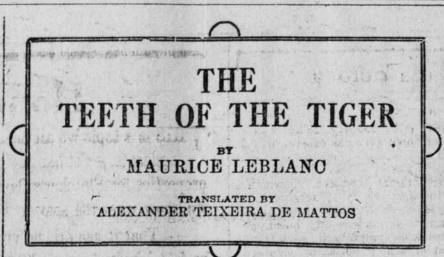


## Canada extends to you a hearty invitation to settle on her



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## CHAPTER FIFTEEN. (Continued.)

end his face expressed a certain "Yoi, know it as well as I do, Confess! It's possible that, saying: during the last ten days, you've woman, to look upon her as in- me. nocent in spite of the overwhelming proofs against her. But toso, Chief? I'm right, am I not? You see it for yourself? This time Don Luis did not protest. With a drawn face and set eves he watched the motor bus. which at that moment was standing still at the corner of the Boulevard Haussmann.

"Stop!" he shouted to the driver.

The girl alighted. It was easy cast round her eyes as if to make sure that she was not being followed, and then took a cob and drove down the boulevard and the Rue de la Pepiniere, to the Gare which the stand

on following her, caught sight of her again at the ticket office at

the end of the waiting hall. "Quick, Mazeroux!" he said. taken. Run, before another passenger comes. Mazeroux hurried and ques-

tioned the ticket clerk and re turned :

"Second class for Rouen." "Take one for yourself."

Mazeroux did so. They found the attacks of the law with no that there was an express due to start in a minute. When they reached the platform Florence in the middle of the train. The engine whistled.

She's very clever, you know.'

"But why don't you come your-self, Chief? It would be much malions could not help looking at tied and of which he tying the threads?"

long for two reasons: first, be- gan by inspiring and which, in cause M. Fauville's confessions any case, he turned to his own remain at our disposal and we profit, resolutely completed and know definitely the monstrous carried out to the very end. And part which he played; and, sec- he did so because he knew of ondly, because, after all, the Cosmo Mornington's will. It is truth, however complicated it he whom I accuse, Monsieur le may seem, is really very simple. Prefet.

"It all lies in the objection "I accuse him at the very least made to me on leaving the felonies which cannot be attributwrecked house on the Boulevard ed to Hippolyte Fauville. I ac-Suchet: 'How is it,' you asked, cuse him of breaking open the that the Mornington inheritance drawer of the desk in which is not mentioned in Hippolyte Maitre Lepertuis, Cosmo Morn-Fauville's confession?' It all lies ington's solicitor, had put his in that, Monsieur le Prefet. Hip- client's will. I accuse him of enpolyte Fauville did not say a tering Cosmo Mornington's room word about the inheritance; and and substituting a phial containthe reason evidently is that he ing a toxic fluid for one of the satisfaction as though he were did not know of it.

"I've got you this time, my fine Sauverand was able to tell me his hypodermic injections. I accuse brought yourself, for love of that fellow, and you shan't escape whole sensational story without him of playing the part of a doc-The office messenger returned inheritance was that the inherit- Mornington's death and of delivand, without a word, led the way ance played no sort of part in ering a false certificate. I accuse day the truth hits you in the eye. for Don Luis. Perenna passed in Gaston Sauverand's story. He, him of supplying Hippolyte Faufront of Weber with the politest too, knew nothing of it before ville with the poison which killed of bows, bestowed a friendly lit- those events, any more than Marie successively Inspector Verot, Edtle nod on the detectives, and en- Fauville did, or Florence Levas- mond Fauville, and Hippolyte The Comte d'Astrignac hurried fact: Hippolyte Fauville was arming and turning against me up to him at once, with hands guided by revenge and by re- the hand of Gaston Sauverand, outstretched, thus showing that venge alone. If not, why should who, acting under his advice and

tinued to hold Private Perenna of lions reverted to him by the full- ing the death of my chauffeur. the Foreign Legion. But the est of rights? Besides, if he had I accuse him of profiting by the Perfect of Police maintained an wished to enjoy those millions, he relations which Gaston Sauverand under her nurse's uniform. She attitude of reserve which was would not have begun by killing had established with the infirmvery significant. He went on turn-, himself. ing over the papers which he was

examining and conversed in a low tain: the inheritance in no way for Marie Fauville to receive the voice with the solicitor and the affected Hippolyte Fauville's re- Lypodermic syringe and the phial American Secretary of Embassy, solves or actions. And, never. of poison with which the poor Don Luis thought to himself: theless, one after the other, with woman was able to carry out her Don Luis saw her from a dis-tance climbing the steps that run up from the Cour de Rome; and, the bracelets on his wrists. If it's not the real culprit, it'll be the Mornington inheritance, they went on: all disappeared : Cosmo Morning-

