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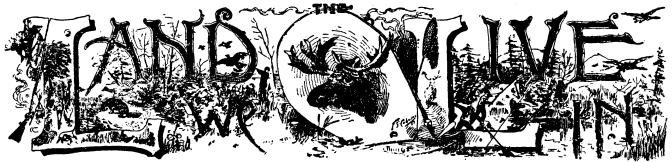




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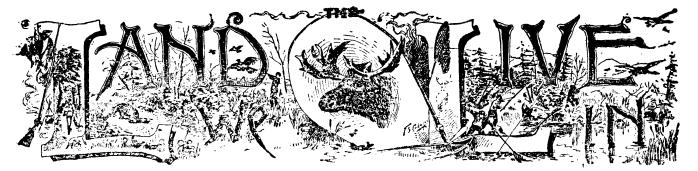
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# North Hatley and Vicinity, in Olden Time.

BY REV. B. BRUNNING.



OME friend of mine has sent me the Sept. 1891 and Jan. 1892 Nos. of The Land WE LIVE IN, and from some of the articles of "Pioneer Life" and descriptions of localities with which I used to be familiar

there has been stirred within me, pleasant recollections that seem new-born.

I have not written in any attempt at literary perfection; but more in a rambling and irregular way, as thoughts and incidents came flashing into my mind, as I set at my desk. "Calestigan" carries me to the familiar haunts of my boyhood, in the years 1837 to 1841. North Hatley, which used to be familiarly known as "The Outlet." was then away off on one side, and on the road to nowhere. When we went to Sherbrooke with a load, we had to g) round by Bial Abbotts mill—as there was then no road from the bridge at the outlet-up the hill, directly east, and I remember well helping to cut that new road, though the woods to "Barnard's field." There was but a "bridle road," down the r ver, by the Fisher farm, (now Capelton) and Geo. Brook's fine place, coming out to the main road south of John Gamsby's farm. There was no road over towards Magog, farther then Chauncy Kezar's close to whom lived his brother Samuel and Hiram Abbott, their's being the end of the settlement. At that time, many of the settlers lived in log houses, and to keep them warm in winter, there was no stint of fire wood, for every man felt that the more he burned, the more land he would get cleared. In this regard, I can well remember, up on the west road, there lived one Jabez Clough; the place has since been owned many years, by Benjamin Colby. In the house was a "dutch

fire place," a mere back; no side jams. The back, was some 12 feet wide. The man owned an old grey mare, and I have seen him draw a log, 8 feet long and some 18 inches through, into the house, with that mare, many a time; roll it back into the fire place and what with the additional back stick, forestick, limbs, split wood and chips, three or four such fires would use up a full cord of wood. A farm would be cleared in due time, that way, easily. In those times, the old singing school, spelling school, and lyceum, were then attended and participated in by both the young and old, and if an organ had been attempted to have been put in a church, there would have been as much ado made about it as is described in Will Carlton's poem on the same subject. In those years I lived with and worked for the late Chauncy LeBaron, on the west side of the lake, about a mile from the b idge, directly up the hill road, and whose farm joined Taylor Wadleigh's. It was then that primitive life and primitive sports, were the highest pleasures and joys of the times, Fishing at that time was worth talking about and no one had to come home empty handed; for fish were both plenty, and easily caught, with either spear, or hook, even by the

I well remember going over to "Little Magog Lake," one night, with Chauncy LeBaron and Obadiah Hawse to fish for pickerel. We barrowed a "dug out" canoe, and took our jack, spears and fat spruce roots, and when dark enough, we lighted our fire in the jack and started out, and in three hours we had taken a little over 100 pounds of handsome pickerel, and we were home, three miles, before midnight.

The vigorous men of those years, in that vicinity, have nearly all passed away, and but few of the younger men are left, to be called old now. Among the stalwart settlers up and down Lake Massawippi, in the vicinity of what is now North Hatley, were Chauncy and Samuel Kezar, Hiram Abbott, G. Cuil, Perkins Hawse, Chauncy Le

Baron, Joseph Samson, Orin LeBaron (the deaf man), Ben Wadleigh, Luke and Venan Bean and Abial Abbott, jr, In another direction there were the older and younger Joseph Bean, Mr. Barnard, Shaw, and Tom Reed, Moses Griffin, Andrew Jackson the fox hunter and Mr. Stone. Among the older men "up on the road" were Abial Abbott, sr., Elijah LeBaron, (grandfather to the present tribe), Abiather Woodward, Seth Huntington, A. M. Marsh, Nathaniel Hawse, Chester Hovey (a magistrate) and Horace, his brother. There were Deacon Little Jesse Wadleigh, who weighed 325 pounds; Phillip Flanders and a Mr. Niles the father of the present Epicopal Bishop of that name.

