

By a Special Correspondent.)

There is no need of telling about what took place outside the buildings, all of which was highly interesting for me. No person came to disturb us until after the arrival of

This is the story, just as I remember it. That gentleman in the gorgeous uniform was the Governor-General; the other officers were the members of his staff; the gentlemen in evening dress were the members of the Cabinet, past and present; the ceremony was the conferring of knighthood on Sir John A. Macdonald, the Premier, in honor of the Confederation of the provinces and the birth of this Dominion of Canada. All those who had taken part in that private ceremony proceeded to the House of Parliament, to the Senate Chamber and to the House of Commons, for the opening of Parliament and the official proclamation of the British North America Act. How many of those then present I later on came to know as public men I cannot exactly say; how many of them are alive to-day I do not know—possibly not more than three or four. But, as an humble individual, I can truthfully say that I actually witnessed a history-making event—even if it were by mere accident.

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Long enough have we harped upon the anti-divorce chord, and yet we always find some new facts arising to prove that the more persistent the opposition to this modern hydra of corruption the greater the service to the State, to the world, to the individual citizen. We have been long aware that the United States has been the hot-bed of this crime

against society as well as against the express law of God. It is only necessary to follow the daily press and to read the accounts, served up every night and every morning, of the divorces that have been granted by a supposed legal authority, to justify us in saying that an age of moral degradation has come upon us. Of course, the entire world acknowledges the uncompromising attitude of the Catholic Church on this subject, and the world is willing to give credit to the Church for the same; but, when it comes to a matter of practice the world does not heed the Church, and it goes on sure-

The United States of America has existed but a little more than a fifth of the time that elapsed between the founding of Rome and its first di-

to dispense with the services of a minister or other official authorized to perform the marriage ceremony, could sign a contract of marriage, and if the same was within a period of six months filed with the clerk of the city or town in which the contract was executed the marriage was legalized.

The first couple in this section, so far as known, who took advantage of this law was K. George Selander and Miss Irene Curtis, both of Jamestown. The contracting parties met at the law office of E. V. Hatfield September 20 and signed the necessary contract.

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