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T. C. Shannon, M. D.,

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Medical.

RICHARD MOORE, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON AND Accoucheur, Manchester, C. W. February 7th, 1867. w3yr

Dr. Stanbury.

GRADUATE of the Medical Department of Victoria University, Toronto, and late of the Hospital and Dispensary, New York. Residence D McDougall's (Bailiff) Bayfield. w49 4m*5

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Goderich, August 27th, 1864. ew10w31

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January 3, 1866. sw37

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1st Division,	Goderich,	Thursday,	30th	Jan.
6th "	Dungannon,	Friday,	31st	"
7th "	Bayfield,	Saturday,	1st	Feb.
10th "	Clinton,	Monday,	3rd	"
2nd "	Seaforth,	Tuesday,	4th.	"
11th "	Ainleyville,	Wednesday,	5th	"
5th "	Exeter,	Friday,	7th.	"

1st Division,	Goderich,	Thursday,	30th	April
6th "	Dungannon,	Friday,	1st	May
7th "	Bayfield	Saturday,	2nd	"
10th "	Clinton,	Monday,	4th	"
2nd "	Seaforth	Tuesday,	5th	"
11th "	Wroxeter,	Wednesday,	6th	"
5th "	Exeter,	Friday,	8th	"

The several Courts will open at 10 o'clock a. m.
Goderich, 23rd December, 1867.
S. BROUGH,
J. C. C. Huron.

I certify the above to be a true copy as entered in the Division Court Record Book, pursuant to the Statute.
DAN. LIZARS,
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Office of the Clerk of the Peace,
Goderich, 24th Dec, 1867. w49

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Goderich, Sept. 13, 1864 aw3-1

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AMBROSE WOOD.
Sworn before me at Consecon, C. W this 2nd day of March, 1867.
J. M. CADMAN, J. P.,
Commissioner in Q. B., in and for the County of Prince Edward, C. W.
w23 1 yr

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SONG FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

TRANSCRIBED FROM MY SCRAP BOOK FOR THE *Huron Signal.*

AIR.—Donnybrook Fair.

Erin's sweet Shamrock hills, and her valleys to day
Shall re-echo the sonnet and list to the lay,
That will meltingly chant in the Island of Green;
And we who are exiled on Canada's shore,
Where the beauties of Erin can charm us no more,
Shall with gratitude, think on the land of our sires,
And our hearts catch the glow of the Patriot fires
That has blazed o'er the earth from the Island of Green.

Dear land we remember thy sweet verdant hills,
Thy crystaline fountains, and pure purling rills,
On whose marginal banks, grows the Shamrock so Green;
And to show that we value the land of our birth,
The fairest, the dearest, the bravest on earth,
With a wreath of the Shamrock our cup we'll entwine
For the custom is good and practice divine,
And shall long be observed in the Island of Green.

Oh spirit of Patrick look down from on high,
For a moment forget thy abode in the sky,
Deign to cast but one glance on the Sons of thy Isle;
That Island that owes all her splendor to thee,
Whose soil thou from bondage and *reptiles set free,*
Whose bards speak thy merit in raptures divine,
And whose sons shall forever diffuse round thy shrine
The tear of affection, and Shamrock so Green.

May we all be united in freedom and love,
Twin sisters that both did descend from above,
And our hearts beat in unison on this blest day;
May Erin's lone exile where e'er he his lot,
Let the home of his infancy ne'er be forget;
And when death draws the curtain his prospects will smile,
And he'l breath his last sigh for the Emerald Isle,
That bright gem of the Ocean, the Island of Green.

Impromptu lines by J. W., Dugannon.

Should the Fenians attempt to set foot on our land,
We'll march to the front, breach-leader in hand
To quell this vile rabble, the foes of our Queen.
With Ross as our leader, we'll meet the curs'd hordes
And give them a taste of our bayonets and swords;
We'll drive the invaders on Lake Huron strand,
They'll ne'er gain a foothold in this loyal land
To murder and rob, as in the Island of Green.

