

Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman
CHAPTER XII

Continued

THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT OBJECT

"Well, you've certainly had trouble enough to get here, Mr. Thurlow," he said slowly. "I'm just wondering, though, if you wouldn't have been wiser to carry straight on to Suva and report there first. I'm not doubting that the doctor says about your memory being restored, but don't you think the Government ought to be informed about your present disability — just in case?"

There followed a moment's silence. Then:

"In case of what?" the captain demanded bluntly. "You can see for yourself there's nothing wrong with me, barrin' this memory business. An' even if he never got that back he could still hold the job down, couldn't he?"

"Oh, no doubt!" the trader agreed smoothly. "I was only thinkin' about how the authorities would look at it. It's just red tape I know, but they're a fussy crowd to deal with, and they'd probably consider that he ought to report his condition before taking over an isolated position like this."

There was another brief pause, and then the captive gave vent to a disgusted snort.

"I knew there'd be a snag in it somewhere," he exclaimed bitterly. "That's just about the way they would look at it! Time don't mean nothing to them!"

"But you do not suggest that Mr. Thurlow should still proceed to Suva, do you?" the doctor protested. "After all, they will have our report, and I am perfectly prepared to vouch for him."

Strang shrugged.

"I don't doubt for a moment, doctor," he said. "And I'm not taking it upon myself to suggest anything. I'm only pointing out the way in which the Government will be likely to look at it."

Thurlow himself had said nothing so far, but he had been watching the trader closely. It had struck him from the first that the man had not been as pleased to see him as might have been expected in the circumstances, and he thought he could guess the reason for it. He had probably been running things on the island to his own liking in the absence of any Government representative, and he did not welcome the idea of returning to a comparatively subordinate position. In spite of his

disclaimer, it seemed to him that the man was aiming at being left alone for a further indefinite period and he proceeded to scotch the idea straight away.

"Well, you may be right," he said firmly. "But now I'm here, I'm going to stay. I understand that I've been waiting some months for a passage already, and I have the doctor's assurance that I'm capable of taking the job on. I don't intend to waste any more time from it. If they're not satisfied with his report, they can come and investigate my mental condition for themselves!"

If Strang felt any disappointment at this definite settlement of the problem, he certainly concealed it very well. He burst into a sudden laugh, and rose to his feet. "Good for you!" he exclaimed. "I felt I ought to point out the other side of the question, but personally I'm glad you've decided this way. As you can imagine, I've been pretty lonely here since poor old Porson died, and I'd hate to see you clear out again now. Of course, there's no real reason why you shouldn't take straight over. The only difficulty that I can see is that you'll probably have forgotten what ideas you had about running the place when you started out."

"That's so," Thurlow admitted. "But I don't know that that makes much difference. They could only have been theoretical — and if the doctor's right, I'll recover them in time."

"And in the meantime you could put him up to all he wants to know to start with, couldn't you?" the captain put in.

"I should be glad to assist in any way I could," Strang said cordially. "Naturally, I was fairly conversant with Porson's methods — in fact, we worked them out together to a great extent — and I think I might say we ran things pretty well here. It was just a matter of laying down a certain general policy and sticking to it, and we never had any serious trouble. However, we can go into that later. And now perhaps you'd like to have a look at the Residency before the light goes? Of course, it's hardly fit for you to live in at the moment, for all Porson's stuff has been cleared out, and it's pretty bare. But I suggest you let me put you up till we've got things ready for you."

And he led the way out on to the verandah.

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DENTIST HONORED

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York Highlights

The Misses Gladys and Elizabeth MacDonald, students at Prince of Wales College, spent Sunday, April 26th at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe MacDonald, in York.

Miss Mary Waite of the Royal Bank of Canada, Charlottetown, spent the April 25th weekend at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Matthew of York motored to Suffolk recently, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Duck.

The many friends of Mr. Frank Walls, Pleasant Grove, are sorry to hear of his falling health and are hoping for a speedy return to good health.

Mrs. B. A. Mallett's host of friends are pleased to learn she has returned to her home in York, much improved in health, after being a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital for the past two months.

Mr. Harry Lewis of York has recently shipped a carload of turnips from York. Prices on turnips are much lower than expected for this time of year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mac LeRoy and family of Parkdale have recently taken up residence in York.

Many contestants at the York Rifle Club are looking forward to the final competition. The shoot held in York Clubrooms on Thursday, April 23 was very largely attended, and high scores were chalked up.

The final card party was held in York Community Hall on Tuesday, April 21st. A record attendance was reported and eight to ten tables of Progressive Auction were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rodd and son Billy, City, were the guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett, York Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey and family were visitors to Kensington on Thursday, April 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lewis motored to Halifax on Tuesday, April 21st, where they attended the hockey game the following night.

