

A Scene on Vancouver's Island.

This scene which we here present to our readers, though rich in woodland beauty, can give but a faint idea of the beauty of this lovely isle, the gem of the Northern Pacific. The inland mountains of the mainland and the gentle breezes of the Pacific have the effect of moderating the temperature of the climate, so that it is milder and more enjoyable than that of New York at its pleasantest seasons. Throughout the year the choice flowers, that in less favored climes need artificial heat, grow wild in this island, and "waste their sweetness on the desert air." Vancouver's Island is, as you are aware, part of British Columbia, the most distant Province of the Dominion, from her capital and from the seat of empire, Great Britain. The Province is very mountainous, though greatly diversified by intervals of very productive land, and rivers having their sources in the highlands.

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SIR,—If you will send me a few copies of your Exhibition No. I will be happy to distribute them to parties who do not take the ADVOCATE. I am surprised that so many of our intelligent farmers take no purely agricultural paper, such as yours, and I intend to do all I can this fall to help increase its circulation. I have been a reader of the ADVOCATE for years, and I am satisfied it is the BEST AGRICULTURAL PAPER PUBLISHED FOR THE CANADIAN FARMERS, AND MOST DEVOTED TO THEIR INTERESTS. I CONSIDER THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SUPPORT SUCH A PAPER ARE STANDING IN THEIR OWN LIGHT. Yours very truly,

JOHN MCGURK, Colville, Ont.
Sept. 6th, 1880.

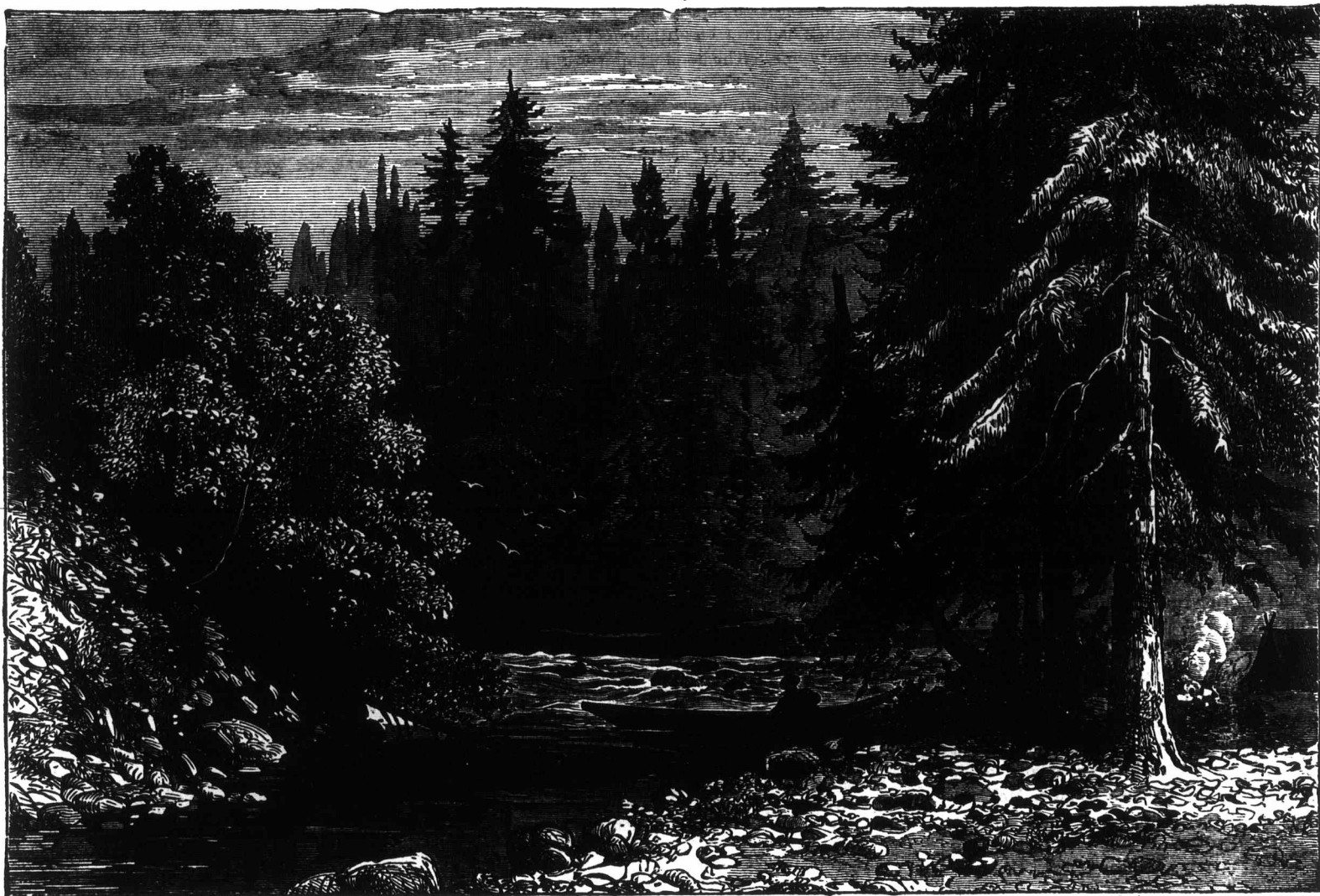
Brule, Colchester Co., N. S.,
September 4th, 1880.

