

also that the debts contracted then had long been outlawed, and perhaps forgotten by many; not forgotten, however, by this upright and honorable man. Business in Canada had prospered—prospered almost beyond the most sanguine expectations, and now that the day of trial was past, and a competence had been gained, a long cherished plan was carried into execution. Taking with him a large sum of money, James Cockshutt recrossed the Atlantic, diligently sought out all the creditors of his younger and darker days, and paid in full the debts then contracted; thus amply atoning for even the slightest stain or disgrace which could possibly have been connected with the time. In the present days of loose morality with respect to bankruptcy, business men, who have been unfortunate, might well vindicate their characters if prosperity again smiled upon them by following the example of this honest man, who, taking the scripture as his guide, obeyed the mandate, "Owe no man anything."

It may not be out of place here to recall something of the appearance, personal traits and characteristics of the founder of the Canadian branch of the Cockshutt family. He had a strong, clean-shaven face, with large, straight nose, sandy hair, and fresh, English complexion. His eyes were small, and there were heavy wrinkles gathered round them, through which they twinkled when anything aroused the fire within. He was not a common type. One might pass through a long life without meeting any person who would be a reminder of him in appearance even, and, in