

ALONG THE OTTAWA RIVER.

FROM THE RAMBLER.

I suppose there are millions of people who do not know that there is such a man as myself living; others—certainly not millions—know me in the flesh; whilst a few very few—who have very little else to do, will, tormented by original sin, occasionally turn aside to read my lucubrations in the REGISTER. Now some amongst this class may remember that my last effusion left us at

ANAPRIOR.

Anaprior is situated at the point where the Madawaska discharges its waters into the Ottawa River and contains a population of four thousand five hundred. It has the usual number and variety of industries such as one meets in almost every Canadian town of similar size and importance, chief amongst which stands the McLachlin saw-mill, said to be the greatest of its kind in America, and, of course, by a very simple process of reasoning, must be the greatest on earth. Anaprior owes much of its prosperity to this huge establishment, and it is but justice to the worthy proprietors to say that to their employees they are generous, and liberal and tolerant to all; and that the great measure of prosperity which has attended their efforts excites pleasure instead of envy in the breast of every one.

Besides enjoying the proud distinction of being able to whip all creation in saw-mills, Anaprior possesses several mammoth commercial establishments, in everyone of which you have only to ask for what you cannot see.

Church accommodation is ample and first class; indeed, the man who, during this hot weather, cannot enjoy a comfortable sleep in one of its upholstered pens, must have a terrible conscience, and I would tremble for the future of such an individual. The preaching, of course, is thoroughly orthodox, the widest latitude being allowed for condemning the other man's doctrines as erroneous.

Anaprior has a number of lawyers who are more remarkable for their attendance at Church, rather than at Court, men, eminently innocent, whose desire is more to keep the Ten Commandments, than to keep anything else.

Anaprior presents facilities for acquiring a good education; indeed, the reputation attained by its Educational Institutions is such that students from remote distances flock hereward in quest of learning.

At a very early period in the history of Anaprior, the Irishmen must have found it a most desirable place to live in, judging from the number of names, eminently suggestive of Celtic lineage, which have always adorned various signs along its streets.

Any description of the place that would omit the name of "Galvin" would be sadly lacking in completeness. Michael Galvin, the head of the prosperous firm of Galvin Bros. has been always active in promoting the commercial development of the town as he has been a prominent figure in its social life. Nor has he been less zealous in fostering works of practical benevolence, as demonstrated by the lively interest which he has taken in the affairs of the "C.M.B.A."

Messrs John Tierney & Son have built up a trade in dry goods and which cannot be shaken by the worst blasts of financial depression. Besides superintending the details of a huge establishment, the head of this firm finds some time to devote to political affairs, and, much in opposition to his own wishes, was constrained to offer himself some years ago for the representation of South Renfrew, in the Local Legislature, being defeated however by a very slender majority. A tramp of some weeks duration, which I have

recently made through this Riding satisfies me that just now Mr. Tierney would be a dangerous antagonist for any man to measure political swords with.

Sullivans, whether in Ireland or in Canada, I am always with you! There are two of you just now engaged in stamping your foot prints in the commercial sands of Anaprior—John selling to the people that which they can eat and "Mart" furnishing the drink; but each in his own line exalting his respective business, and both winning the respect of the whole community.

My old friend Mr. John Harvey, the first Mayor of Anaprior is I am proud to say still hale and hearty. A man of splendid abilities supplemented with fine social qualities, he has been long recognized as a leader in the social, the municipal and political life not only of Anaprior but of the surrounding counties as well. Many will regret to learn that on a recent occasion, as all nature was wrapt in slumber, a fire originating in a tavern back yard and widening its scope ultimately seized within its embrace the hospitable home of our friend, reducing in a few hours to ashes that which has been the accumulation of years. It is gratifying however to learn that Phoenix like Mr. Harvey has arisen from the ashes and that with the courage of youth he enters afresh upon a new career with the most hopeful prospects. Mr. Michael Harvey has founded the nucleus of what promises to be a flourishing suburb on the western confines of Anaprior upon property bequeathed to him by his father the late Mr. James Harvey, a shrewd Irishman who appeared at the mouth of the Madawaska over half a century ago, and whose only capital was a pair of willing arms. Mr. Harvey left his family independent, a son, Thomas, is the owner of the Grand Union hotel. Another son Robert, is the well known Livery Man, the old homestead being retained by Michael in whose name there is a standing offer of a free site to any individual or number of individuals who may start a manufactory.

In hotel accommodation Anaprior is amply supplied; indeed I question if there is another town of similar size where the cravings of the inner man will receive more prompt attention, and I am certain that nowhere can a man enjoy greater immunity should he indulge his propensity for singing and shouting. Of course profanity is absolutely prohibited.

With kindest wishes to all, and with a feeling that somethings glitter which are really gold, I am off for a fresh stopping place. RAMBLER

Obituary.

Mr Lawrence O'Byrne, an old Employee of the CATHOLIC REGISTER, has suffered severe affliction during the week by the death of his daughter, Mary Jane, which event took place at the family residence, 123 St. Patrick street, on September 6th.

Spiral Climbing.

A piece of work is being done upon the spire of St. Patrick's Church here, the like of which has not been hitherto attempted. Scaffolding is attached to the height of nearly two hundred feet. The Cross will be gilded in its present position. Messrs. Dill and O'Hearn are doing the work.



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