Face to Face

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OR, GERVASE RICKMAN'S AMBITION.

CHAPTER II.—(Continued),

"Are you? Well, don't begin match- unaccustomed roughness. making yet awhile, for pity's sake. Do not ask too many questions, you When were postage-stamps invented? tiresome fellow; never call attention to What was Nero's leading virtue? Upon these things. I must leave you now,' what principle were Greek armies she replied. "Come, Nellie, child, you raised? Who first used hair-pins, and will scarcely be ready in time for dinwhy? I hope you know something be- ner;" and Mrs. Annesley swept from the sides how to chatter French, miss, since room like some majestic frigate of old your education is finished."

reached Neufchatel. The lights were be- some distance, with a look toward Ediginning to twinkle out in the streets and ward which he was too irate to perceive. to double themselves in the clear and but which meant, "I should like to tell waveless lake, and, as they gradually you all about it and relieve you from drew nearer to the hotel whither they causeless fears." were bound, the memories of the few days Edward had passed with Alice bescame more imperative; he especially felt glance so flaming that Gervase was the power of those moments during obliged to meet it. "Tell me the truth, which they had strolled alone together will you? Is Paul engaged to Miss Linto the little inn upon the downs, and it seemed to him that what had then passed between them, unspoken though it was, could never be erased from either life, whatever spell Paul's passionale wooing might since then have cast upon her. The first glance in her face, when they met, would tell him all, he thought, and his pulse quickened, and a subtle warmth quivered all through him, as he saw to the piling of his sister's luggage on the omnibus, while the moments fled which were to bring him face to face with Alice.

"Let us walk on, Nellie," he said at last, rebelling against the slowness with which the loading of the omnibus went on, and he led her along the streets at a pace which took her breath away, down-hill though the path was, and did the broad hall of the hotel, inquiring for bore. kiss, and then received Edward more of the kind in the case of my sisters." coldly, and formally thanked him for es- "Nor should I, Annesley, to be quite dered much that night upon the sunrise corling his sister from school, intima- frank," returned Rickman, becoming excursion. ting that Paul could have done it equally suddenly confidential. "I have but one as well, and politely conveying to him sister, but I should be extremely sorry The impression, which was but too cor- for the man who ventured to pay markrect, that he had much better have re ed attentions to her without coming to mained in England.

only delayed joining you because my to our own beloved and befogged island and friendly manner toward her. leave could not conveniently begin be- as a free country. Have you found your

"We have heard so little of you since has a splendid outlook over the lake." the spring, Edward," she replied, icily, Edward followed him, vexed at his Annesley had at times been admitted to

her heart, if indeed she had ever given man. and unembarrassed smile.

comfort from somebody."

ciated with Sibyl. added, with a gentle smile, and then his grounds.

you. disenchanted. "So your brother is here? the terrace wall, over which Edward and and quick through his nostrils, and his That is all right. He was afraid, I re- Gervase were leaning, and passed along hands clinched themselves. Gervase gave member, he would not be able to leave beneath them. There is a certain man- ene of his sidelong glances, and placing his business."

himself."

ance. "Your telegram to Paul gave us be assured himself, these two people un- ing passions that was stirred in these all a pleasing shock," he said. "Paul doubtedly were. quite turned pale with pleasure," he The lingering step bore them just be- of two people meeting and exchanging added, laughing, and unconsumed by the fore and beneath the wall on which he commonplace observations in renewal of fiery glance which Mrs. Annesley's blue leaned, and a shaft of hot and piercing an acquaintance of a few days formed a eyes darted at him.

whose eyes kept turning expectantly to transfigured by feeling, and knew that servation, and continued chatting to her the door, and whom some unaccountable the graceful figure at his side must be aunt about their pleasant morning ramfeeling held from inquiring for the one that of Alice. There was no need for ble, and the delicious ices Edward gave object of his solici ude.

echoed Gervase, turning to the ladies ter nor disturb the tete-a-tete. He shrunk with an indifferent air.

they went on the lake together, dear ed silently to the lighted hotel. children! It is getting late for them."