Money was scarce; times hard and life very primitive; but hospitality was both general and generous, and friend-ships warm and honest. Many men had to "make salts" in winter, in order to get money to pay taxes and interest with; for general trade was carried on by barter and exchange of products, for mercantile commodities.

How (the late) Lucius Huntington, was a school mate of mine, although a little younger. Nearly all those who were the young married men of the time of which I write, are dead and gone, and even a large majority of my school mates have "gone on before." Among the men of 1839 in that vicinity, I think only Augustus Abbott, Mark Bean and Phillips Bean are living and these are away up in the "eighties."

The descendants of all those old settlers, are scattered far and wide, and are among all classes of society. At that time, Lake Massawippi was undisturbed by the denizens of city life and its shores unadorned by the cottages of the "summer resorters." The railroad and its station, and the whistle of the "iron horse," were then, not even, in the visionary dreams of the population. In the times of my boyhood, [we used to be boys then until we were 21], in our hilarious and gleeful desires, we used to go to a

neighbor's house, by appointment, or invitation-it didn't seem to matter which—to have a good time. We took oxen and sled, loaded it full with the married and single; meet others there, who came in a similar way, and during the evening have a dance, after some cheap, cracked, or unglued fiddle, or perchance the tunes were breathed through tissue paper over a fine-toothed comb. We would have our lunch, [called supper then] of doughnuts, pumpkin pie and ginger bread, and all get home by midnight, but we went earlier than they go now. Apple parings, corn huskings, with "quiltings," and the men going in the evening, afforded us many an hour of genial enjoyment of the hale and heartier kinds.

But the charges from then to now can be seen and appreciated by your readers of to-day who will take the above descriptions in this irregular form and compare them with the delightful, natural see ery, and the changed conditions through art, education and habits of the very present

B. BRUNNING. Bowdoinham, Maine, 1892.

FOR THE LAND WE LIVE IN.
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I am bound for the land of the exile, It may be the land of the free, But it never will be half so welcome, As the land I have left is to me.

I think of the land that's behind me, The beautiful land of my birth, And I ne'er can lorget though I'm leaving, The happiest land on the earth.

Igo to leave room for my brothers, That are toiling so hard for their bread, But I'll not let repinings unman me, I will sing and rejoice in their stead.

When I first asked the unpleasant question, "Must I with the rest emigrate?"
The' I try to make ends meet together,
It is u eless to fight against fate.

Then let us like men face the problem, And settle the whole world around. So wherever the bright sun goes shining, A Briton will surely be found.

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Rana Halecina [Holbrook] - Leopard Frog - Common Frog.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.



ENGTH of adult, eight inches.
A spot on the nose and two between the eyes, which are sometimes absent; large black-brown spots on the back, irregularly arranged; there spots encircled with a light colored ring, and they

gradually disappear on the sides. Arms, thighe and legs with similar spots on the upper surfaces. Insides clear white, as also the belly and thront, with a silvery reflection. The spots extend to the outsides of the first and second fingers and toes; the two external fingers united at the third joint. On each shoulder there is the epanlette, an oblong quadrangular mark that is always found in the three species in the first division, or land frogs. Spottings along the edge of lower jaws occasion ally absent. A si'very or yellowish fold extends from the eye to the thigh. A whiteish line extends from the nostrile, below eves and ears, to the shoulder, with darker line below it; edge of upper lip whie. The three internal toes and two internal fingers, white. Snout paper grey, curving down over the lower lip. The tongue is tastened throughout its under surface to its extremity to the skin of the throat, and is thus prevented from leaving or being extended out, or thrust out of the mouth, as can the toad. Lower lip more or less mottled. Color of skin a silvery or golden green of various shades. A beautiful frog.

