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JAMES BAYLIS.

The subject of this necessarily brief sketch was born in London on November 14th, in the year 1819, and was consequently in his 80th year at the time of his death on January 2nd, 1899. He came of the sturdy trading stock for which London is proverbial, and which has helped to make England respected in the world's markets, his father, Henry Baylis, being engaged in the manufacture and sale of varnish, paints and oils, with the enviable reputation of "making good goods."

Following the swarming instinct of that crowded hive of workers, his parents left the old home to seek another in the new land, and arrived in Canada somewhere in the middle thirties, James finding employment in Quebec with one Mr. Thornton, and the family taking up their residence at Cote des Neiges, back of the little mountain, the old house being until recent years the summer home of the third generation, who cherish sweet recollections of the taste of the St. Lawrence and Fameuse apples in the old orchard. The elder Mr. Baylis carried on the manufacture of lampblack on the premises, and the peculiar process was the cause of no little consternation among the simple country folk when introduced among them, giving rise to suspicions of dealings with familiar spirits of the weird "black art."

James' term of engagement in Quebec was short, but his carefully preserved letter of recommendation to future employers shows that his was "honorable discharge." He came to Montreal, and was at