"Who are they?" Edward asked, with

days, with her niece in her train as a It was growing dusk when they little gun-boat; while Sibyl followed at

> "Look here, Rickman," cried Edward, turning around and facing him with a gard or not?"

him by this unexpected assault. "Ah! doubt." that is-I mean- You heard what | Then Sibyl explained to him that Alice your aunt said, 'These things are better had overtired herself in a mountain exnot talked about.' To call attention to cursion which she had recently made them often spoils them. Things, you with some friends who were staying at a see, are just now in a most delicate village a few miles away, along the lake state. There is no doubt whatever about shore. Further, that Mrs. Annesley had the issue of it; but the engagement is intended to drive to meet her, but had not yet announced, that's all. You've been prevented, and that Paul had gone dropped upon us at an awkward mo- instead, but in a boat; that he had lost ment, you see, and your aunt is not an oar and thus been delayed. The end overcome with rapture at the sight of of the history was, Alice was so comyou-an outsider makes a certain dis- pletely knocked up that but for Paul's turbance-precipitates matters. I fancy arm she could not have walked from the they would like to prolong the present boat to the hotel. undecided state-to proclaim the engage- "I didn't go up the mountain myself ment would draw attention to them- for the sunrise," she added. "because I not stop till they found themselves in selves, which, of course, is a frightful was not feeling equal to such a tiring

Mrs. Annesley's apartments. Two ladies | "Then the sooner the engagement is and people never expect her to be overwere in the shadowy, unlighted room; proclaimed the better," cried Edward, lired. It was a good thing Mr. Annesley one was Mrs. Annesley, who rose with grimly. "My aunt should be more care- was with her, because he knew exactly her accustomed stateliness and folded ful of a young lady committed to her how to treat her when she fainted." Eleanor in her arms with a welcoming charge. I should never permit anything "Did he, indeed?" responded Edward.

proom yet? I hear it is next to mine, and logether all the morning, on affairs

"that it was not unnatural to suppose momentary loss of self-control, and after the conference, and had otherwise puryou had thought better of your inten- taking possession of his apartment and sued the extensive and interesting corfinding there were some moments to be respondence for which she was cele-These words he felt were a prophecy filled yet before the hour of table d'hote, brated. Edward and Sibyl had taken the of what Alice must have been saying in strolled out by the water-side with Rick- eager school-girl, who was half intoxi-

him a thought, and he turned to the The glorious auteum sunset had silent- from thralldom, to see such lions as other lady, from addressing whom a 17 consumed itself, the rich colors were Neufchalel afforded. strong shyness had held him, and who, all calmed down into a tender primrose But all these occupations had now though she had risen, yet remained in glow in the west, and the pensive twi- come to an end, and the whole party the deep shadow of a recess by the win- light was dreaming with ever-deepening assembled beneath the sun-steeped dow; looking her for the first time full intensity upon the bosom of the clear, plane-tops, with the clear, massive jewel in the face, he met the dark, sweet gaze dark waters. Lights from the town of the deep blue lake before them, when of Sibyl, whereupon his own eyes fell looked, half ashamed of their own in- Alice issued from the hotel and joined and his shyness with it, and he shook significance, into the pure lake depths, them. hands with her with a cordial greeting one or two pale stars gazed steadfastly It was a change upon Paul's face, into the deep heart of the waters, boats which was affected toward the lake at "Do say you are glad to see me, Miss glided silent and ghost-like over the still ber coming, that arrested Edward's at-Rickman," he said; "my aunt has so surface, voices came softened through tention, and caused him to look round cruelly crushed me that I require some the quieting evening, the noises of the and catch sight of the figure in white town blended murmuringly, the majes- moving slowly toward them. She was "I am glad to see you, though sur- lic peace of the mountains brooded over pale, but not otherwise altered from prised, pleasantly surprised," she re- ali The tumult in Edward's warm when he last saw her, save that the look plied, with loyal simplicity, and as she young heart quieted beneath these sweet, which had remained before him ever spoke Edward suddenly and unaccount- calm influences, some feeling of the since he parted with her in the bustling ably began to think of Viola, when she nothingness of human emotion in the street at Medington was gone, and gone, held that memorable conversation with presence of the Infinite came upon him, as he feared, forever. the duke, "I am all the daughters of my and he felt that he could meet Alice and | "I was so sorry to be unable to see dather's house, and yet I know not-" part with her with becoming calm, even you last night," she said, with a tranquil What connection could there be be- cheerfulness, and clasp Paul's hand with smile, and a slight pained quiver of the tween Viola and subyl? Yet ever after brotherly warmth in congratulating him. lip, which he did not understand, and he could not think of Viola unless asso- "Dear old Paul! Heaven bless him!" he she took the hand he offered as coldly as said within himself, as he watched a he gave it, while they both thought of "And I know somebody else will be boat containing two figures glide noise- the warm pressure of a few months pleasantly surprised to see you," she lessly toward the tiny quay in the hotel since.

