

taking the oath prescribed for Roman Catholics in the presence of Hibbert Newton Binney, one of the commissioners appointed by the lieutenant-governor for the purpose. On the same day Alex. Stewart, Wm. B. Bliss and Lawrence Doyle were appointed a committee to examine and report on expiring laws.

I have enjoyed, recently, a conversation with an aged citizen (Thomas Granville), now in his 94th year, and among other things he told me that where the Sisters' convent now stands, on Barrington street, there was in the early years a vegetable garden for the use of the resident priest. Upon this site afterwards there was built a small double cottage. In one end there resided a Mrs. McSweeney who kept a school for young children. Doyle's father, who lived nearby, owned three donkeys, who it seems had free access to the street, and who were great favorites with the children that attended the dame's school.

The donkeys with unerring instinct knew the precise hour of the children's dismissal, and, accordingly, every afternoon they would repair to the vicinity of the school to await the coming out of the children, who gathered around them, and who would, in turn, mount their backs, to be ridden about the streets, until relieved by the coming of Mr. Doyle's servant, and taken to their enclosure. Father Burke (afterwards Bishop) relates that Mr. Doyle, the father of Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, whilst excavating the basement of the college building, found a "spring of running water capable of supplying half the town—we have put a pump in it." That same spring of delicious cold water, it has been told us by Archbishop O'Brien, was used by the various inmates of the old glebe house for the next eighty years. In the new glebe house it holds its place of honor and usefulness. Bishop Plessis, of Quebec, who visited Halifax in 1818, says: "the college is let at a low rent to a Catholic merchant named Lawrence Doyle. He occupied the lower part. Lawrence O'Connor Doyle at the outset of his political career intended to stand as a candidate for Cape Breton. But, as he said himself in reply to