

Mr. Lyon is a warm admirer of Robert Burns, a thorough appreciator of his songs, and can play them all on the violin, of which he is perfect master. His execution on that instrument, which is solely by the ear, is simply astonishing. In 1866 eleven of the best players met at Montreal on Hallow-eve night, to contest for a prize for the best Scotch violinist, David Kennedy, the famous Scotch vocalist, being umpire in that matter, and Mr. Lyon was the winner. A gold medal was awarded him, and this index of the triumph of his musical talent he prizes very highly.

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TIMOTHY T. COLEMAN, M.D.,

SEAFORTH.

TIMOTHY THEOBALD COLEMAN, a pioneer physician at Seaforth, and a prominent manufacturer, was born in the county of Kerry, Ireland, February 11, 1828, his father being Thomas Coleman, a farmer, who died when our subject was four years old. Young as he was, Timothy was the oldest of three children, left to the care of the widowed mother. He was kept at school until eighteen years old, receiving an English and classical education, being obliged to drop his studies at that age on account of the famine in Ireland in 1846, when he had to resort to manual labor to keep the family alive.

In 1848 Mr. Coleman emigrated to America; taught two years in an academy at Le Roy, Genesee county, New York; came to Canada West in 1850, and taught two years in the township of Scarborough, studying medicine at the same time with Dr. Hamilton; attended medical lectures at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in March, 1857; was licensed the next year by the Medical Board of Canada; and practised at Harpurhey, one mile from where Seaforth now stands, from 1857 until 1861, when the latter place began to show signs of becoming a village.

When Dr. Coleman settled in this neighborhood, and opened an office (1857) Seaforth had only two houses, the country was sparsely settled, and roads in some directions were—unmade. Many a long horseback ride he was forced to take through the old primeval forests, part of the way without even a dim path to guide him. Moving into the village of Seaforth, in 1861, he continued the practice of medicine and surgery until 1872, having, however, started salt works here three years earlier. In addition to salt he is now manufacturing lumber, staves and barrels, having for a partner his step-son, Dr. William C. Gouinlock. They make from 65,000 to 75,000 barrels of salt annually; cut 2,500,000 feet of lumber; make their own staves and barrels, having an extensive cooperage, and supply other parties with barrels, there being three salt manufacturing establishments in Seaforth, aggregating about 200,000 barrels.

The Doctor has dealt a great deal in real estate, and with marked success. Like Midas, his touch seems to turn everything to gold or its equivalent, and he had a competency years ago.