EMIGRATING 50 YEARS AGO.

FROM IRELAND TO CANADA.

old Days in Montreal-Scenes on a Cholera-Stricken Vessel-Political Fights.

[BY ALEXANDER DALY OF CHICAGO.]

Efforts made for some time past for and particularly Lower Canada, as it was then called) in the minds of the emigunt, from the fact of its being a colony of Great Britain, as many believed that the laws under which they lived in Ire were not fairly administerted, which led them to believe that so long as they live I under British rule, the same manny and oppression would still exist in a British colony. But this fear was dispelled when they found themselves in Canada, under a mild, liberal and enlightened government, where every man earlive under his own fig tree and enjoy the fruits of his labors. These ideas, be they true or false, have driven many thosands and I might say millons, to become subjects of an alien country.

Abother mistaken idea with which the intending emigrant deludes himself is that the climate of Canada is so severe that it is most unpleasant to live in it. But experience teaches that

CANADA IS NO COLDER

than the majority of the Northern States of the Union; that it is more healthy; freer from fevers and ague, and that Montreal is many degrees south of thecities of Cork and Belfast, in Ireland.

But having diverged from my subject allow me to point out some of the many advantages now to be found in favor of emigrating to Canada that did not then (some fifty years ago) exist. The navigating of the Atlantic by steam was not then thought of, consequently the long and tedious passages of seven or eight weeks in an old sailing vessel, over-cowded with passengers, no doctor on hard, and very poor accommodation for either the comfort or morals of the pas-

The writer of this sketch sailed from Dublin in 1832, in an old brig called the Caricks, of White Haven, with at least Mpassengers on board. She sailed in the same of their escaping the same fatthat had befallen their friends. In the course of three weeks over one hundred were east overboard from that deadful plague ship. The writer assisted formorning in throwing into the sea 12 daubolies of those who had died during the same smart skipping took who had died during the same smart skipping took who had died during the same smart skipping took who had died during the same smart skipping took who had died during the same smart skipping took who had died during the same smart skipping took who had died during the same smart skipping the same smart skippi that the care and safety of the vessel de-lada, pended on the writer and two others of Johnst

States. Our ship was

THE FIRST TO BRING THE DISEASE

broken out there previous to our arrival. The city was in a panic and confusion reigned supreme. Every door was closed against us. We were obliged to sleep on the wharf all night. Next day we were sent to a magistrate and had to make a deposition that we were not sick since our arrival, before we could go aboard the steamer for Montreal. We got aboard the old steamer Chambly, which took two days and a night to get to Montreal, and then she had to be towed up the current St. May's by oxen. Two of the lands on the heat died during the passage from Quebec to Montreal. Still more strange to say, the cholera had broken out before

Montreal at that time cut only a poor figure. There was not what might be called a decent cut stone building in the city. No whart to land on, except through a mud hole knee deep or over planks. The population then numbered interest in colonization and emigration, should be some population than numbered interest in colonization and emigration, should be some population to be some population and emigration. about 23,000. No police force, only a lot of watchmen, who needed to be watched themselves. No market, except a few stalls, known as the Old Market, which street hardly then existed. It was a regular cesspool for all the filth of that part of the city. St. James street amounted to very little west of the French square, except a few scattered houses. The writer was one day at

