

DOWN BY THE BRINY

Notes by the Way and Incidents of the Trip.

A Quiet Night—Raising the Rapids—An Old Acquaintance in the Era King—

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"Oh, my prophetic soul, my Uncle!" as Hamlet exclaims. We met by agreement in Toronto, on Saturday, September 3rd, and started thence, leaving in the steamer Spartan for Montreal.

By the American channel, we called at Clayton, and Alexandria Bay where we took in a considerable number of passengers. As the beautiful scenery of this part of the St. Lawrence has been so often described, and by far abler pens than mine, I will not weary your readers with an attempt at description, but will pass on to my impressions of the rapids, which I had never before seen.

Which I consider the finest of all, were informed by a Montreal hotel runner, who had boarded us at Crocus Landing, and who constituted himself a sort of chorus to the entertainment, that we traversed a distance of 3 miles in 7 minutes, or at a speed of nearly 30 miles an hour over the bottom.

UNDER THE VICTORIA BRIDGE, we are shortly at the wharf in Montreal, surrounded by a howling crowd of hackmen and hotel runners. Our stay here was short, being limited to 24 hours, but it was long enough for me to fall in with several old friends of the commercial fraternity, who were naturally surprised at seeing me so far from home.

MY OLD SWIP, THE S. S. ERL KING, coming up the river. I must say that I hardly recognized her. "Ichabod!" was written large all over her. Alas! no longer the trim, smart China clipper of old days, the ex-military, with a staff of easy, man-of-war appearance. Her glory had indeed departed, and she was now degraded to the level of a dirty cat-drogher—an ooban tramp.

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ON THE UPPER DECK I saw a number of Hotchkiss and Gardner quick-firing guns—the latter a murderous six-inch weapon, carrying steel bullets and capable of firing 500 rounds per minute. On the poop were the Nordenflet guns which can be trained and fired by one man who is protected by a steel bullet proof shield. Going down the main deck we saw the gun and deck battery which consists of heavy breech loading Armstrongs, carrying a heavy steel projectile and sighted for a range of 800 yards, or nearly 5 miles. Here were also the torpedo tubes for ejecting the torpedoes, which is done by compressed air. In another place were the torpedoes themselves which have a somewhat fish-like appearance.

Our next visit the engines which, with the boilers are below the water line, and out of the way of an enemy's shot. The engines are powerful enough to drive this heavy and apparently unwieldy looking ironclad at a speed of 10 knots. The ship's company, including officers, numbers 522-700 men. A stranger would be puzzled to know where accommodation is found for so many in such an apparently limited space, in addition to the armament, stores of all kinds &c. Perfect order is the rule.

I did not want to appear too knowing here, as it might have detracted from the pleasure our guide took in explaining everything, so I gazed about me in such evident astonishment and asked so many questions, that the man might have been excused for supposing I had never seen a man-of-war before in my life, and was a good deal more accustomed to a hay cart than a ship. The beautiful, by and clear appearance of everything about the decks, the highly polished guns, and brasswork, the well-stored white hammocks, the neatness about every yard squared to an inch; and every rope as taut as a harpstring—and the grand old cross of St. George flying at the peak, caused a renewed regret that I had never had the luck to serve under the pennant. After dinner on shore, having still some time to spare, we took a drive to the Plains of Abraham, to see Wolfe's monument, the citadel, &c. To my surprise we found the monument with its simple inscription:

standing within fifty yards of a jail. Considering that the monument had precedence, I thought it decidedly bad taste on the part of the builders of the jail to put in in such close proximity to such historic ground. Visiting the citadel we were shown round by an artilleryman. The view from the King's bastion is, I should think, one of the finest in the world. The guns here are nearly all old-fashioned and obsolete, and would be of little use against those carried by the heavy ironclads. Among the rest, a brass gun captured from the Americans at Bunker Hill. As it was now near five o'clock, we had to repair on board in which we were to go as far as Pictou, N. S. The craft, which was to be our home for the next four days, was a smart-looking iron paddle-boat, an old blockade runner—sister boat to the Chicago, though somewhat differently fitted, being spar decked fore and aft, with all cabins below, in order to stand rough weather. There were considerable number of passengers, some fifty of whom were a party calling themselves the "AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,"

who had been in session at thousand Island Park, and were going home by way of the gulf. These people, several of whom were from the neighborhood of Boston, the city of "culchah" and beans, appeared to be under the impression that they had chartered the whole boat and that the rest of us were intruders. They spread themselves over the quarter deck in every conceivable attitude, chattering and singing snatches of doggerel, and looked at those of us who did not belong to "owah pahly" who ventured near, as sheep might regard a strange dog. I had never before been shipmate with a party of literary people, and was not anxious to repeat the pleasure (?) The non-literary portion, including myself and chem, two Montreal men, one from Ottawa, and a little New York man, with some others, concluded to hang together and leave the "party" to inflict their inanities on each other, which was a mutually satisfactory arrangement. Passing Orleans Island and the familiar Montmorenci Falls we proceeded at a good speed down the river. Our first stoppage next day was

