

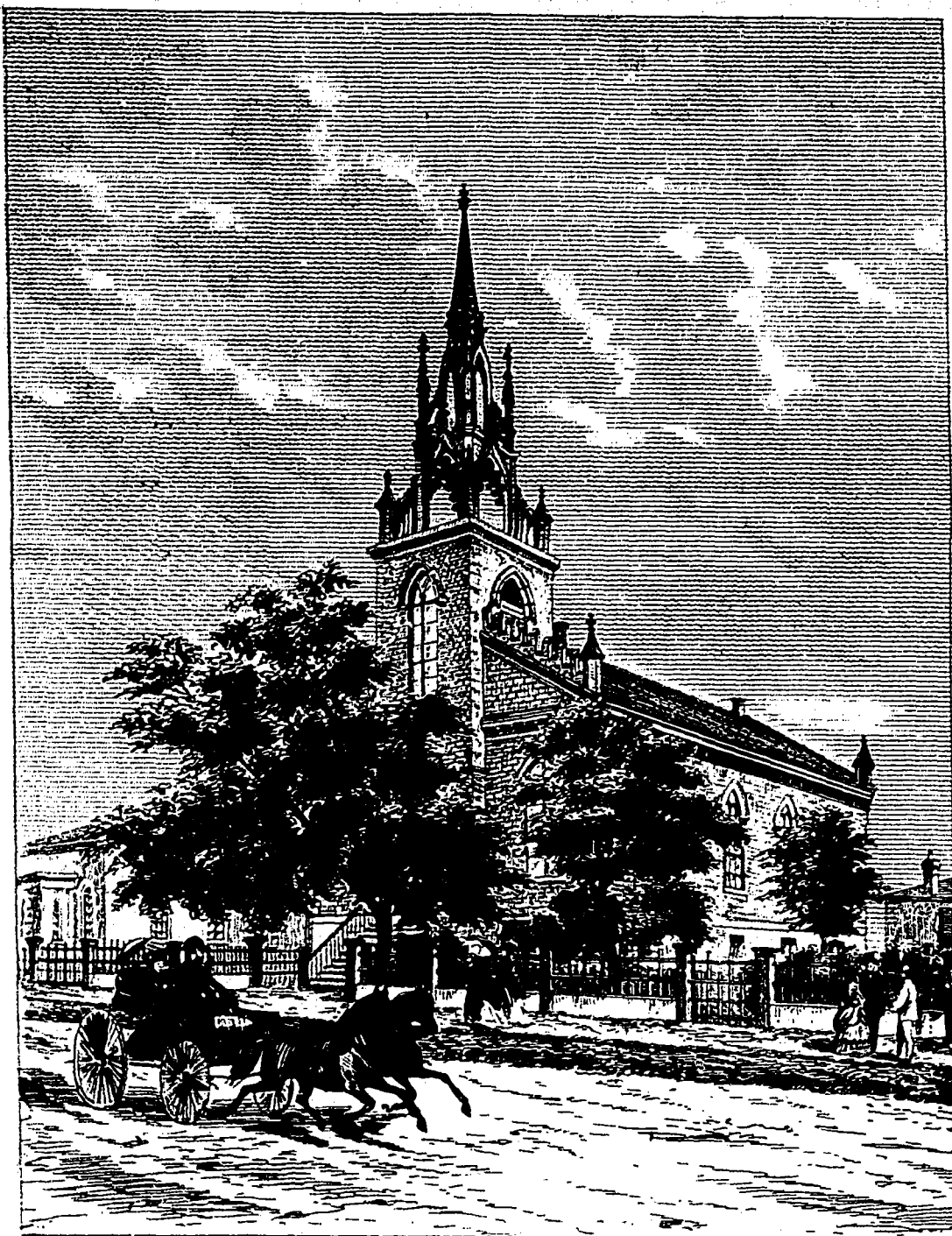
THE METHODIST CHURCH, WOODSTOCK.

We have already had occasion to speak of Woodstock, Oxford Co., Ontario, and this week we present a view of the Methodist church in that delightful town, from a photograph by Mr. Starke. Throughout Western Canada the Methodists have many handsome edifices dedicated to public worship, and in an old settlement like Oxford it might be expected that they are well established. Of course the county town is the place to look for the best architectural adornments of the county, and in this particular Woodstock offers no exception to the general rule.

"THE COLDEST SENTRY WALK."

Our special artist at Quebec conceives that the ancient Citadel furnishes the "coldest sentry walk in the British Empire." Perhaps he is right; but then the sentries have not walked, as they will yet have to do, mayhap, on the shore of the Mackenzie, the Nelson, the Albany, and the Moose rivers, with the thermometer from ten to thirty degrees lower than ever it reaches on the borders of the St. Lawrence. It may happen, however, that these North-western points will never be garrisoned save by Canadian soldiers, and, indeed, so far as our feelings go, wish that none other may ever be required there. The citadel of Quebec is, undoubtedly, a cold place in winter. Its great elevation above the level of the surrounding country makes it especially cold in winter. The point sketched is near the "Hog's back," a very cold spot certainly, where the wind, from every point of the compass, has full play. In very severe weather, the military authorities relieve sentry every half hour, and, which is rare, when the thermometer gets lower than thirty degrees below zero, the sentry is withdrawn altogether. The magazine which is thus guarded is of considerable importance, containing large quantities of gunpowder, &c. The sketch represents a sentry of the 60th Rifles on duty.