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now stands, opposite the new one, corner of St. Francis Xavier and St. James streets. It consisted of the lot extending down St. James street about one acre west, with a small one story wooden house. The price for which it was sold was £505 10s cd. Excavations were then made in St. James street in 1833, opposite the St. Lawrence Hall, from which cart-loads of human bones were taken, the encouragement of intending emitthat place having at one time been the encourage in the different provinces the only burying ground for the of the Dominion of Canoda, have caused city. The old French church stood in of the Dominion of Canoda, have caused the centre of Notre Dame street, nearly opposite the present French Cathedra. A draw well used by the Fabrique in stranges that now exist in contrast to olden times also occupied Notre Dame street, opposite the Seminary gate. advantages that now exist in contrast to offen times also occupied Notre Dame street, opposite the Seminary gate. In that years ago. Allow me, therefore, to the that year came the historical tug of war, to break down Tory ism. The famous facilities that now exist to encourage election of that year returned Mr. Dustreet in Lower Canada, that settlers to locate in Lower Canada, that vernay of La Minerve, and Dr. Tracy, did not exist when I came to Canada. Editor of the Vindicator. Both these The intending emigrant. previous to his gentlemen were imprisoned in the fortress the intending emigrant. Previous to the of Quebec, for supposed high treason. Their triumphant return to Montreal ideas, and expectations, which he hopes on their release from prison was sometorealize in the land of his adoption. The procession of the First of all his object is to better his posisome of his friends to go to some particular large of his friends to go to some particular large of his friends to go to some particular large of his friends to go to some particular large of his friends to go to some particular large of his labor, his religion and mationality, without resimint and where positively good laws exist. In former times a law exist. I The Tory party, as they were then called, organized themselves into different societies, such as the "Darricks," the "Steel Caps," the "L. P. S." or "Loyal Protestant Society." Then followed the figures elections with Popusary and famous elections with Papmeau and Nelson, the Liberal candidates, Walker and Danlan as the Tory nominees. The former was successful, after a struggle of four or five weeks and some very hard fighting. Street fights were common during this contest. The Tory party organized the "Axe-handle Guards," which did good execution in those days. under Daddy Dempsey, as their leader, (a Country Cork man,) was called. The Liberals, or Papineaus, were mustered under Joe Mofferant, a Canadian bully. The writer was present when the Liberals, attacked the General Brock Tayern, (the Tory headquarters.) in McGill street, about 300 strong. They broke the doors; demolished the stoves, destroyed the liquor, and fired the house. The Tories repulsed the attack with axe handles, and a regular street fight took place. The "Sons of Liberty" retreated to the

stronghold. They could not stand the AXE HANDLE BRIGADE.

Quebec and St. Laurence suburbs, their

Lord Aylmer was then the Governor-General of Canada. In the Quebcc Assembly L. Y. Papineau, Member for Montreal, was the leader of the Assembly. He tried to pass laws in accordance with the wishes of the majority, but was toiled by the Legislative Council, the nominees of the Crown.

Schools were then well supported in the country parts by the government of the day, the funds therefor coming out of a full chest. A letter from the Old Country then cost 5s 6d postage. The Cameks, of White Haven, with at least 80 passengers on board. She sailed in April of that year, and when a few days at sea the cholora broke out with all its horrors, the ship having contracted that malady from New Castle (England), where she had been for a cargo of coul. It is more easy to imagine than to describe the horror-stricken passengers, seing their nearest and dearest friends. thrown overboard in dozons, with but there were no volunteers. The Irish

dealbodies of those who had died during the night. The carpenter and three ing 37. Dr. Robert Nelson, T. S. Brown, of the sailors had died. The captain and Dr. Wolfed Nelson, mates were both sick, and I may say were prominent leaders in Lower Candard Wm. Lyon McKenzie and Bill ada, Wm. Lyon McKenzie and Bill Johnston, of Navy Island notoriety, in pended on the writer and two others of the passengers.

After a passage of seven weeks we arrived opposite to Gross Isle and anchored in the river. Two of the passengers died in the river. Two of the passengers died in the St. Lawrence. The passengers were landed on the island to "ride quaranting." The cholera morbus was then unknown in either Canada or the United States. Our ship was sent to Bermuda and remained there til the general amnesty, which did not to America. After a period of 15 days please the Tory party. The writer does ourship continued her course to Quebec, not forget the sympathy of a certain and, strange to say, the cholera had Montreal journal at the time when the and, strange to say, the cholera had broken out there previous to our Vigers, the Papineaus, the Nelsons and Vigers, the Papineaus, the Nelsons and

Quelec to Montreal. Still more strange to say, the cholera had broken out before our arrival there. All works were suspended and all doors closed against us, except the boarding houses, which charged fabulous prices for very poor accommodation.

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went on very slowly until the coalition administration of Hincks and Morin, which came into power about the year

by opening the country by means of colonization roads, following the footsteps of the lumberman and extending the surveys of the waste lands of the Crown, giving to the settlers all possible encouragement by lowering the price of

tracted to an auction gathered by the noise of a hand bell, in the hand of an old French auctioneer. The property to be sold was the site where

able exertions of the Rev. Father Labelle, parish priest of St. Jerome, who is the friend of internal, as well as external colonization. He has caused the surveying of several townships, and has had them created into parishes in the diocese of Montreal and thereby assists in retaining the rising generation of the French-Canadians, in the Province of Quebec.