"Then my brave boys be ready" attend to your drill,
Those villains are boasting, our blood they will spill
And make fair Ontario an Island of Green;
Be ready to meet them by night or by day,
No surrender the watchword, and *true British* play,
Our country, our laws, wives, children and friends;
With true Spartan valour we'll always defend
Our emblem "The Maple Leaf." God Save the Queen.
DRUMMAJOR,
H. Hotel.

March 3, 1868.

☞ The Inebriate Asylum at Binghampton is doing good service. During ten months past not less than fifty patients, far gone in the contitutional delusion of drunkenness have been restored to their friends "clothed and in their right minds." Such an institution is sadly wanted in Ontario, and with the large surplus which the Treasury will soon have, a portion of it could not be more usefully and humanely employed than in providing a remedial institution for a lamentable, insidious and debasing disease.

Chicago, March 2.—A fire at Peoria, Ill. on Sunday morning, destroyed the Metropolitan Hotel and another building, involving a loss of $100,000.

SEAFORTH.

[From our special Correspondent.]

News items are rather scarce here just now. Snow is very deep, and I suppose that is no news, for I see that the inhabitants of Goderich and vicinity are plentifully supplied with that material, and other parts of the Dominion will likely have the same story to tell. But if any place is worse than this it is very bad indeed. The streets and houses are blocked up, the concession and side-lines are blocked up. We have to dig to get out of our houses, and dig to get into our stables. There is little or no teaming, business is at a stand-still, so much so that some of our merchants have taken to "marrying and giving in marriage," for a change; not a bad idea this cold weather.

Wheat buyers have not been so busy lately, notwithstanding the high prices; farmers seem to be inclined to hold on to their produce, in expectation of higher prices still.

The builders of Seaforth will have plenty of work in spring. Go where you will north of the village, you will meet teams hauling hewn logs. Besides the many business and private houses intended, there is a large flouring mill, with seven run of stones, to be built; the construction of which is entrusted to the well known and enterprising J. Knox.

The country is progressing rapidly, and Seaforth grows apace, and a pity it is that progress brings a host of evils in her train; yet so it is. Twenty years ago, in the days of ox-teams, mud roads, hard work and little for it, doctors and magistrates were at a discount. There was nobody sick, and people were too busy to get into mischief. The bailiff had nothing to do, and the constable nobody to take into custody. Not long ago I heard a worthy and well-known farmer say that "he was the first constable in McKillop, and during the whole ten years of his office he took but one prisoner, and that was his wife." He proved a better officer than some of our modern ones, for he did not let his prisoner escape, which is too often the case now. These were the olden times; but now in the days of railroads, gravel roads, large towns, rich men and good wages, the case is different. Doctors have plenty to do, the magistrate is busy, the bailiff is an important man, and constables keep running hither and thither all the time, always something wrong somewhere with somebody. About ten days ago a farmer in the neighborhood of Stoney Creek, as he was returning from Seaforth, was attacked by a fellow to whom he gave a ride, and robbed of over $100.00. Before robbing him the scoundrel stunned him with a blow on the head, of which wound he has since died, and the murderer has escaped to the States.

At Brucefield, too, there was lately a case of reckless driving. Two men were racing and trying to pass one another on the road, in striving to do so, one of the teams ran over a woman, and when the teamsters saw what they had done, drove off, and left her very seriously injured. The last word that came was that the constables brought the teamsters back, but what was done to them I have not yet learned.

STANLEY.

Council met at Mr. McLeod's Hotel, Kippen on Saturday, the 28th Feb. 1868. Members present. Thos. Simpson Reeve, Peter Douglas deputy Reeve,—Ninian Woods and James Anderson, councillors. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted, Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Douglas, That the following parties be granted tavern licence subject to the attached conditions:

