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FORTUNE'S APPRENTICE

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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

SIR CHARLES STURTON, an enlightened landowner, previously in shipping... JOHN MORRIS, son of the local garage proprietor... EDWARD STURTON has no particular interest in country life... PATRICIA STURTON, though with her there is a hint of patronage... ADMIRAL SANDLEY, whose views are rather feudal... CONRAD, inclined to look down on Morris while cultivating Edward Sturton... DIANA SANDLEY, dark and a lover of open-air activities... PHILLIPA, youngest of the Sandley family...

CHAPTER IV

In theory, John's university experience should have removed any sense of social inferiority and to a large extent it had. But not entirely. His nature was very sensitive at times. There were occasions in the weeks immediately following the dance when John became the prey to disturbing fits of depression. Because of one stupid remark, lightly uttered, he began asking himself whether, behind an outward appearance of kindness and fellowship, people he liked regarded him as an upstart, an intruder. Those who look for trouble are bound to find it. He found ground for suspicion that whispering was going on behind his back. There was little in these stray bits of evidence to hurt, but he could not fail to resent what he heard. When his better nature bade him not to be a fool, he changed his ground and took the remarks as slights on his parents. Had he been able to trace the source of the whispers he would have returned to more sour comments made by Conrad Sandley. Unexpectedly, it was Diana who took up the cudgels on John's behalf. "Why do you say such disagreeable things," she demanded. "John Morris has done you no injury."

Anyway, it no longer shows. "Thank you for helping. I was beginning to feel pretty grim when you arrived. You are very strong." "Runs in my family," he assured her gravely. "Of course. I was forgetting that... that..." "I am very proud of my origin." "Why on earth shouldn't you be?" "Thank you! It's useful anyhow to have a legacy of large and sinewy hands." He opened his closed fists. There was a red mark made by his tight grasp on the metal wings. Beads of perspiration still stood on his brow and wetted his hair. "All the same, it must have been a big strain lifting this heavy car," she said contritely. "Where are you making for?" "Barsby. Only I push-bike."

"If that cap fits wear it." "All right. Have you seen much of him?" "We danced together. And he dances exceptionally well." "Is that all?" "Of course it is. What more did you expect?" "He might have his eye on you." "Don't be ridiculous!" "That fellow wouldn't let anything stand in the way of his ambition. Mark my words, he'll crash in on us if he can."

"Why shouldn't he if he feels inclined?" "You lack a proper sense of proportion. It wouldn't be so bad if his people didn't live on the doorstep. But I'll say one thing for them—they know their place. He doesn't." "Heaven! You talk more like a stuffy old man, a hangover from Victorian times." "Why not? People knew where they stood in those days, and women were kept in order. Fifty years ago it would have been impossible for anyone like Morris to thrust himself where he wasn't wanted."

bread and butter, and to send out hurriedly for more dainty buns in place of the rich fruit cake which she afterwards protestingly produced at John's request. Diana tried to make conversation, failed miserably, but like her father, refused to admit defeat. And John proved a poor ally. During an uncomfortable meal Mr. Morris came in in his shirt sleeves. "Sorry, Miss," he muttered. "Didn't know we'd company. I'll get cleaned up in honour of the occasion."

Presently she felt sorry for John, bravely endeavouring to be cheerful, though conscious that the atmosphere was strained and unhomey. Although this first visit was not turning out too well, she determined to cultivate Mrs. Morris. Towards the end there was a slight thawing, but the constraint did not entirely disappear. Mr. Morris returned his face shining with freshly used soap and water, and wearing a suit he kept for lodge meetings. He was cheerful and ready to chatter in his normal untitled language. Diana decided there was something about him she liked, something which had been handed on to his son. At first the reason eluded her. Then she discovered what it was. Both men were sure of themselves, self-reliant, and capable.

"The trouble is," ran her further thoughts, "that there are too many like Conrad who don't understand human beings as human beings. They can't see beyond trappings and conventions." (To be Continued)

On July 1st, 1924, the Timmins Amateur Athletic Association, usually called the "Grounds Committee", held a very successful and pleasing sports day at Timmins. The attendance reached around 1200. A good programme of sports and games was enjoyed by all. Twenty years ago there were a number of social events in the camp in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Dorfman previous to their leaving here. Among these was a social evening given by the McIntyre Mines Staff. Mr. and Mrs. Dorfman were presented with a very handsome fruit and flower basket of silver. Mr. Dorfman had just joined the staff of the Huronian Belt Co. Ltd., of which Dr. Mackintosh Bell was the representative in Canada.

