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GERMAN EMIGRANTS DEPARTING FOR CANADA.

SKETCHED FOR THE CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, A. BINKERT.

GERMANS IN CANADA.

The 'Departing Emigrants' are represented as taking the last look of the village graveyard; the elder persons sad, the young ones mirthful. They are about to bid a last adieu to Germany, the Fatherland, to sail for America, and find a home among their numerous countrymen, most probably at Berlin, or Preston, or Hespeler or other German settlements in the county of Waterloo, in Upper Canada.

The group was painted by Carl Hubner, an artist of Berlin in Prussia, and exhibited at the International Exhibition of 1862.—That picture is here re-produced as an engraving from a sketch made by A. Binkert,

a special Artist engaged by the Proprietors of the Canadian Illustrated News.

About the end of August, 1863, a general assemblage of all the Germans in the Province is to be held at Berlin in Canada West, when no doubt their young countryman, Binkert will give us sketches worthy of the grand festival, and of his eminent ability as an artist.

The county of Waterloo is not the only locality of German settlers in the Province; but it contains many of the great Teutonic Family who at one time took their departure from beyond the Rhine. If we say they are thrifty, enterprising, and in all cases socially comfortable, in some cases affluent, the terms are only repeated which are fami-

liar to every person acquainted with the district in which the Germans live. There around Berlin, New Hamburg, Heidleburg, Preston and Hespeler, they cultivate the land, sing the music of old Germany and flourish.

The county of Waterloo is a portion of what was previously the Wellington District, which in 1838 was formed out of the counties of Halton and Simcoe.

The Canada Land Company was formed in England, by Mr. John Galt, in 1825 and then or soon after obtained all the territory from a line near Lake Ontario to Lake Huron. But before that a German settlement existed in the township of Waterloo. The population of the county was in Jan-

uary, 1861, 38,750. Of these the religious distinctions indicate the nationality not clearly, but suggestively. They are: Church of England, 2,721; Church of Rome, 6,348; Presbyterians (many of these Scotch) 7,133; Methodists, 3,979; Baptists, 787; Lutherans, 10,290; Congregationalists, 20; Quakers, Menonists and Tunkers, 4,305. These last are exempted by Act of Parliament from bearing arms in military service. Bible christians, 119. Protestants, 350. Jews, 4. Universalists, 26. Unitarians, 2. No Religion, 776. No creed given, 237. Other creeds not classed, 1,563. Berlin is the seat of the county courts. The Berlin Telegraph edited by Mr. D. McDougall; and the Deutscher Canadier by Dr. Logler, published by their proprietor Elias Eby, are both journals of excellent reputation.