John Johnston, Stable to be repaired and beds in house; John Rattenberry; John Turner; Ann. Drysdale; John Reid; to be inspected; John Purdy, to pay before licence be granted; Richard Ching; Edward Elliott, to have shed before 1st June; James Williamson, to be inspected; John Morgan; John Joslin; Willm Armstrong; Charles McLeod, stable to be enlarged; Fritz Ahrens, stable to be repaired. John Johnstone to receive no certificate till inspector is satisfied that repairs are made. John Reid and James Williamson, when inspected to be treated at discretion of inspector, E. Elliott, C. McLeod and F. Ahrens to have conditional licences till 1st June.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That David Robertson be appointed pound-keeper in room of John Patton.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Douglas, That from the 1st to the 7th concession inclusive $210 be expended on road improvements; from the 8th to the 11th inclusive $140; the 12th and 13th $70; and the Sable line $70. In every case, the limits to be the lines between the boundaries as above indicated.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Anderson, That the following accounts be paid viz.—Robert Doug $5 for gravel for town line, James Kyle $2.50 do, Hugh Love 75cts. repairing tools for road.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Douglas, That this council do now adjourn to meet again at Ching's hotel on the second Monday in April, at 10 o'clock a. m.—Carried.

WILLIAM PLUNKETT,
Township Clerk.
Varna, 3rd March, 1868.

Leap Year—Origin of the Ladies' Privilege.

The present year being leap-year, belongs, of course emphatically, and by virtue of immemorial custom, to the ladies. It is their privilege—the privilege of the unmarried fair—to usurp the prerogative of the males, and to propose where they think there is a like chance of acceptance. And then, should they be unsuccessful, there is the usual levy of a silk gown from the unfortunate and unrelenting bachelor, or, as we hear (by special command of the Empress of the French) an embroidered *chignon.* It is not unreasonable just now to refer to the origin of the leap-year usurpation by the ladies. One day St. Patrick, after having 'driven the frogs out of the bogs and banished all the varmint,' was walking along the shores of Lough Neagh, when he was accosted by St. Bridget in tears. St. Patrick elected that a mutiny had arisen among the vestals in the convent over which she presided, and that they one and all struck prayer until they should establish equal rights in the matter of 'popping the question' with the 'men of the opposite sex,' as St. Bridget naively expressed it. St. Patrick said he was ready to concede one year in seven. But when it was almost arranged, the saintess, throwing her lovely arms around St. Patrick's neck, exclaimed—'Arrah, Pathrich jewel, I daurn't go back to the girls with such a proposal; make it one year in four.' St. Patrick delayed answering as long as he could, but finding that the saintess relaxed her hold, he exclaimed, smacking his lips, 'Bridget acushla! squeeze me that way agin an I'll give you leap-year—the longest year of the lot. St. Bridget took him at his word, and having once got the concession, proceeded to be leap-year—by asking the saint if he would allow her the pleasure of leading him to the hymeneal alter on that day month. Of course it would never have done for St. Patrick to marry, so he was obliged to patch up the matter with another kiss and a present of a silk gown—whence the modern custom originated. If this year the additional tax of a *chignon* is imposed on the unwilling, we must remember that, short skirts being in vogue, the dress is less expensive, and that the appliances of modern civilization have rendered silk dresses much less costly than in good St. Patrick's day.

☞ A fearful tragedy occurred on Sunday last, in the State Lunatic Asylum at Agusta, Maine. Two of the inmates, Catharine Hurley and Mary Peasles, were left alone in an apartment for a short time, and on one of the attendants returning, she found the body of the last named woman lying dead upon the floor, Miss Hurley kneeling beside it and beating the head of the deceased against the floor with terrible violence. It appeared that the two women had quarreled and fought, when the deceased being unable to defend herself against the attacks of her adversary, who is a young and vigorous woman, had been thrown on the floor, her head beaten out of all shape and her body lacerated in a terrible manner by the enraged maniac.

STONE EDGE.

A TALE.

Continued.

"I hadn't the speech o' him a'yesterday, nor for weeks back," said Joshua, which was quite true, and then he went home.

Later in the day he went out again and inquired anxiously after Ashford; he was dead, they thought, and had never spoken.

"I suppose you know we're ruined, lad?" he said, with an attempt to put his agitation on that head.

"Yes," said the young man, without looking up.