This species extends over all North America. In Texas and other of the Southern States the alcoholic specimens received are of a dull silvery hue, and have been termed Var. Belandieri. A number of specimens have also been obtained from Washington State and British Columbia which have been termed R.

Aurora, yet, with all due respect to other scientists, I must say these appear to be mere local varieties of R. Halecina, and scarcely worthy of even such distinction. In a late issue by Mr. Cope, who has the management of the Smithsonian collection of reptiles at Washington, he has given it a new uame, R. Virescens. A superfluity of names must not only be avoided, but should be frowned down, as it is an unhappy fact that the outrageous additions of names already given is and has been the cause of endless complications.

I can see no difference between the so termed Rana Aurora and R. Halecina, except shadings that seem purely climatic. The anatomic differences seem extremely trivial, almost nil, and food is also a producer of coloration and shadings.

The leopard frog comes from his winter repose as soon as the ice disappears. As a matter of cour-c this depends on the season and the latitude of the locality, and this fact must be accepted as a rule everwhere all over the earth. This species generally hibernaies in numberstogether in pools and ponds, burying their bodies in the soft mud at the bottom.

#### The Rut.

Soon after appearing and returning to active life after hibernation, the rut of this species begins. It generally lasts a month or less. The spawn in the female is far advanced, indeed, it may be said. is perfected ere she retires in the autumn, as is also the melt in the male. The accouplement lasts about from farty-eight to seventy-two hours or from two to three days, as far as my judgment permits me to state. I give this statement as merely . coming as near the period as I can state. Indeed, approximation is all can be given. by anybody in these matters, as warmth and locality make many variations. In the embrace the male seizes the female-round the axil a, and the hands nearly meet on the breast. The clasp is very secure. The hands are turned outwards. and upward and the base of the cushion of the tnumb is held firmly against the sternum of the female. At this season the muscles of the arms and the muscles at the base of the thumb are much developed and larger than during the rest of the year. As the spawn of the female is discharged the male impregnates it with h s meit, and nature alone teaches them when this function of life is ended, and along with it the embrace ceases. legs of the male are drawn up.

#### The Love Note (Chant Amour).

The voice of this frog is extremely similar in sound to that of the R. Temporaria or common frog of Europe, and I am quite familiar to both. The following, as nearly as may be, will express the low, melaneholy, gutural note, which is nutered as if the leopard frog were suffering a sort of agony in a low, balf-stifled tone: Gur-ur-a ou, A-ou-ou-rump, R-R-R-a-ou,-eu-Gur-tr-a-on, Gur-unp-ou, A-ou-on, Gar-ur-a-ump, G-r-r-r-a-a-ump, A-ou-on, G-r-r-r-a-ump; and remember these sounds were noted down exactly as uttered and as presented here. A herpetologist of very high standing in France was requested to send the description of this note of R. Temporaria, the common

European frog, which is faithfully transcribed. The similarity is apparent to anybody. G-r-r-a-ump, G-r-r-r-ump, G-r-r-r-a-ump, G-r-r-r-ump, R-R-R-R-a-G-r-r-ra ou, g-r-:-r-r-a-ou, R.R.R.R. au, au-rump, R-au-au-ur-a-urrump,-with a quaver running through the notes, and this repeated and taken up by others. The French have named the notes of all frogs during the rut " Chant Amour," and this is emphatically correct. The vocal sack of the male is placed at the angle of the lower jaw, close to the ear, that of the European species below the tongue, yet their notes are precisely the same. In all frogs there is a marked difference in the notes of the male and female. The male leopard frog often utters his below the surface of the water, where it is seemingly sublued in tone, and sound as if sepulchral. Not one atom or air escapes. It seems as it forced over the roof of the palate and back into the The escaping, air bubbles have often been looked for by me, but never seen on any occasion. The note of the seen on any occasion. female is different from the male and may be imitated by "Gurrup, gurrup repeated three or four times in succession, and is occasionally heard during the rut. It has a quick, clear pectoral sound and the throat may be seen to expand and spasmodically contract for a moment during the utterance.

#### The Note of Distress.

It is rarely this peculiar sound is heard, and both male and female, as far as personally observed, is merely a Grrimp, grrimp, This was particularly noted about the erd of last August. I was walking in my garden and heard the sound, which was traced to a bed of onions, where I saw a half-grown frog in the mouth of a garter anake, and it gave the above sounds before my face.

