

I have said before that we had fixed upon C—— as our new home; we had done so previous to leaving the old country; we had been induced to do it from reading a little work addressed to intending emigrants, published and circulated by one Martin Doyle, and also from the flattering encomiums bestowed on the place in letters written by the late Chief Justice Robinson.

Shortly after our arrival, my father purchased some town lots, and built extensive premises; and with ample means at his disposal, had re-commenced some branches of his old and favorite calling. The next year he added a dwelling house, gardens and pleasure grounds.

Our property, which reached to low water mark on the shore of the lake (Ontario), occupied an area of from four to six acres, according to the encroachment or retreating of the waters; but the frontage of the grounds opposite the dwelling, adjoining the beach, was little more than one hundred feet.

I will now pass over an interval, from the time of our landing at C——, of several years, when, one day in the summer of 183—, after the Royal Mail Steamer "William the Fourth" had called as usual, my father unexpectedly, and during business hours, came over to the house and hurrying into my mother's room in a great state of trepidation and excitement exclaimed, "J—, who do you think the brewery men saw at the steamboat to-day?"

"I don't know. I can't guess. Who?"

"Cassidy!" —

"My God! It can't be possible!"

"But it is. Costegan saw him and is positive."

"Oh! it cannot be true; may he not be mistaken? It must be some one else."

"I tell you Costegan is certain about it; he knew him well when he lived in M——, and the other men say the same, and they know him too, at least by sight."

"The Lord's will be done!" said my mother. "What will become of us! What has brought him to America!"

"I don't know; seeking his cursed revenge, I suppose!"

"And what are you going to do now? Has he landed here?"

"I am not sure. The men came away as soon as they shipped the orders for Toronto and Hamilton, and before the boat left. They say he did not see or recognize them."

"Oh! I hope it is so; and that he has gone on, and has not found out that we are residing here."