

Island Handicrafts To Be Displayed In Toronto

Prince Edward Island handicrafts will be on display in Toronto when the Canadian International Hobby and Handicraft Show opens its doors there for the first time, from February 6-14th.

The show is a first intensive effort to show what can be produced in the way of beautiful handicrafts through interesting home hobbies.

Among the displays being set up is Provincial Avenue — containing exhibits of handwork typical of the provinces of Canada. Mrs. Kate Aitken, well known director of Women's activities, requested an Island collection from the Homecraft Shop, and a collection, necessarily small due to the lack of adequate time for its preparation,

is being sent to her. Although the Homecraft shop has closed its doors for the present, the Guild has not disbanded and the interested group continues to study and to promote the development of handicrafts in this Province.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors it was encouraging to learn that the value of hand-made articles sold during the 18 months of the operation amounted to approximately \$9000, of which 80 per cent was paid to the consignors and the remaining 20 per cent used for expenses. The expenses consisted of rent, telephone, light, supplies and the employment of a part time bookkeeper, as all the rest of the work with the project was on a voluntary basis.

The venture has been one of great interest, and it is hoped, will prove to be an incentive to the future development of Island crafts. The coming exhibition in Toronto shows the awakened interest in all types of Canadian crafts.

False Face

By E. C. Buley
CHAPTER XXIV
LOLA SPRINGS A SURPRISE

Lola arrived at Beringstone in her big car, in good time, and looking her very best. The primitive simplicity of the little fishing village was something entirely new in her experience, and she asked a dozen questions of the old woman who showed them Peter's impromptu studio.

"And that's the swimming beach?" she asked. "Say, Mr. Marchant, just when do you use it?"

"I like a swim about this time," Peter confessed. "Everybody is doing something else at this hour: golf or tennis. So I have the bay to myself."

"Where do I get a suit?" Lola demanded. "Come along. I never knew what it was that I wanted, until I saw those bathing huts."

The little village store stocked nothing but the cheapest cotton swimming suits, but Lola did not care. She was ready for her swim as soon as Peter, and raced him over the stretch of soft sand, and waded high into the water.

"Ge!" she gasped, as she came up after her first plunge. "Sea water is about the only thing the British keep in an ice box."

"Nice and fresh," Peter agreed. "Fresh, yeah. Who breaks the crust of ice, first thing in the morning?"

"I wonder!" Peter said mechanically. But Lola appeared, serene and smiling; she was presented to Marcia, who in turn presented Henry Smith. He bowed very low, in his foreign way, and Peter thought his face looked pale and haggard.

But Marcia walked in the direction of the cottage, with Lola by her side, prattling brightly about the novelty of Beringstone, and the exhilaration of bathing in sea water colder by far than any she had known.

"Your sister provides the opportunity for a striking portrait," Smith remarked, as he fell into step with Peter, some paces behind the two girls. "I did not quite catch her name."

"Lola Lephone," Peter said. "Late a dancer at a place called the Octagon Club, in New York; but now a cinema actress of brilliant promise; or so I am told. Do you know New York?"

"I have never visited America," Smith replied deliberately. "And have never heard anything about the country that would provide any inducement to a visit."

"Of course, you have just entered upon your exploration of England," Peter remarked. "You are not disappointed, I hope?"

"On the contrary," the other man said.

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The display was still in progress, when Henry Smith and Marcia left the golf links in the two-seater, bound for Beringstone and the cottage. The sloping road provided a bird's-eye view of the bathing place, and Marcia's quick eye detected two people on the platform.

"Peter has company to-day," she said. "I forgot to say that he is painting down here, for lack of something better to do. I asked him to bring the lady to lunch."

"Who is she?" Smith asked.

"An American cinema actress, for whom he predicts great things," Marcia replied. "He did mention her name, but I have forgotten it. Not a celebrity, but he says she is very lovely, in a dark Spanish way."

"I see," Smith reflected. "I think if you will excuse me, Marcia, I will lunch at the inn today. I do not feel much like meeting Marchant and his cinema star to-day."

"Nonsense," Marcia replied imperiously. "I am not allowing you to quarrel with Peter. If he and I can forget the incident the other day, surely you can. I want you to behave as though it had never happened."

"Marchant will not forget," Smith said morosely. "He hates me, Marcia; and he is not particular how he shows it."

"They'll be late," Marcia said, as the car wheeled into the village. "Drive to the huts, Henry, and we will hurry them up. Do as I say. You'll forget this nonsense, as soon as you have met Peter again, and got the meeting over."