#### General History.

When the spawn is deposited the frogs scon leave the water to seek any food they can procure. Nature, however, teaches them to remain close to the borders of ponde, and admonishes them when a trosty night is at hand, when they seek the water, and remain submerged til the cold has passed. Freezing does not seem to injure the spawn. When the male croaks, the vocal sack may be seen distended and projecting at the angle the mouth telow the ears. It gives frog a peculiar aspect, exactly similar to that of the R. Esculenta, the famous edible frog so much sought after by the epicures of continental Europe. About a month or six weeks after the tadpoles are hatched, the spottings of the back begin to appear, after which the legs grow rapidly. In the meantime the four-fingered hands have been more slowly developing below the skin, in a sack of their own just below the angle of the lower jaw, and, of course, attached to the cartilaginous sternum or breast bone. After a few days the tail begins to absorb and the branchial opening to close, and this proceeds just as the hands, as far as the elbows, appear, and in proportion as the food is abundant. The three terrestrial frogs in their tadpole state consume more confervous and decaying vegetable matter than their aquatic neighbors, as these is generally more of it in the ditches and shallow ponds where

they spawn. As far as may be computed the female deposits about one thousand eggs on an average. Small parches of thirty or forty are frequently met, and others with 1500. This is stated from actual counting and close calculation, not from guess or haphazard, and this estimate may be taken for frogs in general in Canada or, indeed, for all North America.

The leopard frog and meadow frog begin to spawn, it may be generally accepted, at their third year, and they are not at their full growth till the fourth. It required lengthened observation to satisfy me of this fact. The sizes of the frogs gathered in meadows and compared will satisfy anyone who chooses to do so that such is the fact.

How long does a leopard frog live? is more easily asked than answered, nor can any case be brought to memory where anything more than a mere guess has been recorded. The question is still open. So many animals prey on this species in all stages of its existence. I have seen the larva of the dragon fly make a ru-h at a tadpole and kill it instantly with one bite, as if shot. Ducks of almost all species devour them greedily, also crows, ravens, purple grackles, and all the cranes as well as raccoons, foxes, wolves and other quadrupeds. We have also our garter snakes and water snakes, as well as others which swallow them as they can catch them, and the bull frog and brook frog (R. Clamitans) I have seen swallow them, and on one occa-ion I saw the last mentioned species seize a large R. Halecina, which struggled violently and escaped. I can assert positively that the bull frog and brook frog prey on this species habit-ually. Nor do their enemies cease here. Very many fi-hes prey on them continually when they can, especially pike, mascalonge, bass, eels and all sorts of catfish, and were it not for the amazing quantities furnished by nature, many of the foregoing animals would have little

And now let us see the benefits derived by man from this multitude of leopard frogs, for they are truly his friends.

On an average during summer an adult individual of this tribe devours about half an ounce of insects, worms, caterpillars, et hoc genus omne, or even more if procurable, for it is a well established fact that they feed during day and night. And when Rana Halecina is seen basking in the sun during the month of July, with its delicate soft green and golden and silvery reflections, it is truly a beautiful creature.

Man is under many obligations to this hermless frog, and owes him all his care and protection for the quantity of noxious grubs and insects he destroys. Let any one calculate from the data given and he must be utterly amazed at the quantity of these insects one thousand frogs will consume in a season of four months, throwing in any taken during the rest of the year as an overplus. It will scarcely be believed that the amount is 2 tons, 4 cwt, 28 lbs, 8 oz.

How many of these useful creatures are annually destroyed by thoughtless people for the mere pleasure of destruction, not to mention those killed for restaurants for

Ere concluding let us revert to the note of the female. It is simply like a squeak like R-r-r-r up, which may be pretty well imitated by slightly opening the mouth and forcing the breath over the palate, so as to make it tremble or reverberate, trying to pronounce the letters r-r-r rapidly. This is also a note of distress, as all our Canadian frogs, as well as the European, make these three selarate notes. All the terrestrial frogs have the ova nearly completed and far advanced in formation ere they conceal themselves in their hibernating homes.

