

MORE RECRUITS FOR 31ST.

Lieut.-Col. W. N. Chisholm has received permission from Divisional Headquarters to recruit a company of 250 men and five officers from the 31st Regiment for overseas service.

This company, which is the largest quota that the 31st Regiment has yet been permitted to raise, will reinforce one of the battalions already organized, and will replace a draft of similar proportions which has already gone overseas from that battalion.

The battalion to which the company from the 31st Regiment will go has not yet been specified.

Steps are now being taken to commence a recruiting campaign, to enroll men who are willing to enlist in a Grey County company to be commanded by officers from the 31st Regiment, and also when they will be available.

It is expected that a lot of men who have not quite made up their minds to volunteer for active service, not knowing whom they would have as comrades, would be willing to go with a company of men whom they know. While recruiting has been rather slow lately, owing to harvest operations, it is anticipated that plenty of men will be available from now on, and that little difficulty will be experienced in securing the required number.

HOMESEEKERS' SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES TORONTO 10.45 P.M. EACH TUESDAY.

For the accommodation of homeseekers and general tourist traffic to western Canada, train carrying tourist sleepers and colonist cars will leave Toronto 10.45 p.m. each Tuesday until further notice, running through to Winnipeg.

Attention is directed to the remarkable low round trip fares in connection with Homeseekers' Excursions to western Canada via Canadian Pacific Railway. Tickets are on sale each Tuesday until October 26, and are good to return within two months from date of sale.

Apply to any C. P. R. Agent for full particulars, or write M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

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W. Black

NOVEMBER JOE

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"And what did you do after naming her that?"

"We trailed the two villains until they got on to some rocky ground. It was too dark then to do more, so we returned. Five thousand dollars if you lay hands on them," he said.

By the river the traces were so plain that any one could read them—the slender feet of the victim and the larger footprints of the two men. The fishing rod, snapped off toward the top of the middle joint, had been left where it had fallen. It seemed as if the girl had tried to defend herself with it. Next we went to the lake.

November literally nosed his way along. The moccasin tracks of the two men showed faintly here and there on the softer parts of the ground.

"Looks as if they was toting something," said Joe. "They must 'a' carried her. Stop! They set her down here for a spell."

Another moment brought us over the rise and in sight of Mooseshank lake. I halted involuntarily. The place seemed created for the scene of a tragedy.

November had pushed on to the spot where footprints and other signs showed where the men had entered the canoe. The deep slide of a moccasin foot in the mud seemed to tell of the effort it required to get the girl embarked.

"They took her out on the lake and murdered her!" groaned Planx. "Dragging? There's no use dragging, that water goes plumb down to the root of the world."

After that we went around to the other side of the lake and saw the beached canoe. The two sets of moccasin tracks showed clearly on the strip of mud by the water, but were soon lost in the tumbled debris of a two-year-old stony landslide over which trailing appeared quite impossible.

November was busy about this landing place for a longer time than I expected, then he crossed the landslide at right angles and disappeared from our view. Soon he came hurrying toward us.

"She isn't dead."

"What?"

"Anyways, she wasn't when she passed here. I have a proof here that you will think mighty good." He drew out a little leather case I had given him and extracted from it a long hair of a beautiful red gold color. "Look at that! I found it in the spruces above there."

Planx took it gently in his great fingers. He was visibly much moved. For a few seconds he held it without speaking, then, "That grew on Virginia's head, sure enough, Joe. Is it possible my girl is alive?"

"She is, sure! Don't be afeared. You'll soon have news of her, I can promise you that, Mr. Planx. This wasn't no case of murder. It's just an abduction. They'd never be such fools as to kill her. They're cuter than that. Isn't she your daughter? They'll hold her to big ransom. That's their game."

An ugly look came into Planx's eyes. "That's their game, is it? I'm not a man that it is easy to milk dollars from," said he.

By this time it was growing too dark for Joe to work any longer. We crossed the lake with Planx, and that night Joe and I camped near the end of Mooseshank lake, where a stream flowed from it.

At dawn, while we were having breakfast, Joe stood up and stared into the trees that grew thick behind us. As he called out I looked back and saw the indistinct figure of a man in their shadow watching us. He beckoned, and we approached him. I saw he was young, with a pale face and rather shabby town made clothes.

"Don't you remember Walter Calvey, November?" he said, holding out his hand. "I was with you and Mr. Planx and—her last year in the woods."

"Huh, yes, and what are you doing here, Mr. Calvey?" asked Joe, shaking hands.

"I heard about Virginia. How could I keep away after that?" exclaimed Calvey.

"You've no cause to fret yet," said Joe.

"What? When they've killed her? I'll go with you and if we can find those—"

"Huh! She's not dead! Take my word for it!" Joe's gray eyes gave me a roguish look. "Why, I've got a thing here in my pocketbook you'd give me \$100 for!" He held the red gold hair up to the light of the rising sun.

Calvey shook from head to foot. "Virginia's! You couldn't find its match in Canada! Tell me!"

"I can't wait to tell you and you can't wait to hear. Light out now. Old man Planx could make it unhealthy for you."

