

sible, the roads were too bad for a regular Brougham or Landau, he was willing to go in some vehicle of the country. He even so far conceded, as to be content to travel on a buckboard. I advised his going to a livery. "What," said he, indignantly rising, 'you're a Gouvernment agent and make a difficulty about a paultry conveyance. I'll report ye when I get back to Toronto, and more than that, I'll write to the Gouvernour General.' I placidly told him that I had no instructions to hire conveyances for well-to-do explorers, or to give any assistance to any one not really requiring it. I said, however, that if he would give me the names of those distinguished persons for whom he was acting, and proofs of his mission, I would telegraph to Toronto, to see what could be done. He raised himself. He drew himself up very icily, declined the offer, and asked me to give him an order on the hotel for free board. I declined. He narrowed it down to begging a dinner. I still refused, but gave him 25 cents to get rid of him. In the afternoon, when he had come down to "hardpan," I was sitting on a door step in Gravenhurst, chatting with a brother immigration agent, when up comes the Irish dude, thoroughly toned down and hunting up work. We let him know that a deck-hand was wanted on the "Nipissing," and he ran off to the steamer at breack-neck speed, with all his personal estate—a small wallet—on

his back, while we yelled at him at the top of our voices, to hurry.

In 1880, the Provincial Exhibition was to be held in Hamilton. The idea struck me that it would be a great help to Muskoka to send an exhibit there. There was less than a fortnight to arrange for space, gather up the various roots and grain, pack, forward, draw to the Exhibition building from the station and unpack, sort, house and display them. No doubt the Muskoka Agricultural Society would have aided, but there was no time to ask them. At this juncture, J. W. Dill, a Bracebridge storekeeper came to the rescue, and not only lent his wagon, but went with me himself to various farmers' houses, within a circle of about six miles from the village. We went day after day, hauled the grains and roots ourselves, loaded and unloaded them, and packed them for transit. Captain Harston from the Ilfracombe settlment where a lumber of English gentlemen of means had made large clearings, gave me a splendid collection of millet and other grains. I collected some samples of pottery clay from one of my own lots, red clover four feet high from my ravine, and hops from the garden, also very hard bricks of a remarkable Muskoka clay, which rang with a bell-like sound when struck together. F. Jarett a village blacksmith sent a set of shoes, which was highly admired by the Hamilton Vulcans. Fine specimens of Muskoka white oak and brick were also procured, and in addi-