

abroad and manifesting himself in the most awful exhibitions of his evil power. How long! Oh, how long! Would it ever end? Would those developments come? Developments I had been awaiting during a period of the most terrific suspense and agony—a period such as sends the iron deep into a man's soul, and bends him low in his strength.

Suddenly my horse brought himself up with a tremendous rebound, almost unseating me.

Could it be? Were my weary, bloodshot eyes deceiving me? Was it the hallucination of a disordered brain? No, a fence, a fence, saved! saved!

My calculations had carried. To the

right one mile, through a gate, half a mile farther, and then, O, my God, there would be safety, there would be a roof, there would be loving hands—hands to support the storm-rocked, to care for the frozen, to gently touch the wearied and fevered brow, and bring back once more to its normal condition a mind torn by an awful experience.

That blessed and merciful port was reached — those angelic dispensations were realized.

With a silent prayer upon my lips I stumbled from my horse, stabled him, and staggered to the house—staggered into the arms of mercy, saved, saved, from the jaws of an awful death.



Sixty Years Ago — Continued

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THE *Islander* of July 6, 1844, contains the following awe-inspiring and specific announcement, published under the heading of "Land Assessment."

"In pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of this Island, made and passed in the seventh year of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, entitled an Act for levying an Assessment on all lands in this Island, I do hereby publicly notify the Owners or Occupiers of lands, within the Island for which the annual assessment charged thereon by the said enacted

Act, of Four Shillings, lawful money of this Island, for every hundred acres of wilderness or unimproved lands contained in the several Townships, and the several islands belonging thereto; and the sum of Two Shillings for every hundred acres of cultivated or improved lands in the said several Townships and Islands as aforesaid; and the sum of Four Shillings for each and every uncultivated or unimproved Town Lot, Pasture Lot, Common Lot, and Water Lot, granted in the Town and Royalty of Charlottetown; and the sum of Two Shillings for each and every cultivated or improved Town,