

found five. One hackle is old, having been brought in 1784 by the family of one of Butler's Rangers.

Numerous documents, now framed, recall stirring times as the proclamation of Wm. Lyon McKenzie from Navy Island 1837. Among other names may be seen that of Samuel Lount, so ruthlessly executed. Another proclamation of a reward of \$500 for the capture of James Morreau, a rebel, evidently a Frenchman, and on inquiry we learn that he was actually hanged at Niagara jail and a record in the Roman Catholic register gives the fact that he was baptized provisionally, he not knowing whether this had been done before.

Some curious old books and pamphlets give interesting glimpses of early life in Canada. A book containing letters to Archdeacon McGrath, Dublin, has engravings by the novelist Samuel Lover, showing the log house of 1832, the bear hunts and fishing expeditions. One item referring to the scarcity of drug stores says that "one woman in Niagara compounds medicines and puddings with equal confidence, but not with equal skill." The formidable speech of Bishop Strachan on the Clergy Reserve question recalls the memory of that vigorous ecclesiastical statesman who gave and received such mighty blows, and who was so vigorously denounced by Robert Gourlay, who lay at one time a prisoner in Niagara jail, a picture of which now hangs on the wall, a contrast to its present appearance as "Our Western Home." A scrip of Pennsylvania in 1773 for four shillings, recalls the time when that state was a British colony, and a curious deed of land has on it the coat of arms of the Canada Company in the Huron tract. A Mavor's spelling book printed in Niagara in 1824 gives some astonishing statements, but this is far eclipsed as a school book by the Agricultural Reader by a vice-president of the Agricultural society, since learned to have been Bishop Fuller. Whether the pupils of any school were ever condemned to use this book is not known, but in the interest of humanity it is hoped not, as the book consists of disquisitions on mangel wurzel, manures, sheep-raising, soils, etc., actually, however, enlivened by two lessons in verse, one stanza of which we cannot refrain from quoting, called "The Farmers' Fair."