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Forty-two years of service in the regular work of the Canadian Baptist ministry, and ability to preach the gospel every Sunday save twelve, during all this time, and this service performed when for the most part hardships unknown now were the common experience of ministerial life, make a rare record. Such is the achievement of the Rev. John Dempsey. In a career like this there ought to be many things helpful to the younger brethren. Perhaps the brief sketch of it now attempted may so prove.

Mr. Dempsey was born near a small hamlet, called Resharkin, in county Antrim, Ireland, December 28th, 1822. With his parents he came to Canada and settled in the township of Oxford, county of Grenville. There is not much to be said of his boyhood days beyond what might be said of any other lad whose lot was cast in the midst of pioneer life in Canada during the early thirties. His school advantages were very meagre, but what he lacked in this particular, was perhaps more than made up to him, in his apprenticeship to endurance and self-reliance and in the knowledge which he gained of practical things. Nature was his study rather than books, and his acquaintance was with the forests and streams and all that in them were of his boyhood home. His out of door life gave him the sturdy frame which carried him so buoyantly through