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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

SIR CHARLES STURTON, an enlightened landowner, previously in shipping, in which he made money which he now devotes to developing the Manor estates. He takes a great interest in...

"If I follow Sir Charles I shan't go far wrong,"—John decided—a youthful presumption that marked him as not yet having developed strong personal character on his own account.

CHAPTER III I THE COUNTY DANCES

There were times when John Morris was puzzled by the mentality of Admiral Sandley. An older person would be understood better. The contrast between this aristocratic retired naval officer and Sir Charles Sturton was striking.

As for his tenants, there was no question of stigmatizing the Admiral as a bad landlord. He merely thought it possible to bring to the land the ideas that had served well enough at sea. By past standards he was excellent. Only when it came to putting his estate alongside those of his neighbour did the balance reveal itself to be on the wrong side.

John Morris knew the joy of work well done as the months sped swiftly past. It did not require the words of approval from his patron to reassure him. Love of the country was implanted deep down in his consciousness. Tramping the fields in all weathers taught him the wonders of nature hidden behind a facade of cruelty.

"I am a representative—a servant," he would say. "That explains why I sit on the Bench and am chairman of the County Council."

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me a genuine compliment." Occasionally Edward came on a visit to the Manor House. Except that he had grown more serious in his demeanour he remained very much as John had always known him.

"But my dear, it would make you most unpopular. He happens to be very much in demand; our best dancer. Positively the best dancer."

"To say nothing of being our most eligible bachelor," John added. Patricia stiffened suddenly. "Come on," she said sharply. They swung into a waltz, speaking little until the sense of constraint began to wear off.

"That makes it more extraordinary you haven't found someone to look after you." "I have Mrs. Jobling. She does for me, as he calls it. Suppose I married what sort of life do you think I could offer the unlucky female?"

"The ball marked a turning point in more than one life. There was the customary influence of bright lights and sweet music, charming women and handsome men, a general air of good humour and that subtle trial of partnership which is so often incidental to a dance.

For the first time John felt he was being accepted in terms of equality. A friendly word or a nod went a long way with him. He liked people as people—or disliked them according to inclination—and there had been nothing to mar his enjoyment.

Then at the very last minute, he was brought up sharply. The crowd was thinning out. Cars were departing and pairing couples were snatching the final moments of companionship.

Conrad Sandley was seeing his sisters into a limousine as he went down the steps to the main drive. "There is Mr. Morris," he heard Philippa remark. "We can find a seat for him in the car."

"Oh, he's all right," Conrad retorted sharply. "He's used to shanks' pony." The girl appeared to remonstrate but John raised his hat and strode on his way.

It was a small and insignificant incident. Yet it impressed itself on his mind. He could imagine the reactions of the supercilious Mr. Sandley at having to pull up at his parents' modest dwelling to set down the son of a blacksmith who had gate-crashed into the country set.

John gritted his teeth. Why should he worry about what these butterflies thought? They were decorative but by no means useful. Men like Edward Sturton were worth a dozen drones. Edward had devoted himself to one of the noblest of human missions when he might have decided to live in ease and luxury.

"Did you have a nice time," his mother asked at breakfast, next morning. "Very pleasant, thank you. I wish you had been there as well."

"Mrs. Morris chuckled. "I think your father and me were better off at home," she said. John was not quite sure whether he would have done well to have kept them company by the kitchen fire.

His great love made the young man very eloquent. "You are the most beautiful girl I have ever seen," he murmured. "I long to hold you in my arms, to kiss your lips, your eyes, to whisper in your ear. I love you!"

"But the businesslike young lady cut him short. "Well," she suggested, "I suppose it can be arranged."—Globe and Mail.

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The second annual tournament of the District of Cochrane Firemen's Association took place on Dominion Day, Monday, July 2nd, 1934, at the athletic grounds, Pine street. The fire brigades taking part in the event were Schumacher, Troquois Falls, Ansonville, Montrock, Cochrane, Kapuskasing and Timmins.

The official figures for the provincial election in this riding of South Porcupine ten years ago were as follows: Rowlandson—3183; Kenning—5123; Stewart—2975; Mahinen—759; Paquette—210; Ogilvie—156.

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It was noted in The Advance ten years ago that from Jan. 23rd, 1934, to June 18th, 1934, there were 168 building permits issued in Timmins, the amount of the value of new building and additions, etc., being placed at \$90,135.00.

The McIntyre baseball team maintained its position at the top of the Northern division of the Temiskaming Baseball League, Wednesday, June 27th, 1934, by decisively beating the Quebec entry, Noranda. The Twin Cities team could get nowhere against the Champion Macs.

A wedding of interest took place in Grace Chapel here ten years ago when Isabel Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Drew, became the bride of Sidney Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burt of Bristol England.

"Mrs. Ann Roaca, and daughter, Irene, returned home to South Porcupine after spending a two weeks' holiday in Cobalt." "Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Van Reth" were Cochrane visitors last week. "F. H. Ball returned last night after a visit to Barrie and Toronto."

"Nelson Pinder, who was one of the early residents of Porcupine camp, is doing notable work in the pioneering of Rouyn. One of his latest additions to that town is the building of a modern service station to be conducted by his son, Kenneth Pinder."

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From Kirkland Lake recently came the story of a crash between a moose and a motor car. According to the story told about it, "both got the worst of it."

Moose and Auto Crash Near Dane and Both Get Worst of It. Windshield and Window of Car Suffer, While Moose has to Travel on Three Legs.

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car. The driver of the car at once turned out to miss the animal but the moose after looking at the approaching car decided to turn out also. The car was some five feet away when the moose leaped into the air, all but clearing the hood of the truck. The hood was slightly dinged by the impact but the body of the moose came in contact with the cab of the vehicle, his head and shoulders striking opposite sides of the windshield and his hip being swung around to collide with the window of the door on the right side of the car.

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