heart began to beat again, and he lis- An attendant caught the painter and gret for her illness, and handing her his tened for the beloved name. "Perhaps moored the dim bark to the landing; the own chair, placed another for himself you do not know," she added, guile- oarsman leaped to land, and turning, near it, unconscious of the intensity with lessly, "what a liking Gervase has for handed a second figure, a lady's, out of which the meeting was being watched. the boat. Then the two walked arm in Paul had closed his mouth fiercely and "Gervase! oh, Gervase!" he echoed, arm with slow, lingering steps toward firmly, while the treath came strong ner of walking, a kind of pensive paus- one hand in his pocket, broke a pencil "Gervase always contrives to get his ing upon every step as if to linger out into fragments with his fingers. Mrs. way somehow, business or no business," the pleasure of it, with a certain inclina- Annesley looked on the pair with head she replied. "But here he is to speak for tion of the taller head to that beneath erect, and a peculiar smile that her son it, accompanied by a low and liquid in- knew, but in this instance, did not no-And Gervase came in and received him | tonation of the voice, which Edward had | tice. Sibyl regarded them with a tenwith the greatest cordiality, though he always been pleased to consider as pro- der, yearning gaze. It is wonderful to 400 expressed surprise at his appear- per to lovers, and lovers only, and such, think of the storm and tumult of vary-

Rickman to draw him aside with an ob- them. "And where is Annesley, by the way?" servation to the effect that they had betat once into the shadow and let them

said, lightly, with a quick gaze in Edward's face, which was composed but soft with pain and ready for fresh impressions." And, although people were already going in to dinner, he found time to whisper to Sibyl to take pity on the new arrival and make him as welcome as possible, because the rest of the party were inclined to leave him out in the cold, and by his arrangement Edward's chair was placed next Sibyl's. The soup was nearly finished by the

sport after that, Annesley," Rickman

time Paul entered. He did not shake hands with Edward, his seat being on the opposite side of the table, but merely nodded a welcome to him, hoped he had not found it too hot in the train, and addressed some cousinly and affectionate words to Eleanor, who stood a little in awe of her exalted kinsman. Mrs. Annesley was in her most seraphic mood and said pleasant things to everybody. Sibyl tried to obey her brother's behest with regard to Edward, who was quite ready to respond to her gentle advances. The little party was most pleasant and friendly. But every time the door opened there was a simultaneous, though almost imperceptible movement of Edward's head, and a subsequent look oi disappointment on his face; the soup he swallowed might have been ink, for all he knew or cared;; the course was removed, and still Alice did not appear, and no one seemed disturbed about it. "But where is Miss Lingard?" he

asked at last. "Dear Alice is a little upset. She was out rather too long, I think," Mrs. Annesley replied, with an air of mystery; "No-" was the word surprised from she will be quite restored to-morrow, no

walk; but Alice is always perfectly well,

And over a succession of pipes he pon-

CHAPTER III.

