

of the nascitur order and no mistake. We note that our excellent contemporary, the Dundas *Banner*, talks about him in a careless, aberrated sort of way. This will never do; the *Banner* man had better beware of the poet's vengeance."

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The town of Orillia, about 100 miles north of Toronto, is such a remarkably beautiful place that we yield to the temptation to give the notices we have received from the kind, urbane and gentlemanly editors of each of the three excellent local papers it possesses.

From the Orillia daily *Times*, for March 5th, 1889: "Jas. Elliott, late of Parry Sound, poet and literateur, is in town. He is collecting material for some great work on Canada, and will put your name in the book for the modest sum of 10c. cash. He introduced himself at the *Times* office yesterday, where he appeared as a quiet, honest looking old gentleman, with a poet's eyes and hair, and stone deaf. His work, "A Deaf Traveller," is unique and deals with certain personages and subjects antagonistic to the author, in a very strong manner."

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From the Orillia *News-Letter* for March 8th, 1889: "Mr. James Elliott, the Parry Sound poet, who spends his time during the summer following the hard life of a backwoods pioneer, and writing and selling books in the winter, called on the *News-Letter* Wednesday. His latest production, "A Deaf Traveller," is a gem of the first water and must be read to be appreciated. Any person reading this book will be sure to buy all of Mr. Elliott's future productions. He has secured about 50 subscribers to his next work, in which he has obligingly promised to notice the *News-Letter*."

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From the Orillia *Packet*, March 8th, 1889: "Mr. James Elliott, whose literary name is Pat Proppen, hails from Parry Sound, a village he is exceedingly proud of. He has been here this week selling an unique little book of his productions, and we understand met with a gratifying response to his appeal. Mr. Elliott is entirely deaf and nearly blind, but can speak. During the summer he does the work of a pioneer farmer and in the winter visits older parts of the country. He says Orillia shows more signs of substantial progress than any other of the seventy places he has visited this season."

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If our very limited space permitted we would gladly give the names of all the papers and their