I think I may state it as a fact that the first three species of frogs, R. Halecina, Palasties and Sylvatica, do not take any food till after they have ceased spawning. I have examined many stomachs and do not remember having found food in them till after the rut has ceased. They also wander miles away from stream to stream and pool to pool, and a frog that has slept the long sleep of winter in a little pool near your orchard, may next fall be miles away to some other pond.

Occasionally, but very rarely, an Albino is found of this species. I formerly possessed one which was a creamy white, which became vellowish in alcohol. It is now in the museum of the University of Toronto. The eyes were red and there was not one spot on any part of the body. Judging from its size, it must have been three years old.

As a rule the eye of this species is a golden brown and very brilliant, overlapped by an upper transparent eyelid, yet there are many shades of brown.

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#### The Georgian Bay.

What pictures for the painters with brush or pen are here presented. Listen to nature's poet describing "Dawn on the Georgian Bay."

"Red in the mists of the morning
Angry coloured with fire,
Beats the great lake in its beauty
Rocks the great lake in its ire—
Tossing from headland to headland.
Tipped with the glories of dawn
With gleaming wild reaches of beaches,
That stretch out far, wind swept and wan.
Behind, the wild tangle of island
Swept and drenched by the gales of the night,
In front, lone stretches of water
Flame bathed by the incoming light."

Here the nimred may exert all his arts to tempt the inhabitant of the clear, cold waters and not in vain. The waters about the islands are teeming with bass, pickerel, pike and maskalonge-while many of the streams emptying into the bay are the home of the speckled trout. In one section, Ontario's Premier holds the record with a thirty-five pound "lunge." They are so plentiful in some parts that one would be tempted to repeat Sam Lovel's words:—"There were pike an' pikril 'at 'ould make a man's mouth water tu see, though there's more fun for me in the ketchun 'an in the eatin', but I du eat 'em to make a good excuse fur ketchin more.'

The number of islands have been computed at seventy thousand. They are of all sizes and conditions. The outer ones—mere reefs, occasionally showing their smooth red surfaces above the water and serving as perch-

ing places for the gulls that haunt these parts-break the force of the waves that roll from Michigan's shore. Nearer the mainland they are larger, more prominent and covered with vegetation-brilliant coloured mosses and trees and shrubs but no grass. The great arms of the lake that stretch inland for twenty or thirty miles would well repay a visit to the picture hunter. For one hundred and fifty miles there is a sea of islands from ten to twenty miles wide, with scenery that is surpassingly beautiful, though in no part grand, but an ever-varying, ever-pleasing commingling of water, wood and rock .- From " Canoeing in Canada," in the Dominion Illustrated Monthly for June.

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newspaper printed in the Dominion. It was supposed that the Quebec Gazette was the first Canadian newspaper, but the Halifax Gazette here reproduced, appearin March 1752, twelve years before the Quebec paper saw the light. It consisted only of two pages 9 x 15 inches, and it is a lamentable fact, strikingly illustrating the mortality of the early newspapers, that not a single copy of the Halifax Gazette is known to exist in Canada. A copy, supposed to be unique, is in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in Boston; and after some trouble and expense, Messrs. McKim & Co. obtained a photograph of it. This souvenir alone is worth the price of the book, which is \$2.00. To give an idea of the labor required in a work like the "Canadian Newspaper Directory," it may be stated that the book contains 30,000 separate facts, apart from its his-

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FOR THE LAND WE LIVE IN.

#### Eastern Township Reminiscences.

The death of Mrs. Richer, which was announced in a local from R binson in the Sherbrooke Gazette of the 29th of April last, removes nearly the last of the pioneer settlers that came over nearly 60 years ago, and settled in the now extinct village of Victoria, on the salmon river, about a mile from where Scottown now stands. There was at that time between thirty and forty houses, a Church and a mill, but the clearing is all that remains.

Mr. Richer worked in the mill and I have heard him say that, at the time the calmon were going up, they would often shut down to take a fish out of the wheelpit. After the first one or two were taken, a boy was set to watch, and as soon as one was seen to go in, they shut down and took him out with a spear, in this manner the whole settlement were supplied with salmore.