My intention is still turther to continue my remarks later as to the pro gress, and different changes which have taken place since the rebellion of 1837-38, and the passing events for many years after the establishment of Responsible Government in the provinces of Quebec, as well as many of the changes that took the place of the old system of Downing street rule and the substitution of Responsible Government. I shall add other remarks bringing us up to late

ALEX DALY, An Emigrant of 1882.

It will be seen that the last pamgraph but one of Mr. Daly's interesting letter unfortunately requires to be read in the past tense.]

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FATHER I. McGOWAN Rector. Sore Distress.

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Late mide creamery, 22c@236; a makes, 20c@21c; late made townshi 18c@20c; western rolls, 15c@17c; western, 1410@151c; niedium grades @120.

The market shows little change appears seem inclined only to sale busin on such lois as can be had for the forcer ample. The market here has been protesty well cleared of such lots; there are

none offering.

Finest late made, 9{c@9}c; fine stock, 9{@9}; Medium grades, 0@9\$; cable, 50e. Provisions.

There is a fair jobbing trade doing in pork and lard, but business on the whole is dull and unimportant. Prices are unis dull and unimportant. Prices are the changed as follows:—Canadjan short cut; per brl., \$15.@ \$15.50; mess pork, western, per brl., \$15.00 @ \$15.50; short cut; western, per brl., \$16.00 @ \$16.50; short cut; western, per brl., \$16.00 @ \$16.50; hands, city cured, per lb., 100 @ 11c; hands, canvassed, per lb., 101c @ 11ic; hands, canvassed, per lb., 101c @ \$10; hands, per lb.; 9c @ 10c; lard, com, refined, per lb., 8c @ \$1c. Eggs.

There is nothing new in the egg market which continues steady with a good demand. We quote new laid 26c @ 27c, limed 22c @ 23c, and held 28c @ 24c.

The dressed hog market is tolerably firm. Holders claim that the hogs in the country are well marketed and think that car lots are worth \$6.25 @ \$6.40. Poultry.

The receipts of poultry have been light latterly and barely sufficient for the de-mand, turkeys and chickens being in especially good demand. We quote turkeys 11c@12c; chickens, 6c@8c; geese, 5c @ 7c, and ducks, 8c @ 8c.

OTTAWA, January 8.—Apart; from the exceedingly favorable reports which from time to time are made by the Doublists immigration agents, they are accomplishing good progress in the work of repatriction, especially in Dakota. There is abundance of outside evidence to show this, and that next spring will see in Manitoba and the Northwest a great in-flux of Canadians from the Western States. The Gazette correspondent wa informed to-day at the Department of the Interior that letters were almost daily arriving from settlers in Dakota asking information about lands in the Northwest. All who are able to more to Canadian territory, especially in South Dakota, will do so next spring and they will no followed by others, is to be regretted that many are so neavily it volved as to be unable to come. See effort, it is said, is being made: o advance money through a Winnipeg company to some of the farmers to get their chattel released and a lien to be taken on the same after arriving in Canada.

Doctors' Disagree.

BERLIN, January 8.—Prof. Vircho delivered a lecture before the Berli delivered a lecture before the partin Medical society, giving the results of twenty-one post mortem examinations made on bodies of patients who died after being treated with lymph according to the Koch method. Prof. Virehow, the clared the injection of the lymphs. creases the bacilli in the body and continuously unaffected, thus virially erating a new affection. The propagators and the lymph invariably continuously the lymph invariably continuously the lymph invariably continuously continuously invariably continuously intense hypersonia in various pai the body and endangers the life of patient. It had not been clearly pot that the lymph would destroy to culous tistue and it was danger operate on weak patients. He ded much patient experimenting with lymph was still necessary to establi-clear judgment of its remedial walls.

The McKinley Bill.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—M.; Leon Say, and justicle in the Journal des Desbats, sever criticises the McKinley tariff lemand criticises the McKinley tariff laws and American Farmers' Alliance. He clares America, not with standing its mense wealth, cannot, carry out if dustrial, commercial or agricultural terprises without European capital continues. The fact of the situation they have destroyed their within abusing it by maladining training it by maladining training the transport enterprises, and by their worse administration of their morals a reading occurrently in morals. American creditions finances. Unless a reaction occurred public morals, American creditions recover from its abasement and its goultural like its other industries, will main a prey to successive convillation which transient fremedics will sought by the adoption of experime certain to fail, continually leadings country to a graver crists. It is agoning that in a country of business they have brought themselves will that there are no limits from the distinct of lation. If America turns its min doin and raises the page.

Alliance up a same the page.