A few Sundays since Prince Humbert and the Princess Margaret wished to go publicly to mass at St. Peter's, and sent to apprise the canons of their design, not anticipating any objection. The canons,

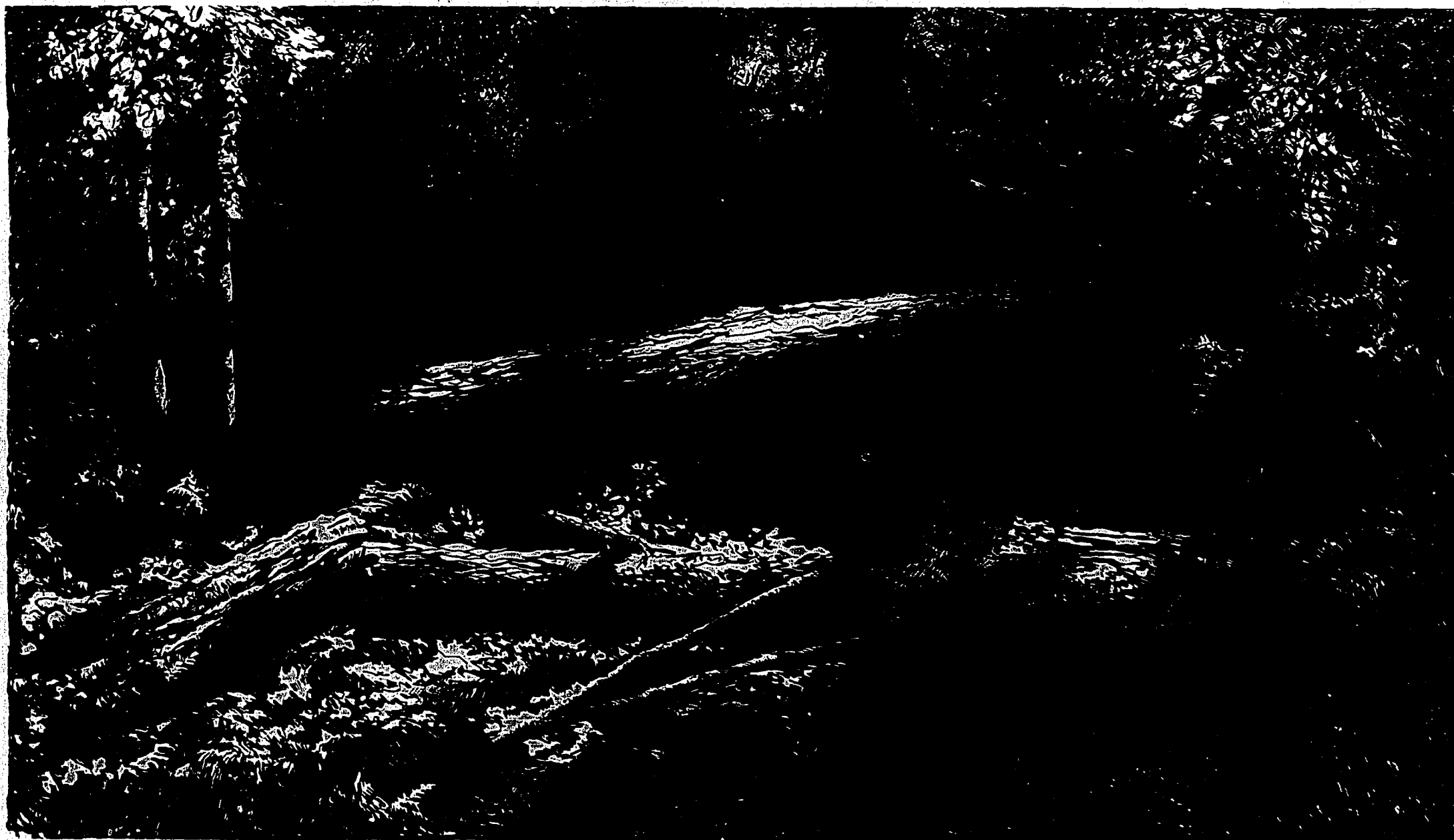


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however, informed the Prince that they could not receive him publicly, and that his arrival at the cathedral in a public manner would be the signal for the choristers to leave the choir. The Royal pair have therefore attended mass in the church of St. Agnes, in the Piazza Navona, where the service has been solemnised by their own chaplain. But they are amply compensated for the hostility of the clergy by the loyalty of the population, which manifests itself whenever they appear in the streets. Prince Doria has resigned the syndicate of Rome, alleging as the reason that his affairs obliged him to go to England; but the real motive is devotion to the Pope. There was a violent scene between him and Prince Humbert. People of all classes there still look upon the Italian annexation as only temporary, and believe the day is not distant when the Pope "will have his own again." This keeps everything unsettled.

A young British officer purposes visiting the battle-fields of the late campaign, with a view of compiling a series of plans, illustrating several of the most important strategical manoeuvres performed by that eminent general, Moltke. The public will have much to thank this officer for, as up to the present time nothing of the kind has been sent to the press.

There are all sorts of contradictory reports about the Marquis of Lorne. It is, on one hand, confidently said that he is to be immediately raised to the peerage. There is quite a controversy as to what his title and rank in the peerage is to be. He cannot, as is the custom in the case of the eldest sons of peers, be called to the Upper House by a barony of his father, because the Duke has only one barony in the peerage of the United Kingdom, and by that alone he sits in the House of Lords. It is all guess work, of course; but it is assumed that he will be either created a baron of the United Kingdom as Lord Inverary, or be made a marquis complete by his present title. In the latter case he would have precedence of his father in the House of Lords, unless that anomaly were cured by making a United Kingdom peerage of the dukedom of Argyll. All this, however, is summarily disposed of by certain persons, who are equally confident that Lord Lorne will remain just as he is.



WOODLAND SCENE. BY ALLAN EDSON.