"Eliott, and Amat, and Buxton; all on 'm together—no man could stand it. I canna pay. I mun sell and go." Roland was silent. "I think we mun go to Liverpool—there's a many things I could do there wi' the cattle frae Ireland—or to th' Isle o' Man." Roland never stirred. "Ye'll go wi' me, boy?" said his father, anxiously. "Ye wunna desert me?"

"No," said the poor fellow, in a choking voice, with a deep sigh—almost a sob.

That evening the coroner's inquest was held on Ashford's body. Joshua attended it, for the coronor was a friend of his, and he trusted to him not to make things more unpleasant than necessary.

The evidence was all against the missing horseman, and so the verdict bore. But though all had gone off satisfactory at the inquest, Joshua felt that strange looks were cast upon him. One man had heard him speaking to the stranger earlier in the day; another had "seen a back uncommon like yon ugly chap's" turning into the blind lane which led to Joshua's house. In former days, too, he was known to have boasted of his acquaintance with a horse-dealer at York.

"I'm come to bid ye good-by an ye'll shake hands wi' me, Master Nathan. Is there ony place out a long way where ye could help me to gain a livin'? I've heerd ye say as ye used one time to ha'e dealin's at Liverpool along o' Bessie's father as is gone. You know feyther's ruined and goin' away—he says he dunna know where. Would ye gi'e me a recommend an we go there, and say nowt? 'twould be no end o' kindness to one as wants it sore," said the poor fellow, sadly.

The old man looked straight into his eyes.

"I'll not tell on thee, poor lad, and I'd gi'e ye twenty recommends an't were for thysen; but wi' that drag round thy neck how can I certify to folk thou at all right, boy? But," he went on after a pause, "I wunna see thee life-wrecked for that, neither. There's an old Quaker man I knows there. I'll tell him thy father's uncommon shifty, let alone worse, but that thou's as honest as the day, and then mebbe wi' his eyes open, he may do summat for thee.

The young man wrung his hand in silence.

"Hav' ye seen owt o' Cassie?" said Roland, with a sigh, thinking of another niece.

"She come down when her father were a dying to the 'Miner's Arms' for to see the last on him, but I didn't set eyes on her. I'd hurted my foot and couldn't get down. You'd best not think o' her, my lad, belike; what can there be atwixt her and thee now?" And so they parted.

The next night Joshua and his son made a "midnight flitting" through the back lane.

CHAPTER XVII.

A FUNERAL FEAST IN THE SNOW.

GERMAN had remained at the little public till the inquest was over, to give evidence and bring home the body afterward to Stone Edge. The night was falling and the snow had begun as wet and weary he toiled up the long, rough moorland road with his dismal charge.

"Did aught come out as to who could ha' done such a thing?" said Cassie, anxiously, as he came into the house at Stone Edge.

"It must ha' been summun as knowed he'd so much money about un," observed Lydia, sadly.

"They all knowed that pretty much i' th' market,' said the lad, a little impatiently; "but they made it out upo' th' inquest it were a horse-dealer man as were wrangling wi' him best part o' th' arternoon."

"Tain't nobody in these parts as would go for to do such a wicked thing, I'm main sure o' that," put in Cassie, warmly.

"There were a deal o' talk about Joshua, however, for a'that," answered her brother, reluctantly; "but the crowner he says, says he, 'When ye hae got a man, a foreigner like, ready to yer hand as 'twere for th murder, what for would ye go worrit-ing and winnowing for to dragan other man in asis o' the country-side?'"

The women looked thunder-struck—no one spoke for a few minutes—Lydia glanced silently at Cassie's white face, and they then went about their dreary tasks without a word.

"Ye mun be bidding the folk for the buryin' and gettin' in a' things for to be ready, German," said Lydia, with a sigh, later in the evening. "We ordered flour at the miller's as we came up the Moor. I doubt it'll tak' a score to fulfill un all; and we mun be thinking o' the burial buns to-morrow."

The preparations for a funeral feast in the hills are a serious matter, demanding much thought and labor, which kept both the women for the next few days from dwelling on the past.

German received them quietly and modestly—"wi' a deal o' discretion for such a young un," observed the company.