"Get out your detective card and ask the clerk what ticket she's before the magistrates, and had tune; next, all those whom he had seeing the inevitable results of his justice of to incur the penalty of appointed his legatees; and, I re- act. To sum up, therefore, withimmediate arrest. In the same peat, in the very order in which out mentioning his share in the the will enabled them to lay claim other crimes-the death of Inof the struggle, he had been to the fortune!

to suppose that there was a con- Fauville, Hippolyte Fauville, Matrolling mind at the back of it rie Fauville, and Gaston Sauverall? Are we not bound to admit and; in plain words, of killing all that the formidable contest was those who stood between the milwas stepping into a compartment slaughts, never out of danger, he influenced by that inheritance, lions and himself. These last had successively hurried to their and that, above the hatred and words, Monsieur le Prefet, will deaths Marie Fauville and Gas- jealousy of the loathsome Fau- tell you clearly what I have in

sieur le Prefet. It will not take ued a work which he perhaps be-

which you, Monsieur le Prefet, of that part of the crimes and phials of glycero-phosphate which "And the reason why Gaston Cosmo Mornington used for his making the least allusion to the tor who came to certify Cosmo seur. There is no denying the Fauville himself. I accuse him of all the tittle-tattle in no way af-fected the esteem in which he con-that Cosmo Mornington's mil-take my life and ended by causary in order to communicate with "One thing, therefore, is cer. Marie Fauville, and of arranging

you, my poor old chap." And he remembered the early part of the case, when he was in part of the case, when he was in "I accuse him of conveying to spector Verot, the death of my obliged, while fighting the invis-ible enemy, to expose himself to Perenna, "and are we not bound ing Cosmo Mornington, Edmond

"Get in," said Don Luis, hiding himself as best he could. "Tele-graph to me from Rouen; and Till the real energy are all as about to fight the real energy are all of the real energy graph to me from Rouen; and T'll join you this evening. Above all, keep your eyes on her. Don't let her slip between your fingers. She's very claver were her were her were her were her were her graph to ment? He rubbed his herds with out to fight her slip between your fingers. tied and of which he is now un- ally insure his entering into possession of the millions. In short. Don Luis leaned forward and when a man does awa "Out of the question. The train air of a man who is experiencing doesn't stop before Rouen; and I a pure joy and who is preparing to taste others even greater and the prefet, the public instinct so thoroughly agrees are store and the millionaire's fifth heir. The Perfect of Police remained with M. Weber, the deputy chief ment."

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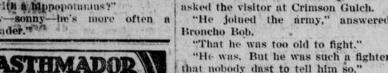
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couldn't be back till this evening. to taste others even greater. The meeting at the Perfect's at

five o'clock. "And you insist on going ?"

in!" He pushed him into one of the pers once more and, in the end, mind. There had to be some one end carriages. The train started said:

and soon disappeared in the tunnel.

remained there for two hours, pretending to read the newspa-pers. But his eyes wandered and here. I have received a tele-cosmo Mornington's heir? ence guilty or not?

same moment some one entered sent, Monsieur le Prefet.' the messengers' room and handed in his card.

at the pasteboard, turned his head to ask him to explain. quickly toward a group of men talking in a corner, and then ask- person?' ed the newcomer:

"Have you an appointment, ton heirs." sir ?

na.

tive.

iably. Weber was livid; he shook striving to contain himself. the facts of the matter as it now Near him stood a couple of stands? They will form a natural

"But their confusion shows that Suchet."

He rubbed his hands with such

either to deliver the criminal to

way, from the start to the finish

means of defending himself ex-

cept by indispensable victories.

