage. Those islands are the property of a landlord named Coffin, now resident in France, but the Legislature of Quebec, at a recent session, has made provision by statute for the buying out of their lands by the tenants at a price arrived at by the capitalization of the present rents, 20 cents per acre. Those rents are low and, although free so to do, as yet no very large number of holders have taken advantage of the law to become owners; indeed, from the bitter experience of the past in this Province we doubt very gravely whether any such universal purchase would be in the best interests of those simple people. There is much to be said on both sides of the peasant-proprietary question. In the Magdalenes, although tenant holders enjoy all the privileges of owners and, while they fulfil the conditions of their leases, are absolute masters of their lands, the rents are, as we have said, only the interest of the estimated purchase money. They are free from debt, and live industriously and economically. There, as here in proprietary days, the Acadians are model tenants. The merchants are careful to give them no very extensive credit, because they have to trust to the fishing for their pay. Therefore the unfortunate system of credit, unfortunate for him who gives and him who takes, is not in vogue. The merchant is not anxious to palm of his self-worn goods, flattering his greedy soul that he'll realize handsomely, ultimately, for can he not secure the holding of his creditors and put him out of doors? The tenant knows that he must make his fishing and farming bring him in a living as he has nothing which he can legally hypothecate to raise the wind should he fall behind, and so both the mechanical and fishing community are benefited,—the one prevented from becoming land-sharks, so many of whom this country has had in the past, and so many of whom it has today; and the other saved from the dire consequences of debt and eviction and the moral disorders which follow in their wake. We doubt that there are one hundred Acadian farms of Prince Edward Island free from the all devouring mortgage today. L'Impartial, the Acadian organ of the Province, so truly said a year ago: "there will be a gradual depopulation of our race much more far-reaching and terrible than that of 1755, if the present credit system is continued." This is true. Farm after farm is taken from its owner; house after house loses its master; family after family is shipwrecked on the cruel rocks of debt and penury, because of the credit giving of our merchants to a people whose miserable holdings are a security to the extent of their value. We say that the habitant of the Magdalenes, in general, then, is a

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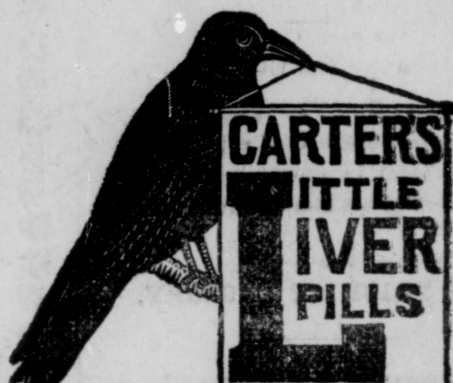
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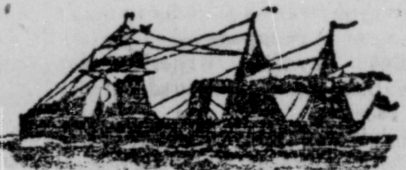
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