The two bathers had left the water when the car drew up at the huts; but Marcia banged noisily on the door of Peter's dressing-room and called—

"Hurry up, Peter. We will wait for you, if you are quick."

Peter emerged a minute later, and after greeting Marcia, offered his hand to Smith.

"I'm afraid I spoke in rather an outrageous way to you the other day, Mr. Smith," he said. "My only excuse is that I was shaken, of course, by what looked like a bad accident."

"We were both upset," Smith replied, as he took Peter's hand. "I have no form of apology for my recklessness, or for my words to you afterwards."

"Then we'll forget it," Peter said.

And while Marcia was smiling her satisfaction at this fulfilment of her expressed wishes, Lola came out of her bathing box. Peter saw her cast one startled look at Smith, who had not happened to see her. Then she dived back again, and was lost to sight for another half minute.

"Forgotten something?" Marcia asked; for she had seen Lola appear.

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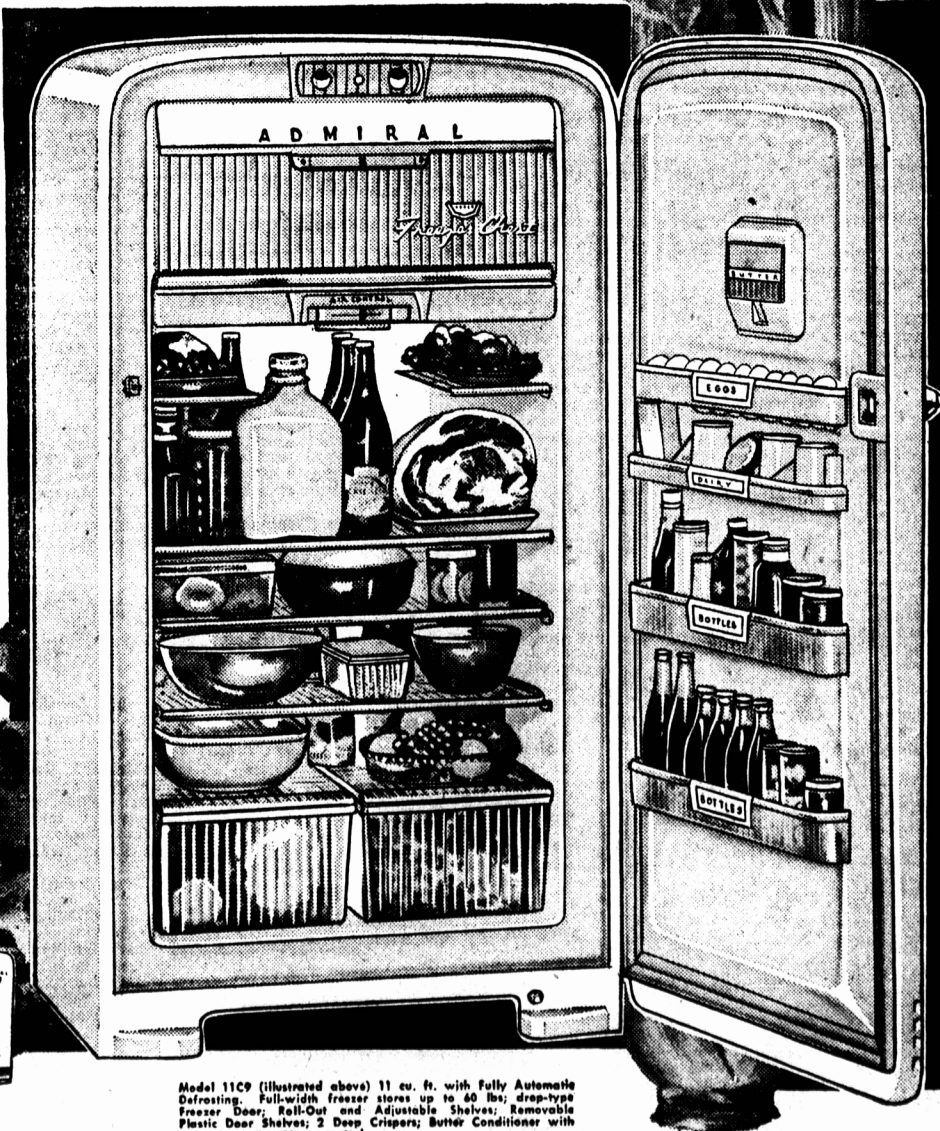
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