They discussed the deceased, his circumstances and his shortcomings, in an open way, very unlike our mealy-mouthed periphrases; and Lydia and Cassie as they came and went, serving the company, could not help hearing comments which no one seemed to think could pain them, being as they were perfectly true. Though in other places the truth of a libel is only supposed to make it worse.

"He couldn't keep off the drink, couldn't Ashford. He mid ha' bin home safe enough an he'd come back wi' us," said the old miller Anthony.

"He'd a wonderful long tongue to be sure, and quarreled wi' a very deal o' folk up and down. He'd had an upset with Joshua Stracey this dozen year or more," observed his neighbor, the master of the little public

"We shall hae a baddish time gettin' across the Moor," said a third, helping himself liberally to a large supply of "vituals."

"We're but poor soft creeturs now-a-days," answered the miller. "I've heerd tell how in th' auld times they used to run, stark naked across the snow, foot-races for two or three miles, 'wi' the bagpipes for to gie 'um courage."

"Well, nobody couldn't call Ashford soft, naythe in his temper nor in hisself; he were a hard and heavy un enough, so to speak; and yet they say as his yead were cracked all one asa chayney jug," put in his neighbor.

"There was wonderful little blood for to be seen," observed a farmer; "nothing would serve my missus but she mun go down and see the place, and she have a bin stericky ever sin'."

The old woman who had come in to help now returned from watching the train depart with extreme enjoyment. "To be sure it have a been a very fine funeral," said she, "and now we mun begin for to straighten things a bit."

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE LAST OF THE OLD HOUSE.

The next day German received a message from the Squire to come to him. He was a little wizened old man, with a shrewd business-like way of doing things, and very intent upon improving his property—a most unpopular proceeding in those days as tending to raise rents. Indeed he was by no means so well liked as his spendthrift predecessor, who had "had a pleasant way wi' him and a kind word wi' folk, and very open-handed" (with other people's property, as it turned out, but this was forgotten.) "But this un is so close-fisted, and so sour as a bit o' stale oat-cake."

German was ushered into the fine old room reserved for the squire when he came to collect his rents.

"Well, Ashford," said he, as the young man came in and made his "obedience," how did you get over the Lone Moor yesterday with the funeral? It must have been a sore pull for you all."

"They thought they shouldn't hardly ha' got through at the Old Mare's Bottom," said the lad.

"And now, what's to be done about you, my man? It's a great misfortune, a very great misfortune indeed. I'm sure I feel it—the rent and the arrears all gone. They say your father got the back-rent in his pocket too?"

"It were my sister's money," said German, in a low voice? "she'd gived him every penny she had."

"And quite right of her too, but most unfortunate; why didn't he take it to the bankers?" Then, you know, if any thing had happened to your father, that would have been safe. And I can't afford to lose back-rent and present rent, and arrears for draining and all, I can tell you."

"We should like to keep on the farm, Sir: we've had it now, father and son, this two hundred year, they say. I think we mid mak' a shift to get on, if so be ye'd be patient with the rent."

"But I can't afford to be patient," said the old man, fretfully.

The two women sat waited to learn their fate in the stillness of a house where a death has lately been. He flung his hat angrily down on the ground as he entered.

"He wunna let us hae the farm, a' talked o' his back-rent. A black curse 'be wi' him; he's a very having man," said he.

Neither Lydia nor Cassie uttered a word; they took their doom in perfect silence. There was a pathetic sort of leave-taking in the way they looked round on the old walls, and then they turned to their work again.

Toward evening Cassie, having thought it over and over in her mind, felt indeed that on the whole it was a relief to go. The intense isolation was almost more than she could now bear; she felt as if she might "hear something" if she were more within reach of the outer world.

"Shall thee mind very much flitting, Lydia?" said she at last, suddenly.

"I mind thee and German being turned out i' th' cold world, as it were."

"Then dunna heed it, dearie, for me: I think I'd be best down where there's a bit more moving."

And Lydia's view of the matter altered entirely from that moment. German indeed felt the change much the most of the three.

The two women got work to do at home from one of the small mills which were beginning to take the place of the home-spinning, and to rise on even obscure "water privileges;" and