

adjourn to the tavern. There, while mellowed into maudlin generosity, he was induced to become responsible to a large amount for a brother mason—that brother failed without securing father; father seeing the storm rising, under cover of coming to Upper Canada to look after securing the claims he had for services rendered to the British Government for land, stepped out of the way, and dear mother and her four eldest boys, the youngest only four years of age, were left to face the tornado, which swept all away. He was gone two years and five months, during which, though the second eldest boy lost his sight during the time, mother maintained herself and children in tidiness and comfort. Nor was her husband's return, though he vaunted a grant from Gov. Simcoe for a thousand acres of land in his pocket, anything but a source of anxiety to his wife and hapless boys. Oh! drink, thou art a demon, and thy name is legion! Several years longer residence in New Brunswick added two more boys to the family, and brought down our history to the spring of 1809.

Then it was resolved to remove to Upper Canada to locate and settle on their thousand-acre demesne. In a boat they descended the St. John River to the Bay of Fundy; but they must perforce remain in the fisheries in Passimaquody until the four eldest boys, *Joseph, James, William, and Thomas*, could earn money enough to enable the family to complete their journey to the much anticipated land of promise.

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