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THE subject of our sketch is an Irishman, having been born in the County of Leitrim, in the Emerald Isle, and like most Irishmen, is gifted with a lively perception of the humorous and an abundance of ready wit and readiness in *repartee*. He immigrated to Canada when only 10 or 11 years of age. His father was an officer in the Royal Irish Constabulary, a force which has always borne a semi-military reputation on account of its drill and discipline.

On arriving in this country the family settled in Montreal, where the father died within a year afterwards. Dr. Drummond was educated in Montreal, and graduated from Bishop's University as C. M. M. D., in 1883, Bishop's College having been affiliated with McGill for the purpose of conferring degrees. He at once engaged in the practice of his profession and shortly after located at Stornoway, in the eastern part of St. Francis District, where a meagre practice enabled him to cultivate his taste for hunting and fishing and other outdoor sports. He afterwards practised for a time at Knowlton, Que.

In 1887, he returned to Montreal, where he has now become "a fixture." Being popular amongst his *confreres*, and a hard and conscientious worker and practitioner, he is rapidly making a name and reputation for himself and building up a substantial and lucrative practice. In his younger days he gave a good account of his skill and ability in the gymnasium and athletic field. He is a thorough sportsman fully imbued with the true spirit of sport,

even the shade of a pot-hunter or pot-fisher, being an abomination in his sight. He is a capital shot and the light rod in his hand undergoes some clever manipulations. Last year on the Grand Cascapedia, he had the good fortune to kill the monarch of the salmon season of 1890, weighing 50 lbs. 8 oz.



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In the case of Dr. Drummond the usual rule obtains, that a good sportsman is an out-and-out good fellow. He has three brothers, two of whom, George E. and Thomas J. Drummond, are the well known iron and steel merchants, of Montreal. The other, John J. Drummond, is Manager of the Canada Iron Foundry Co., at Radnor, Que.

Dr. Drummond's reputation as a humorous writer, especially of *habitant* English verse, extends all over the continent, and our readers will remember several of his articles which have appeared in this journal. His "Wreck of the Julie Plante" has been very generally copied by the press of Can-

ada and the United States. That his poetic genius is not confined to the humorous or burlesque, is evidenced by his "October Days," written for this journal a few months ago. One of his articles, "*Cauda Morrhua*," which appears in this issue, although dealing with a purely local matter, shows a good deal of the Tom Hood versatility of composition.

The Doctor has not as yet joined the extensive army of benedicts, but we understand that there have benedicts issued which may compel him to *altar* his way of living and oblige him to do what has fallen to the lot of nearly every sportsman—follow his *dux*.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

There are four plates procured from the Montreal *Witness* and are too generally known to require any description. The view of Montreal is taken from the Mountain in rear of the city and takes in the Victoria Bridge across the River St. Lawrence nearly two miles in length. The "Rapids on the Cascapedia" will at once attract the eye of the angler, embracing as it does one of the most famous salmon resorts of all the rivers falling into the St. Lawrence River or Gulf. "Percé Rock, Gaspé," is one of the attractions of that exposed portion of the gulf coast, and is a great resort for various varieties of sea-birds during the nesting time, and "Nelson's Monument" on the Place d'Armes, Montreal, is one of the old attractions of that particular locality and commemorates the victories of the of Trafalgar. "England expects every man to do his duty," and it is the duty of the citizens of Montreal to keep this monument in the position assigned to it when the old Admiral's memory was greener in the hearts of his countrymen than it now is. It is one of the land marks of the early portion of the present century which should not be interfered with.