

THOS. BARNETT, ESQ.

The subject of one of our engravings in this issue, "Thomas Barnett, Esq.," proprietor of Niagara Falls Museum, was born near Birmingham, England, in the year 1799, and emigrated to Canada in 1824.

Forty years ago he founded the museum at Niagara Falls, which is unsurpassed (as the collection of one individual) in the world, and Canada should feel proud of having such a magnificent collection fit to grace any capital of Europe.

It contains several galleries of large dimensions, each well filled with curiosities, animals from the smallest to the most gigantic size, birds of every known kind, being especially rich in this department; reptiles and fishes of every description, &c., &c., &c.; but perhaps the most remarkable and interesting feature in the museum is the collection of Egyptian antiquities, mummies, &c., some of which lived over 1,500 years before Christ; one of these is without doubt in the most perfect preservation of any ever brought from Egypt.

Mr. Barnett has done much for the progress of knowledge by throwing open his museum to all public schools of Canada and the United States free; and his public spirit and enterprise have added important features to the attractions of that beautiful place, Niagara Falls.

James Buchanan is said to be descended



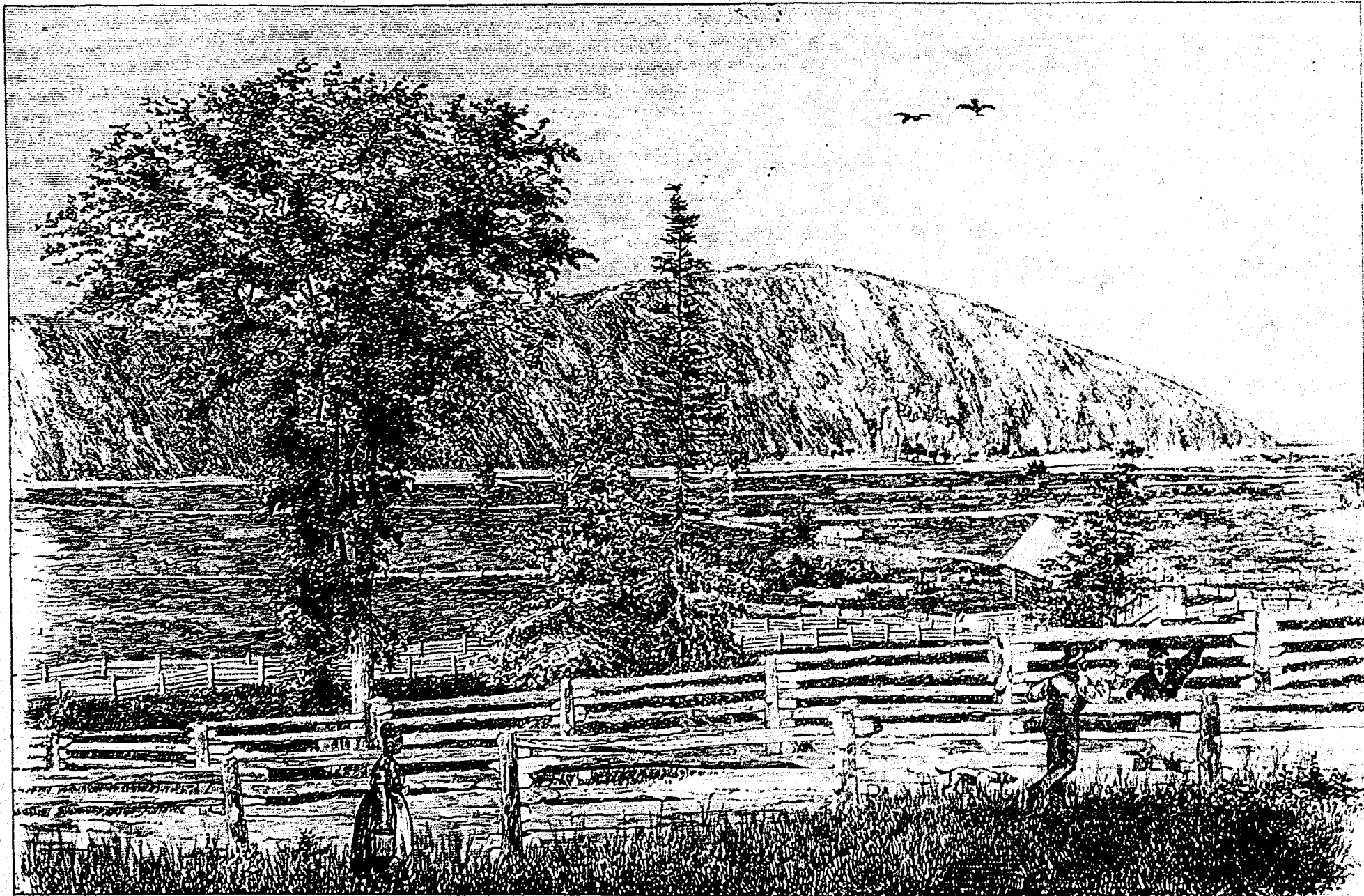
MR. THOMAS BARNET, PROPRIETOR OF NIAGARA FALLS MUSEUM.

from an Irish noble of the eleventh century, named Anselm Buey Okyan—pronounced Buey O'Kane, and ultimately "corrupted" into Buchanan.

A Petersburg clergyman, while preaching on Sunday, accidentally stepped back upon the furnace grating in the pulpit, and it being insecurely fastened, he suddenly disappeared from view in the midst of a sentence. He, however, soon recovered himself uninjured, and proceeded with his sermon.

M. Pavy, a French gentleman, who has projected a voyage to the north pole on an India rubber raft, will start from San Francisco shortly, with three companions. Of his associates, one is Captain Hicks, who is the daring seaman who crossed the Atlantic on the raft "Nonpareil." The present raft is of similar construction with that. The expedition goes first to Petropaulowski, thence to Wrangel's Island. After this they expect to make their way to the open Polar Sea, launching their raft, in which they hope to reach the coast of Greenland.

In a San Francisco court a Mrs. Zablowski asked to be divorced from her husband, basing her petition upon his habitual use of opium, which incapacitated him for business and the support of his family.



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