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Mr. Stewart MacFarlane of Winsloe, potato inspector, paid a short visit to York Friday, April 24th.

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By J. R. Williams

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Mr. and Mrs. Murray, accompanied by their brother, Mr. Crockett, will attend the convocation at the college where Mrs. Rodd's daughter will graduate as deaconess this spring.

York And Vicinity

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A Country Garden

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It now is a large white mound about three feet, width spilling over the rocks with very few of the attractive green leaves showing. It has been in the same spot for many years and I can't see for the life of me, why I have not divided this valuable early fragrant plant into dozens of plants and scattered them throughout the garden. I wish that there was time in my life to do the many things in the garden that would make it more lovely.

Blue forget-me-nots have been transplanted to many corners of the garden and the blooming will soon begin. All through May and June the garden is filled with its blueness, and it is a dainty, airy plant. In drifts under the beech trees it is delightful. Daffodils will be at their best this week and there are many varieties. My favorites are the smaller, fragrant blooms, of a cream color. Others with the orange cups are attractive in the garden picture.

It is possible to sit in a sunny corner even this early in the season and enjoy the garden. Many seats of any size are needed so that whenever the urge to sit in the garden to enjoy the fragrance and lovely views comes there should always be a seat of some kind. I have had visitors comment on the number of seats in the garden here and there are never too many for the number who wish to use them.

Sweet peas are showing through the ground but the other gardeners have better blooms than I have had the last few years. This is the fault of the gardener and no proper place has been found lately for these lovely fragrant flowers.

A good book has been obtained from our public library... Plants, Man and Life by Edgar Anderson. In this book both the general reader and the scientist will find new insight into the green world around us. In fact the author himself says that when he first began the new lines of research described in these pages that he felt that he had discovered a new continent, and that many of the plants had been neglected although they "were old when Troy was young" and had travelled with man in his long trek across the face of the earth.

The author is assistant director to the Missouri Botanical

The Fisher Lad

The fisher-lad goes o'er the bar
To his lines when the day is new;
A carefree song in his strong young heart
As he heads for the boundless blue.
The west wind's freshening off the shore,
And follows his wake along,
Beyond where the bobbling net-buoys
And the lapsing tide is strong.
He stands alone in the dashing prow,
His face to the rising sun;
And eager is he to be at his toll
At the end of the outward run.
He loves the sway of his sturdy boat,
The teasing tug at the wheel;
He loves the bubbling sound astern
And the gurgle beneath the keel.
A smile is on his salt-stained lips
As he is outward bound;
The sky and the wind and the
wave are his
And the trail to the fishing ground.
The sky and the wind and the
wave are his,
And the heaving restless sea:
His cares dissolve like the bubbles
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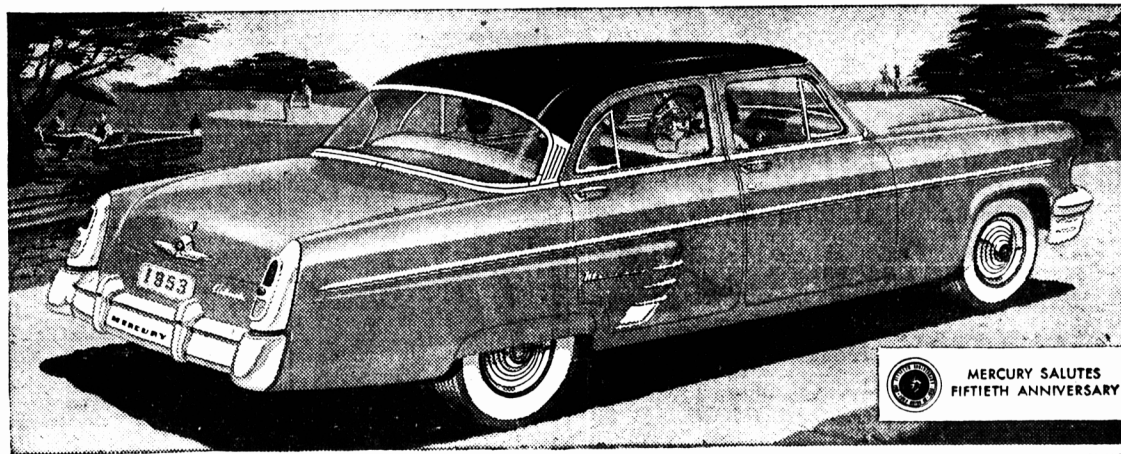
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