SIR,—I enclose you one dollar for the ADVOCATE. There is no dollar spent on the farm for

A Small Couple.

Germany can justifiably boast of having produced the smallest married couple that ever stood before an altar, in the persons of a miniature "Marquis" and "Marchioness," who have for some time past been exhibited at the Place du Theatre, at Odessa. The Marquis, a native of Kiel, is thirty years old, and weighs only 19 pounds, while his fairy-like consort, a young lady born in Meunister some 22 years ago, just turns the scales at 13 pounds. At a first glance, this tiny pair, it is said, might be taken for a couple of scarcely weaned babies, dressed up for a joke in the garb of adults, but on a closer examination, the genuineness of their maturity becomes unmistakably apparent.

A certain flavor of romance runs through the story of the circumstances that led to their union. Although they are both German born wonders, leased by their parents to travelling showmen at an early age, they never happened to meet at the fairs and Kermessen of their native land; but a year ago the Marquis being on exhibition at Mos-



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Extensive tracts are well adapted to stock feeding and agriculture. The most valuable timber in the Western Hemisphere is in British Columbia. On the mainland the extent of land suitable for immediate settlement is estimated at 200,000 square miles; with the improvement of the country this acreage will be greatly enlarged. The Province is very rich in minerals—gold, silver, iron, platinum, plumbago and coal especially. The Canada Pacific Railway, which is now being built, will connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the entire line being in British territory. The isle comprises nearly 20,000 square miles of good land. Its exports are, timber, fish, wool and the precious metals. Victoria is increasing greatly in wealth and population. The capital of the Province, New Westminster, is on the mainland.

which I receive so much value as in paying for the ADVOCATE. I received your package of seeds you sent last spring, for which accept my thanks. I threshed the Swiss oats yesterday, and had a yield at the rate of eighty-five bushels to one sown.

Yours truly, JAMES SEMPLE.

SIR,—Every person in Canada owes you a debt of gratitude, as I consider you have done more to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious diseases in our country than any other individual.

S. M. BRANT.

Aug. 25th, 1880.

Though this is said to be a year of great plenty, all places are not alike favored with abundance. A farmer in Kansas writes: "With us harvesting of fall wheat is all over; that which has been threshed gives a poor return. Corn is not doing very well. The bugs are destroying it."

cow, while Frulein Lilli was starrng at St. Petersburg, they became aware of one another's existence through reading the newspaper notices of their respective characteristics, and entered into a correspondence, which soon led to a rendezvous, and ultimately to the contraction of a matrimonial engagement. Now they take their professional rounds together, and are saving up their earnings with the object of retiring into private life in the Fatherland. Nuremburg could, doubtless, supply them with the most charming of doll's houses, eminently suited to their minute domestic requirements.—[London Telegraph.

A little fellow, turning over the leaves of a scrapbook, came across the well-known picture of some chickens just out of their shell. He examined the picture carefully, and then, with a grave, sagacious look, slowly remarked: "They came out 'cos they were afraid of being boiled."