Harassed by constant on-

silent for a moment, as though at its head, argues in a manner asking himself what that devil of so exactly identical with my own, "More than ever. There, jump a fellow could be so pleased with; that the existence of that being

men, as we did two months ago, That some one was myself. After

speaker was Don Luis. The Pre- the public instinct is right in ac-The messenger on duty glanced fect hesitated and then decided cusing me.

that I'm here: Don Luis Peren- the resistance which he encount- le Prefet.

in every limb and was plainly "will you allow me to set forth I have felt the teeth of the tiger exclaimed, in a more vehement

continued earnestly:

then he fumbled through his pa- is at once confirmed in every Police, who was forgetting the to act as the controlling brain, to erful and closely reasoned argu-

Then Don Luis flung himself on to come to a definite conclusion all, why not? Did not I possess Luis announced. Don Luis rea bench in a waiting room and about the Mornington inherit- the condition which was indis-

his mind was haunted by the ag-onizing question that once more Senor Caceres is seriously ill. may be that outside interference, forced itself upon him : was Flor- However, his presence was not in- it may be that circumstances, will dispensable. There is no one lack- oblige you, Monsieur le Prefet, to It was five o'clock when Major ing, therefore-except those, alas, take unjustifiable measures Comte d'Astrignac, Maitre Lep- whose claims this meeting would against me; but I will not insult Comte d'Astrignae, Maitre Lep-ertuis, and the secretary of the gladly have sanctioned, that is to American Embassy were shown into M Desmalion's office. At the "There is one other person ab-whose acts you have been Sole to judge for the last two months M. Desmalions looked up. The capable of such crimes. And yet

"Apart from Hippolyte Fau-"Whom do you mean? What ville, there is necessarily a crim-

inal; and that criminal is neces-"The murderer of the Morning- sarily Cosmo Mornington's heir. As I am not the man, Laother This time again Don Luis com- heir of Cosmo Mornington exists. ville and Gaston Sanverand, it "It's not necessary. Just say pelled attention and, in spite of It is he whom I accuse, Monsieur demands, as its inevitable out-

ered, obliged the others to take "There is something more than A kind of electric shock ran notice of his presence and to a dead man's will in the wicked through the little group in the yield to his ascendancy. What-corner; and one of the persons ever happened, they had to listen fore us. We thought for a time to "s absolute heir, taking preceforming it came forward. It was to him. Whatever happened, they that there was only that; but dence of myself, will come to Weber, the deputy chief detec- had to discuss with him things there is something more. I have which seemed incredble, but not been fighting a dead man all he has won by means of his in-The two men looked each other which were possible because he the time; more than once I have credible audacity." in the eyes. Don Luis smiled am- put them into words. iably. Weber was livid; he shook "Monsieur le Prefet," he asked, against my face. More than once come?" M. Desmalions once more felt the very breath of life strike

journalists and four detectives. sequel and conclusion of the in-"By Jove! the beggars are terview which we had after the even then, was he alone in doing there for me!" thought Don Luis, explosion on the Boulevard what he did? Was the being of

they did not believe that I should have the cheek to come. Are they going to arrest me?" Weber did not move, but in the Weber did not move, but in the

"What!"

It was a spontaneous exclamawhole of Don Luis Perenna's pow-"We have met again, gentle- provide the will and the energy. ment, and thinking only of the stupefying apparition which Don plied :

"Monsieur le Prefet, his visit is the logical outcome of my accusations. Remember that Cosmo Mornington's will explicitly states that no heir's claim will be valid unless he is present at today's meeting.

"And suppose he does not come?" asked the Prefect, thus showing that Don Luis' convietion had gradually got the better of his doubts.

"He will come, Monsieur le Prefet. If not, there would have been no sense in all this business. Limited to the crimes and other actions of Hippolyte Fauville, it could be looked upon as the preposterous work of a madman. Continued to the details of Marie Faucome, the appearance of a person who, as the last descendant of the Roussels of Saint-Etienne and claim the hundred millions which

"And suppose he does not tone.

## (Continued Next Week.)

Major-General Davidson, who was elected to parliament recently, left gen-eral headquarters in France by airwhom I speak merely one who place motored from his landing place of the westminster, took the oath and sat

the facts of the matter as it now seeking to tear me. stands? They will form a natural "The dead man did much, but