McIntyre's notable hitting was responsible for that team's win 3 to 2, in a league game with Iroquois Falls in Timmins twenty years ago. Ernie Tait Pitcher for McIntyre struck out twelve batters. Twenty years ago The Advance gave several columns of its space to the publishing of the various school reports of the town and district. At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative party of the town of Timmins twenty years ago, with Dr. A. S. Porter, president, in the chair, a resolution was brought forward by G. A. Macdonald, asking for the appointment of a game warden for the Porcupine area so as to assure a greater measure of conservation of fish and game in the district.

"Twenty years ago the North Bay Salvation Army Silver Band, then noted for its good music, spent a week-end here. On the Saturday evening a concert was given in the Salvation Army hall, G. A. Macdonald, president of the Timmins Citizens Band, acting as chairman. A number of excellent selections were given by the Silver Band and all were delighted with the good music provided. The Silver Band was directed by Bandmaster L. H. Saunders, and his cornet solo were special features of the evening. The trombone solo by Major Knight was also a remarkably fine musical number. Cornet duets and other instrumental duets and quartettes were also much appreciated. Rev. J. D. Park assisted on the evening's programme. Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following:—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ramsay left on Sunday for a visit to London, England. "Mrs. J. W. Faithful left this week for a holiday at her home in Maine, U. S. A."

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Twenty Years Ago From the Porcupine Advance Files

A crowd of between 1,000 and 1,200 men and women and about 300 children gathered on Sunday afternoon, June 29th, 1924, at Dalton's park for the inauguration of the new movements in Timmins at that time for the advantage of boys. This was the Knights of Columbus "Squires" duly organized for developing the health and the good morals of boys. The Squires were under the supervision of Hugo Shaw who conducted work for boys here for some time with much benefit and success. In reporting the meeting at Dalton's park the Advance gave the pledge taken by boys joining the Squires. It was a pledge that could not help but keep boys on the right track. At the meeting at Dalton's park J. Cullen on behalf of the Knights of Columbus explained the objects and hopes of the Squires and the methods of organization. Others speaking at the meeting were—Rev. Fr. Theriault, G. A. Macdonald, Hugo Shaw, T. P. King (president of the board of trade) Councillor L. S. Newton, J. A. Walsh (secretary of separate school board) and others. While crossing the race track at Dalton's park on Sunday afternoon, June 29th, 1924, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Fred Laroche was knocked down and injured, though not seriously, by one of the horses being practised on the track for the races. The girl's head was cut by the horse's hoof, several stitches being necessary to close the wound. Twenty years ago a man arrested at the assizes at Cochrane and held in jail there on a charge of perjury broke out of jail and gained his liberty, the police being unable to trace him at the time. He was a witness in a case from Timmins where a young lady was alleged to be held a virtual prisoner. At Cochrane the man swore that the story he told the court of Timmins at the preliminary trial was all wrong. His arrest for perjury followed. There was a crowd of over 4,000 at the races opening at Dalton's park here on Dominion Day July 1st, 1924. The races attracted much interest and proved to be very attractive, while the park and race track won very general approval and praise. The race track was admitted to one of the finest outside the big cities. The fact that Fulham Creek ran through the property offered opportunity for water sports. There was a big level grass plot inside the race track, giving room for two football pitches and a baseball diamond. Water was available from the never-falling spring nearby. The thousands visiting Dalton's park were delighted with its many advantages and conveniences. The Advance noted twenty years ago that St. Anthony's Church bazaar held in the skating rink in 1924 netted over \$11,000.00. Among the prize winners at the event were—Ford sedan, won by J. B. Rozon; electric washer, worth \$200.00 won by Mrs. Spotswood; breakfast suite won by P. Gervais; lamp by Mr. Gauthier, druggist; bedspread, by Mrs. Shields. Twenty years ago a big gold find was reported in Cadillac township by Timmins prospectors. The find was said to be remarkably rich and very promising, and had attracted very much favourable notice to the Rouyn area a gold section. Several hundred from Timmins attended the Cobalt Old Boys' Re-union at Cobalt in July of 1924. They reported, each and all, a wonderful time.

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