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A GOOD OFFER.—THE SIGNAL will be sent to any address from now until Jan. 1, 1888, for 25c. Subscribe at once, Duggan, Albert Block, Goderich, Ont.

Dentistry.

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The People's Column.

NOTICE—WANTED, A GENTLEMAN, thoroughly able in English and French, to assist in preparing and delivering a lecture in French, named, "Providence Our Monitor and Electric Yearner," by John Russell, the excommunicated. The chief material for this is matter to be found in the Presbyterian of Canada.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP The partnership heretofore existing between J. Downing, George Acheson and Jas. Wilson has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and all the accounts of the firm will be rendered immediately, and settlement must be made with J. Wilson, who has charge of the books.

REVISED CRIMINAL ACTS. The Revised Criminal Acts of 1887, for distribution to the Magistrates of Huron have been received by the Clerk of the Peace, H. A. LEWIS, Clerk of the Peace, Goderich, Sept. 15th, 1887.

TAXES. Ratepayers will please take notice that 3 per cent discount will be allowed on taxes paid during September; and 2 per cent, during October, after the 15th of December 5 per cent, will be added to all unpaid taxes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN FOR RIDDING any person purchasing the late CASE ALLEN'S horse from JAMES M. MACKENZIE, or from any other person, for it has not been legally sold to Bailey, or to any other person, and the same is indebted to the late CASE ALLEN please pay and not save costs.

LEGAL NOTICES. IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION. Pursuant to a judgment of this honorable Court dated the 17th day of March, 1887, and made in a cause, McBrien vs. Goss, the creditors of MARY ANN CESAR, late of the Township of Ashfield, in the County of Huron, widow, who died on or about the 20th day of October, 1887, are hereby notified to attend at the Court of the County of Huron, on the 1st day of October, 1887, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, at the County Court House, in the said Township of Ashfield, in the County of Huron, to show cause, if any, why the same should not be taken effect.

JUDICIAL SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF HURON. IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION. M'BRIEN vs. CESAR.

PARSUANT to the judgment in this action dated the 17th day of March, 1887, there will be sold by the Sheriff of the County of Huron, a certain parcel of land, situate in the Township of Ashfield, in the County of Huron, and bounded as follows, to-wit: The East half of the West half and the West half of the East half of lot number seven in the sixth concession, eastern division of the Township of Ashfield, in the County of Huron, containing one hundred acres, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent down on the day set for the sale of the premises, and the balance without interest to be paid into Court within one month thereafter, when the purchaser will be entitled to a conveyance, and to be let into possession. The purchaser at the time of sale will be required to sign an agreement for the completion of his purchase of sale will be the standing conditions of sale of the said Court. Further particulars may be had from JAS. E. GARROW, Esq., Solicitor, at the premises, and from the Plaintiff's Solicitors, GARRAW & PROUDFOOT, 212-214, Goderich, Oct. 4, 1887.

Legal. MONEY TO LOAN—PRIVATE FUNDS.—2 PER CENT. Interest Payable Yearly. OFFICES—Corner opposite Martin's Hotel, 211-2.

SEAGER & HARTT, BARRISTERS, Gode. Office, corner of Square and West Street, Goderich, Ont. Telegraph office, 211-2. Money to lend at 6 per cent. 2000-

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Barristers, Solicitors in Chancery, &c. Goderich, M. C. Cameron, Q.C.; P. Holt, M. G. Cameron, C. V. Ross. 171-

TWO FIRST-CLASS FARMS FOR sale. One in the township of Ashfield, containing 109 acres; and one in East Wawanosh, containing 100 acres. For particulars apply to CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Goderich.

FOR SALE BY GOOD, DRUGGIST, Albert Block, Goderich, Ont. (d)

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Now has the time arrived when my Stock of New and Seasonable Overcoats and Suits is Complete.

