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William, died at twenty-one. Joseph Brown washed and laid him out.

Henry, living and in good health, as is all his family.

Mary, married John Doyle, died at thirty-eight, after an illness of twenty years. John Doyle died after being ill six years. No relationship. Two daughters died of same disease; five others living and well.

Susannah, married James Cameron. She is perfectly well and vigorous, as are her two children. No blood relationship between her and her husband.

Kitty, married John O'Connor, and has a large family, all well.

There is no well-marked case in the district of Lake O'Law at present, two reported cases proving on investigation spurious. Joseph Brown, late of Lake O'Law, farmer, of Irish parentage, with no blood relationship to the McCarthy family, is said to have attended on William McCarthy during part of his illness, and to have washed and laid him out on death. Shortly after this he was attacked with symptoms similar to those of the other cases, and died after an illness of four or five years. His wife and three children living and well. The people look upon the disease as contagious and are very much afraid of it, so much so that the charitably-disposed have been in the habit of aiding the Cameron family by leaving their offerings in a barrel placed at the roadside.

CASE, 9th May, 1881.—James Cameron, aged forty, farmer, on the French Mountain between the Big Intervale, north-east Margaree and Cheticamp, Inverness County, Cape Breton, born in Grand Mira, C.B. Married, in 1866, Susannah McCarthy, daughter of Justin McCarthy, referred to in above history, by whom he had two children, girls, aged respectively thirteen and twelve, both the picture of health. His father, also a farmer, came from the western isles of Scotland to Judique, C.B., where he died of old age; his mother, a native of the Highlands of Scotland, is still alive and well. There is no history of any disease in either father's or mother's family. He has one

brother and four sisters, all enjoying good health, as the subject of this notice himself did till the appearance of the first symptoms of present illness in June, 1870. In March of that year he cut his foot, losing much blood. During the time the wound was healing he used to sit out on the ground in the sun, when he thinks he caught cold, although he had no symptoms of such at the time that he can remember. He was in the habit of sleeping with Mike McCarthy, of Lake O'Law, who is reported to have died of leprosy, some two or three months before the latter's death.

The disease from which he suffers commenced with a change in the quality of the voice, which became hoarse and croaking. Then closely followed heaviness, swelling, stiffness, and shooting pains in the face, hands, forearms, and feet and legs. Shortly afterwards blotches of a brown and purple colour, and tumors of sizes varying from a pea to a pigeon's egg, made their appearance, more particularly in the parts above indicated, and not so numerous on the body. The tumors remained much in the same condition for three or four years, some of them spreading in extent and disappearing; others, especially in the feet, breaking and discharging a yellowish green badly-smelling matter. Some of these latter have since healed up, while others again, as at the ends of the fingers and toes, still continue to run.

Six years ago the eyes became weak, congested, and very irritable, with a constant flow of lachrymal secretion over the cheeks. A film formed over the left eye and shortly afterwards over the right, and in the course of a year his sight was completely lost. His nose, first affected in 1875, swelled at the extremity and afterwards ulcerated, the point dropping off, leaving a depression in its place. For nine years his throat has been swollen and sore, although not very troublesome till the last two years, during which, on swallowing, crumbs seem to stop in a hole which he believes to be in it. His bowels are irregular, three days sometimes elapsing between stools; and at such times, though he drinks copiously, the urine is scanty and high-colored. He eats but one meal a day, and that when he is hungry. Sleep is