

some extraordinary happenings at Baldoon between the years 1829 and 1831, causing wide-spread commotion in the neighbourhood, the flame of which was carried to other parts of Canada and to the United States, and brought many curious visitors to Baldoon.

#### LEGENDS UNITE IN TROYER.

The interest of the story, as far as this paper is concerned, is in its connection with Doctor Troyer, the famous witch-doctor of Long Point. The various incidents of the Baldoon narratives, coupled with the story of Ramsay's buried treasure, bring to our notice an extraordinary combination of the folk-lore of various parts of western Europe, a combination quite natural, when we consider the heterogeneous origin of the various settlements along Lake Erie—German, Dutch, French and British. Teuton and Celt have contributed each his share to the stories. The celestial hosts and battles in the air are known to many countries. Pliny refers to them. Milton celebrates them. The legends of the Chasse Galerie, the Hunting of Arthur, the "Wilde Jäger," all deal with them. The black dog, the divining rod, the mysterious fires, the divining hat, the witch-stone, the mysterious movements of stones and bullets, the gray goose with broken wing, the conjuring with book and candle at midnight, there is perhaps not an original feature in the narratives. The important fact is that they are all brought practically into one story through the connection with Dr. Troyer.