Nothing should prevent you from giving it an early and critical inspection. Nowhere has such care been taken in buying goods.—They are in every way suitable to close and careful buyers. Never were goods of the Highest Quality and Latest Fashion offered at such Low Prices. I do not ask you to buy,—just come and see them. B. MacCormac. Goderich, Sept. 29th, 1887.

Strayed Animals.

CHEEP LOST—STRAYED FROM the premises of subscriber, lot 5, con. 1, Goderich township, on or about the 21st of September, a couple of sheep. One is a South-down yearling, and the other a white lamb, with hollie in the left ear of each. Information leading to their recovery will be suitably rewarded by ISAAC SALKELD.

CAME ON THE PREMISES—A 170-year old beaver. The owner can have it by proving property and paying expenses. DANIEL WILLS, South half lot 4, con. 1, Wawanosh, Dungeness P.O.

YEARLING HEIFER CAME ESTY.—Came on the premises of subscriber, south half lot 10, con. 2, Ashfield, about the 1st of August, a red and white yearling heifer. The owner can have the animal by proving property and paying charges. CHARLES W. ECHLIN.

FOR SALE or to Let. BRICK HOUSE AND QUARTER OF an acre of land for sale.—The house is one story and a half high, and contains 5 bedrooms, a parlor, sitting room, dining room, kitchen and a coal cellar. On the lot is a good stable 18 x 24, and other outbuildings, hardwood and ash sawed. The farm is well watered. Apply to JOHN HAMLIN, Goderich P.O. Terms easy.

FOR SALE OR RENT—THE EAST 4 of lot 19, sixth con., West Wawanosh—100 acres, brick house, frame barn, stables, &c.; good orchard of apple, pear, cherries and small fruits. About 20 acres cleared, balance hardwood and ash sawed. The farm is well watered. Apply to JOHN HAMLIN, Goderich P.O. Terms easy.

FOR RENT—LOT 3, W. D., Ashfield. (Lake Shore Road, containing 17 acres, brick house, frame barn, stables, &c.; good stumps, balance pasture and brush; barn, stable and other buildings, orchard of fruit trees and good water. Well fenced and all other necessary improvements. Will rent for a term of years. Apply to JAS. SCOTT, on the premises.

FARMS FOR SALE.—IN THE TOWNSHIP OF GODERICH, Huron county: Lot 11 in the 3rd and 11 in the 4th con. section. Two of the best 30 acre farms in the county, a spring creek flows through. Near by all cleared. Only 3 miles from the Town of Goderich. Apply to the proprietor, at address W. M. HICKS, PROPRIETOR, Goderich P.O.

FOR SALE. West half of lot 322, Arthur Street, with small brick cottage thereon. BUILDING LOTS.—194, 196, 214, 215, Elgin Street, near St. Lawrence Street. Also, 131, corner of Huron and Chalmers St. Frame 1 1/2 story house on Keays Street, lot 40, 41.

SEVERAL lots in Rees's Survey, opposite new Show Grounds, viz.: Nos 25, 26, 30, 52, 54, 56, 61, 66. All the above at LOW RATES. Apply to DAVISON & JOHNSTON.

EXECUTORS and Trustees of the Estate of the late JOSEPH HERR, offer for sale the following valuable Property, namely: Building Lots numbers 130 and 131, in the Town of Goderich, of an acre each. Fairly fenced, and very desirable for building purposes.

GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT, OFFICE opposite Colborne Hotel, Goderich. Risks taken at LOWEST RATES in the following first class Companies: The London Assurance—Established 1720. The National of Ireland—Incorporated 1822. Hand-in-Hand.—The only Company authorized to insure Plate Glass in Canada. Federal Life Assurance Co.—(Home Plan).

MONEY TO LEND.—A LARGE amount of Private Funds for investment at lowest rates on first-class Mortgages. Apply to GARRAW & PROUDFOOT.

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Huron Land Agency. REAL ESTATE OFFICE. LIST OF LANDS WANTED OR FOR SALE: 1/2 PER CENT—MONEY TO LOAN. HURON LAND AGENCY.

WANTED TO BUY—90 FT. frontage on the Square. HURON LAND AGENCY. MONEY TO LOAN AT LOWEST rates and on best terms. HURON LAND AGENCY.

FOR SALE—FARM LANDS IN Midland, county of Huron. First-class condition—fine orchard, 3 minutes walk from the square. Apply to HURON LAND AGENCY, Goderich.

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