It was not till the next afternoon, the point-very sorry for him," he when they were at coffee, silting under "But, my dear aunt," he replied, re- added, with a grim pleasantry that was the plane-trees by the water, that Edvolting against this cool reception, "I lost upon his hearer. "But, you see, ward met Alice; and by that time he had had intended from the very first to be Miss Lingard is not your sister or mine sc schooled himself into accepting Paul's one of the Swiss party, if you remember. either, and Mrs. Annesley is not under superior claim upon her that he was We arranged it all in the spring, and I our charge, and Switzerland ranks next able to command a perfectly tranquil

> Paul and Gervase had been closeted which seemed to have urgency. Mrs. cated by her recent final deliverance

He replied by some expression of redifferent hearts by the simple incident pain shot through his breast, as in the few months since. Eleanor alone con-"And where is Paul?" asked Edward, nearest face he recognized Paul's, sidered the incident too trivial for ob-

(To be continued).

Throw some apples in to the hens as "I think," replied A.rs. Annesley, "that pass well out of sight, and then return- often as possible. They will be relished and are beneficial during the cold "Well, I don't think any one can spoil season.

THE DOMINION BANK.

rather grim. "Now is Sibyl's time, if she Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders.

> THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DOMINION BANK was held at the Banking House of the Institution, Toronto, on Wednescay, January 30th, 1907.

Among those present were noticed:-

Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Pellatt, Dr. Andrew Smith, Dr. C. O'Reilly, Messrs. W. D. Malthews, James Carruthers, Wri. Ross, W. R. Brock, J. J. Foy, A. Monro Grier, J. J. Dixon, L. H. Baldwin, W. Glenney (Oshawa), Aemilius Baldwin, F. J. Harris, W. C. Harvey, W. J. Dixon, J. G. Ramsey, W. Crocker, R. Mulholland, P. Leadley, W. C. Crowther, Jas. Matthews, David Kidd (Hamilton), W. T. Ramsay, R. M. Gray, J. T. Small, S. Samuel, J. A. Proctor, W. Cecil Lee, G. N. Reynolds, W. G. Cassels, Wm. Davies, F. J. Phillips, H. Gordon Mackenzie, J. Gordan Jones, R. J. Christie, H. B. Hodgins, S. Noxon, Ira Standish, David Smith, A. W. Austin, H. W. A. Foster, Cawthra Mulock, F. D. Benjamin, Jas. Scott, F. H. Gooch, A. R. Boswell, J. F. Kavanagh, A. Foulds, E. C. Burton, Victor Cawthra, W. Mulock, jr., F. J. Stewart, A. H. Campbell, jr., J. D. Trees, A. Bell, Richard Brown, C. A. Bogert, and others.

It was moved by Mr. L. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. F. D. Benjamin, that Mr. W. D. Malthews do take the chair, and that M. C. A. Bogert do act as Secretary, Messrs, A.R. Boswell and W. G. Cassels were appointed Scrutineers. The Secretary read the Report of the Directors to the Shareholders, and

submitted the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank, which is as follows:-To the Shareholders:

The Directors beg to present the following Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 31st December, 1906:-·Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th December, 1905\$249,437 97 Profit for the year ending 31st December, 1906, after deducting charg-

es of management, etc., and making provision for bad and doubtful debts 539,360 36 \$788,798 23

Dividend 3 per cent., paid 2nd April, 1906 . . . \$90,000 00 Dividend 3 per cent., paid 3rd July, 1906 . . . 90,000 00 Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st October, 1906 . . . 90,000 00 Dividend 3 per cent., payable 2nd January, 1907 .. 90,000 00

_____\$360,000 00 400,000 00 760,000 00 Transferred to Reserve Fund

Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward \$28,798 33 RESERVE FUND.

