

stumps in the back woods of the Township of Oro. He bought land in the neighborhood of Orillia; but after being there a few years, he left Canada, and spent some years on the continent, and then returned to Canada.

I first heard of him on going to the County of Simcoe, on the occasion of the contest for representation of Simcoe in Parliament, between William Robinson and William Hume Blake, in 1846. I took some part in that election, having been scrutineer at the poll in the Township of Essa, in the interest of Mr. Robinson. I recollect hearing of a gentleman named Connor, who had been speaking in different parts of the county on behalf of Mr. Blake. He was represented as an Irishman, fluent of speech and weighty in argument, doing yeoman service for Mr. Blake in his candidature for representation of the county. I did not expect then that at some future time I would meet Doctor Connor at the Bar, and know him as the cultured gentleman he was, and as a member of the Canadian Bar.

As I look back and ponder over the events of those days, I find I have to acknowledge that Doctor Connor, at the time of the election, was really a member of the Canadian Bar, without my being aware of it, for I find him entered on the books of the Law Society, as an admitted student, in Easter Term, 5 Victoria (1842), and called to the Bar the same day. Having a degree, he was entitled to be called to the Bar without service in Canada. I think he must have come down from Oro, taken his call to the Bar, and then returned again north, where he was found on the occasion of the election to which I have referred.

Some time after being called to the Bar, Doctor Connor became a partner with Mr. Blake (William Hume Blake), and Mr. Joseph Morrison, under the firm name of Blake, Morrison, and Connor. This firm had their office in what had been the old Toronto Club Building, on the corner of King and Bay streets, where the Mail Building now stands. The firm did a large business. Mr. Morri-