"You're right! He hates me because Virginia won't marry Schelberg of the combine. He hasn't let us meet for months. And more than that, he's ruined me and my partner in business. It was easy for a rich man to do that," added Calvey bitterly.

Continued next week.

The unidentified body of a man was taken from the old Welland canal near St. Catharines.

W. A. Black, vice-president of the Ogilvie Flour Milling Co., estimates that Canada as a whole will have 200,000,000 bushels surplus wheat, after allowing for domestic requirements for seed bread, etc., to export as grain or flour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—Third Quarter, For Sept. 19, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, I Kings xx, 10-21. Memory Verses, 11, 12—Golden Text, Hos. iv, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This is chosen as a lesson against intemperance because of the drunkenness of Ben-hadad and the thirty-two kings who are said to have helped him, all of whom were drinking themselves drunk in the pavilions (verses 12, 16), and were thus more easily overcome by the small army of Israel. In our own day railroad and other corporations are learning that men who are given to strong drink cannot be relied upon and that it is not the part of wisdom to employ them, no matter how efficient they may be. Not only does such sin and folly take away the heart or understanding, as in the golden text, but it is apt to become most filthy and beastly and has been known to affect even priests and prophets (Isa. xxviii, 7, 8). It is utterly selfish and sensual and turns the heart away from the Lord (Isa. v, 11, 12, 20-23). Neither drunkards nor any other unrighteous people can inherit the kingdom of God, but there is forgiveness and salvation for all sinners who truly turn to the Lord and honestly receive the Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. vi, 9-11). The contrast to being drunk with wine is to be filled with the Spirit (Eph. v, 18), and this is the privilege of all believers.

The insanity of drunkenness, with its insatiable selfishness and cruel appropriation of the prosperity of others, is seen in the demands of Ben-hadad upon Ahab for his silver and gold, wives and children and everything pleasant in his home and the homes of his servants (verses 1-6), and yet strong drink has done and is doing just that in numberless homes today. When the Lord is rejected and any other ruler installed it is always a matter of take, take, take all that one has (I Sam. viii, 10-18). How great the contrast to God, who giveth life and health and all things, who gave His only begotten Son, and in Him life eternal and glory and all things freely (Acts xvii, 25; John iii, 16; x, 28; xvii, 22; Rom. viii, 32). How desperately wicked and cruel the devil must be to blind people to the love of God, who giveth all things, that he may take all they have for time and eternity (I Cor. iv, 3, 4).

There is something more and deeper and far-reaching in this lesson chapter than the story of drunken Ben-hadad, whom God had appointed to utter destruction (verse 42) because of his sins. Ahab, king of Israel, was about as bad as a man could be, under the influence of his wicked wife, Jezebel, and yet for Israel's sake, but chiefly for His own great name's sake, for Israel was His people, though in rebellion against Him. He gave Ahab victory over Ben-hadad and his associates twice, although Israel's forces were like two little flocks of kids, while the Syrians filled the country (verse 27). He did this that Ahab might know Him as the true God instead of Baal, whom he worshipped to please his wife (verses 13, 28). By this great goodness He would if possible lead Ahab to repentance, for He is not willing that any should perish (Rom. ii, 4; I Pet. iii, 9).

Three times in this lesson the Lord sent special messengers to Ahab, twice to encourage him and once to reprove him (verses 13, 28, 38). At the first victory Israel slew the Syrians with a great slaughter, but they came again, saying, We were defeated because the gods of Israel are the gods of the hills; therefore we will fight against them in the plain and surely overcome them. Because they talked thus the Lord said by His second messenger that He would deliver this great multitude of Syrians into Ahab's hands, and so Israel slew 100,000 footmen of the Syrians in one day, and a wall fell upon 27,000 more and killed them, but Ben-hadad made his escape and hid in an inner chamber (verses 28-30).

The king of Syria's servants planned a scheme by which they might learn if Ahab was inclined to be merciful to him and spare him. Ahab called him "my brother" and said, "Go ye, bring him," so they met and made a covenant one with the other (verses 31-34). This led to the Lord's sending a third messenger with a reproof for Ahab because he had spared Ben-hadad, and "the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased (verse 43). We are reminded of Saul sparing Agag and also the best of the sheep and oxen, and also of the Lord's message by Samuel, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" (I Sam. xv, 9, 22).

In last week's lesson we saw Jezebel possessed by the devil, and now we see two men with the same trouble, Ben-hadad and Ahab, and yet the Lord would have used Ahab had he been willing, but he preferred a compromise with the king of Syria rather than faithfulness to the God of Israel who had given him two such wonderful victories. So it is still; the mighty God, the God of Jacob, is ready to hold strongly with all whose hearts are whole toward Him (II Chron. xvi, 9, margin), but many professed servants of the Lord prefer to be friendly with some Ben-hadad rather than be faithful to God and rebuke their sin. "Busy here and there" (verse 40) with many things that are not of God describes the life of many a preacher, and rather compromising with certain wrong things because of the standing of the persons who do them than rebuke the wrong.

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