Balance at credit of account, 30th December, 1905 \$3.500,000 00 Transferred from Profit and Loss Account 400,000 CO

\$3,900,000 00

With great regret we have to record the sudden death in May last of Mr. Theodore G. Brough, the late General Manager, who had been in the service of the Bank continuously since 1875. He was the Chief Executive Officer for seven years, during which short time he accomplished much for the development and welfare of the Institution.

Mr. C. A. Bogert, Manager of the Montreal Branch for eight years, and who entered the Bank more than twenty-five years ago, was appointed to suc-

ceed him.

On account of the continued expansion of the business of the Bank, your Directors have decided that it is an opportune time to issue the remaining one million dollars of authorized Capital Stock; and, having in view future requirements which may reasonably be expected, have approved of a by-law to be submitted for your consideration at the Annual Meeting, which provides for a further increase in the Capital Stock to the extent of one million dollars. This will make the total authorized Capital five million dollars.

You will also be asked to consider a by-law increasing the number of Directors from seven to nine which it is thought to be advisable owing to the diversity of our interests throughout Canada, and the gradual extension of our operations.

During the twelve months just closed Branches of the Bank were established at the following points, and, when expedient, desirable sites were purchased and suitable offices erected:-In the Province of Ontario, at Chatham, Dresden, Peterborough, Tilbury, Windsor, and in Toronto, at the corners of Avenue Road and Davenport Road and Queen street and Broadview avenue; in the Province of Alberta, at Calgary and Edmonton, and at Regina, Sask.

In addition we have to inform you that in December last the private banking business of Messrs. John Curry & Company, at Windsor, was acquired under terms advantageous to the Shareholders, which transaction included the purchase of a commodious building, well situated in this important centre.

It was found necessary to provide larger premises for our North End Branch, Winnipeg, and for this purpose a valuable property has been secured. The Directors, following their usual custom, examined the Securities and Cash Reserves of the Bank as on December 31st, 1906, and found them to be

correct; they also verified the Head Office Balance Sheet, including all accounts kept with Foreign Agents. Every Office of the Bank has been carefully inspected during the past

twelve months, and each Branch has been visited by the General Manager since his appointment in May last. E. B. OSLER, The Report was adopted.

President. By-laws were passed increasing the number of Directors from seven to nine,

and providing for an increase of \$1,000,000 in the Capital Stock, which will make the total authorized Capital of the Bank \$5,000,000. The thanks of the Shareholders were tendered to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their services during the year, and to the General Man-

ager and other Officers of the Bank for the efficient performance of their respective duties. The following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:-Messrs. A. W. Austin, W. R. Brock, James Carruthers, R. J. Christie, T. Eaton, J. J. Foy, K.C., M.L.A., Wilmot D. Matthews, A. M. Nanton and E. B. Osler, M.P.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. E. B. Osler, M.P., was elected

President, and Mr. Wilmot D. Matthews, Vice-President, for the ensuing term. GENERAL STATEMENT. LIABILITIES.

Notes in Circulation	94	
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	193,340	26
Total Liabilities to the Public	. \$42,491,345 8	81

Capital Stock paid up Balance of Profits carried forward 28,798 33 D. vidend No. 97, payable 2nd January, 1907 90,000 00 Former Dividends unclaimed Reserved for Exchange, etc. 61,144 74 Reserved for rebate on Bills Discounted..... 122,983 15

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Dominion Government Demand Notes Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of	3,465,530 00
Note Circulation	150,000 00 2,113,531 39 1,052,744 48
Balances due from other Panks elsewhere than in Can- ada and the United Kingdom	1,121,390 69

Specie

Toronto, 31st December, 1906.

\$9,013,327 67 Provincial Government Securities Canadian Municipal Securities and Britist or Foreign or Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian. 696,130 79 Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks . . 2,149,265 67

Loans on Call secured by Slocks and Debentures . .. 3,703.134 50

Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for) 20,516 40 Bank Premises 950,000 00 Other Assets not included under foregoing heads . . 7,433 70 33,893,217 80

> \$49,694,379 28 C. A. BOGERT, General Manager.