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By Jane Phelps

NEIL SUGGESTS THAT BARBARA LEAVE EARLY

CHAPTER XCIX.

Of course I understood very little of what they discussed. I noticed however that not only Mrs. Orton but the other two women as well as the men seemed perfectly familiar with all the details. Occasionally the hostess would interrupt with some remark, and I noticed that whatever she said received attention. It was not so with the others. As I observed this I recalled what Frederick had said: they were invited to amuse and entertain men like Tearle and Connor. When the coffee was served the discussion had become quite heated. Mrs. Orton, Neil and Tearle talking fast and earnestly. She and Neil were trying to prove to Tearle that he put up a large amount of money, his returns were bound to be enormous. I noticed that Frederick had not once joined in the conversation.

Finally we all rose from the table and adjourned to the drawing room where card tables had been placed while we were at dinner.

"Mrs. Forbes does not play," Neil's voice startled me. I played an excellent game of bridge, but never had played poker, the game they intended to play.

"That is too bad! suppose we do not."

"I will chat with Mrs. Forbes. You do not need me in the game," Mr. Frederik interrupted. He at once placed a chair for me some distance from the table, and sat himself near, asking permission to smoke. Then: "Why did you do it?"

"I had to." I did not pretend to misunderstand him. "I must find some way to help Neil—instead of having him come here," I spoke very low.

"You were very brave. I don't understand how you accomplish it."

"I will tell you some time. I will tell you now however that I never liked Mrs. Orton so well as I do tonight. She came to my aid wonderfully."

"She is a remarkable woman—in many ways," he returned slowly. Then for a few moments we did not speak. I noticed that both Neil and Mrs. Orton frequently glanced in my direction. Once I overheard one of the women say:

"It's stupid to-night!" and I knew she was referring to my presence. Frederick also had heard and commenced talking. After a few moments another remark was made, so palpably with me in mind that no one could mistake its meaning. I flushed, to my annoyance, then regained my composure as Neil said: "As you don't play cards, Bab, why not play the piano." Then: "My wife is a finished musician," he added to no one in particular.

"Oh, do, Mrs. Forbes! I haven't

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TALKING IT OVER

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A Losing Game.

"Dear Lorna Moon: "I am married and have a daughter of ten. My married life has been fairly happy, and I have been fairly content until last year, when I met the man of my life. My affection for my husband, and his for me, has always been of the hum drum order. We grew up together, and married very young, more because everybody expected us to, rather than from any real love to be united. We have jogged along at an easy trot. My husband is the placid sort that finds one love affair (even a lukewarm one) enough for his whole life. Once married, he is methodical in mind, body and estate—or so it seems to me. I thought that we were both of the same type until this other man came along. He swept me off my feet, and I realized that I had never really lived until I met him. It is amazing how we can grab along like a worm hardly understanding why we are on the earth, and then suddenly—we know.

"It sometimes seems to me as if I sit in the room with my husband and that he must see the truth, sometimes I almost blurt it out. I am living two lives, one, a make believe life in which the man and I are transcendently happy together; and while I dream that I am going through the motions of being a good wife and mother here, I want to unburden myself to my husband, or I want to go with the other man as he wishes; I can't bear this pretend existence."

You can't control your heart, my correspondent, but you can control your actions. Yours is no uncommon tragedy. Your desire to unburden is purely a selfish one; you want to shift the pain to somebody else's shoulders. Why make chaos of your husband's peace of mind? It is your grief, why make it his? If you must go with the other man, go. But remember that you will lose your child, your good name and your peace of mind. If you stay, keep your secret. It's a losing game which every way you play it—but at least you are no longer "grubbing along like a worm."

Leaving Early in July.
Brig-Gen. Perreau hopes to sail for England early in July to join his regiment. He has been one of the most efficient commandants the Royal Military College has ever had. He has brought the institution right up to date during his administration. Kingstonians generally will regret his departure.

Rev. H. A. Goss, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has arrived in Picton to take charge of the Pentecostal church of God in succession to Rev. N. F. Eby.

COUNTY COUNCIL SESSION

THE POTATO CASE NOT YET ENTERED FOR TRIAL

Orphans' Home Asks For Increased Grant—Notice Received Regarding Provincial Highway.

The county council opened its June session on Wednesday morning with Warden Truscott presiding. Other members in attendance were: Councillors McGregor, Patterson, Wensley, Driscoll, Hawes, Clark, Heaton, Parks, Cox, Gray, Mailhand, Reed, Halliday, Gemmill, McFadden and Spankie.

These communications were referred to committees: Nickle, Farrell and Day, county solicitors, that they were unable to serve notice of trial at Supreme Court of May 19th, or sittings of county court on June 10th, regarding potato deficit.

F. W. Barrett, Inspector, C.A.S., Napanee, for maintenance of the

Doctor children, claimed to belong to Frontenac.

Thomas D. Ruston, Inspector C. A. S., Belleville, regarding children of Rose Peters, claiming maintenance from County of Frontenac.

The Orphans' Home committee, Kingston, asking for county grant to be increased from \$175 to \$500.

Rev. Ben. H. Spence, secretary Dominion Alliance, Toronto, asking for passing of resolution to make permanent the war time liquor prohibition.

W. A. Maclean, D.M.H., Toronto, that the plans of the provincial highway in the township of Pittsburg have been deposited in the registry office of the county of Frontenac, and that such highway shall be vested in the Crown at 12 o'clock noon on the 23rd day of May, 1919, as provided by section 5 of the Provincial Highways Act.

W. A. Maclean, D.M.H., stating that in accordance with section 28 of the Highway Improvement Act the minister has approved of the designation of a provincial county road in the county of Frontenac as follows: Provincial county road No. 64, county road No. 8, commencing

at the military road in the village of Barrieffield and running north-easterly to the easterly boundary of the township of Pittsburg.

W. Huber, assistant engineer, Highways Department, Toronto, enclosing a copy of order-in-council authorizing payment to the county of Frontenac of \$10,400.36, provincial subsidy on expenditure on county roads for year 1918.

The Navy League of Canada, asking for a grant of \$2,000.

Deputy Minister of Education, that legislative grant to the rural public and separate schools in county of Frontenac is to raise an equivalent amount, in for public schools \$1,525.94, and separate schools \$122.96.

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