

*Sketch of the Life and Times of
Joseph Curran Morrison*

President of St. Andrew's Society, 1850-52, and

Angus Morrison

President 1852-54

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THESE brothers came to Toronto (then York) in 1832 with their father Hugh Morrison, who was an officer in the celebrated Black Watch Regiment and served in the Peninsular War. Joseph Curran was born in the south of Ireland on 20th August, 1816, and Angus was born in Edinburgh in 1819. Hugh Morrison came from Sutherlandshire. He was a warm friend of Sir John A. Macdonald, as in after years his sons became staunch friends and supporters of the old chieftain.

In the year 1832, ever memorable in English history for the passing of the Reform Bill, emigration to Canada from the mother country greatly increased. In that year 52,000 emigrants came to our shores from the Old Country, but cholera broke out, many died in sight of the promised land after crossing the Atlantic in sailing vessels and spending many weeks on the voyage. The ravages of that dreadful epidemic are described by Mrs. Moodie in "Roughing it in the Bush," pp. 65-66.

"In the morning we were obliged to visit the city (Montreal) to make the necessary arrangements for