

OUR CANADIAN PORTRAIT GALLERY.

No. 36.—THE LATE THOS. MORLAND, Esq., MONTREAL.

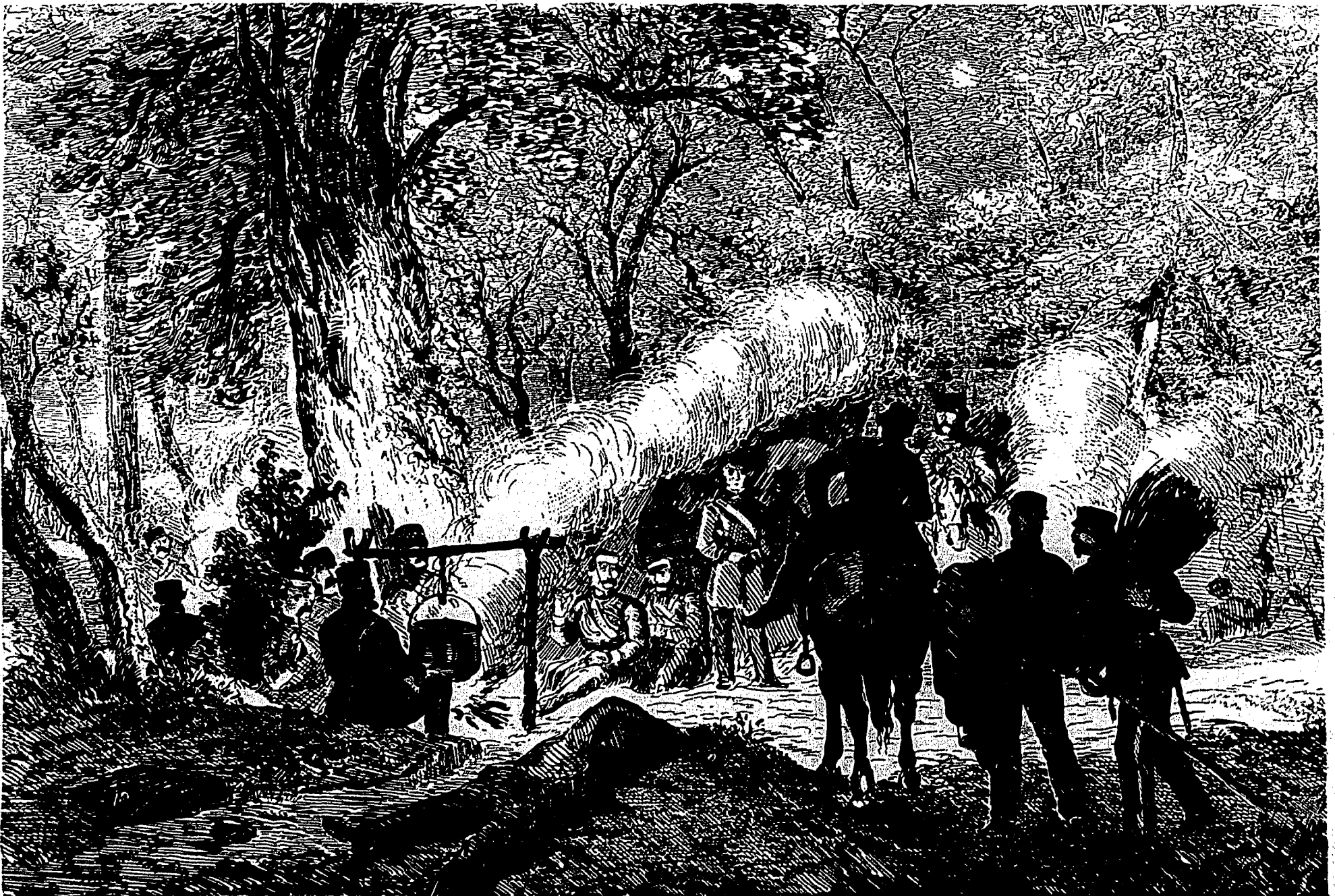
In the midst of the excitement created by the threatening news from the border, the Citizens of Montreal were deeply grieved to learn of the sudden and severe illness at Ottawa, of Thomas Morland, Esq., one of the most prominent and enterprising of the city merchant. Mr. Morland had gone up to Ottawa, partly on business and partly to recuperate his strength which he had for some time before found to be unequal to ordinary exertions without a supervening feeling of unusual lassitude. His friends therefore were taken completely by surprise on hearing of his illness at Ottawa, which set in on the evening of the 24th of May. While at Ottawa he was the guest of Thomas Reynolds, Esq., and on that day had dined at Government House. On returning to the residence of Mr. Reynolds he complained of indisposition and retired early. In the morning, Mr. Reynolds was awakened by groans proceeding from Mr. Morland's bedroom, and entering found the unfortunate gentleman on his hands and knees on the floor suffering the greatest internal agony; having had occasion to leave his bed in the night his sufferings were such as to prevent his return to it. Dr. Grant was at once summoned and reported the case as one of extreme danger, advising the immediate calling in of his own physician. Dr. Sutherland, of this city, was at once sent for; but on arriving early on the morning of the 26th, he found that Mr. Morland had breathed his last about two hours before. A postmortem examination revealed the fact that he had been suffering from a cancerous affection of the stomach. His funeral took place at Montreal, on Saturday, the 28th May, attended with every mark of respect to his memory which the citizens could manifest. He was forty-three years of age at the time of his decease.

Mr. Morland's popularity ex-



THE LATE THOMAS MORLAND. From a photograph by Notman.

tended far beyond the limits of the great commercial circle in which he had earned for himself an honoured name. He was a man of good taste and liberality, entirely free from affectation or unpleasant assumption, and was, therefore, a universal favourite in the social circle. To the Montreal General Hospital his death is an all but irreparable loss. He was Chairman of the Committee of Management; and spent many hours within its walls, visiting it two or three times a week and generally spending his Sunday afternoons there. Besides his own immediate business associations he was connected with many useful enterprises; and held the office of Auditor for the Grand Trunk Railway in Canada, the duties of which he performed with such efficiency that the London Auditor recently reported that there never was occasion to review his work. He commenced business as a partner in the house of W. Darling & Co.; but several years since withdrew and entered into business in his own name. This was the foundation of the now well-known firm of Morland, Watson & Co., one of the partners being a brother of Sir John Rose. The branches of manufacturing industry established by this firm are various and important, comprising saw works, axe works, and the numerous branches of iron works now carried on under the Montreal Rolling Mills Company, comprising rolling, nail works, tack works, lead works, &c., with their factories on the Lachine Canal. Such important branches of manufacture, combined with the importation of iron, hardware, &c., gave the deceased gentleman a most extensive business connection throughout the country; and the sympathy for his bereaved family because of his early fate will be widespread as well as sincere. Our Portrait of the deceased gentleman, exhibits a countenance indicative alike of the enterprise and amiability by which he was distinguished.



VOLUNTEER BIVOUAC, COOK'S CORNERS. From a sketch by A. Vogt.—SEE PAGE 408.