But hard times were coming upon the settlers, the B.A L. Co. that had taken them in there, withdrew their supplies, and not being to raise enough on their land they one by one moved nearer to Robinson, but I think that all those that went to Victoria are dead, and their children are getting well along in years. The talks of hardships which they endured, were sometimes amusing. Their food was frequently buckwheat flour made into flapjacks or pancakes, mixed with water and cooked on the top of the stove, and eaten without butter or sugar or anything to make them more palatable. Their work would be perhaps two or three miles from the house, chopping in the woods with two or three feet of snow on the ground, and at noon they would sit on a log and eat their frozen flapjacks till their jaws ached; they always eaid that it was harder work to eat than it was to chop, when they could eat no more they would throw the remaining pieces of flapiacks up into the trees, frequently knocking off sticks and twigs, nearly proving what they often declared, viz.: that if they could get one with an eye in it, to put a handle in, it would make a good axe.

While writing about the Salmon river, I am reminded of an incident that became an accident, that occurred to me 20 years ago, at the place where the mill pond now is at Scotstown. I was there fishing with two friends; we were to return home on the morrow, and my two friends were gone with the boat, up to the camp at the Bog Brook, to get the rest of our kit. I had no luck on this side the river and wanted to go over to the other. There were a num-

ber of small trees that had been left on the bank when the water had gone down, these I cut into lengths about four or five feet, and laying half a dozen of them side by side, with their ends towards the water. I placed one on the top at each end; and not having an anger or any spikes, I made some long wedges like tent pins with a head on one side, I then cut some creases at each side and at both ends of the top logs, then with the corner of the axe I made a place in the bottom logs to start the wedges, I then drove them down so that they kept them together, I then put some more logs on the top to fill up the space between the two outside ones, then with a few spruce boughs on the top of the whole, my raft was ready. When my friends returned they were much surprised to see me on the other side of the river.

But I made one mistake, I neglected to de-troy the raft, and I was very sorry to hear a short time afterwards that it had been the cause of a very serious accident, with a nearly fatal result, for a few days after we left two women came to the river blue-berrying, and as the blue berries were on the other side they looked for some way to cross over and seeing the raft, thought that was just the thing, and supplying themselves with a pole they embarked, but, alas! the wood had dried and the wedges were shrunk and loose, and what with the overweight and the working about in navigating it, they were not more than half way cross when the raft made an unconditional surrender and went all to pieces, precipitating them into the river just at the head of the falls, although the river here is called the falls, it is in reality a very dangerous rapid, for nearly half a mile below Scotstown, and is full of large rocks, but the water being low the women were able to reach some of the rocks, and were rescued before getting into the more dangerous part of the rapid.

Should those two ladies be living now, and should they read or hear of this, I here and now apologize for my carelessness in not destroying the raft.

Emigrant.

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#### WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

"The eighth and greate t wonder of the world," is what the World's Fair buildings and grounds, even in their present incomplete condition, are pronounced by Major Woods, Executive Commissioner of the Connecticut World's Fair Board.

The old whaling tark, Progress, which New Bedford, Mass., will exhibit at the Fair, will begin her journey to Chicagosometime in June, it is announced. She has been fully rigged and sparred. Her water line has been painted brick red, and her deckhouse, boathouse and davits white. The cabin and staterooms have been grained in cak and carpets have been laid in them. In the saloon will be exhibited a collection of articles used and obtained by whalemen, for example: whalebones taken by a captain who perished in the terrible disaster of 1871, when thirty-three ships where abaudoned, with great loss of life, in the arctic regions; polar bear skins, pictures of whaling experiences, harpoons, knives, tackle, clothing, boats, etc. The Progress is of 358 62 tons burdeu, and was built at Westerly, R.I., in 1843.

The "Jibboom Club," of New London, Conn., is planning to man a small schooner such as Connecticut has employed for many years in the West India trade, run it to the Bahamas and load it with a collection of sea shells, which in great variety, size and beauty are found strewn upon the shores of those islands. The crew will then sail the craft to Chicago by way of the St. Lawrence, and will sell the shells from the deck of the vessel. The members of the club believe they can make enough to pay the expense of the trip and also of their own entertainment at Chicago.

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# BROMPTON LAKE.

YOMPARATIVELY few of the residents of Sherbrooke know that this beautiful sheet of water exists, and still fewer are aware that it is within less than three hours' drive of the city, and that for all "camping-out" purposes, it is as much secluded as if it was in the heart of the wilderness. True, the whistle of the locomotive on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways wakes up an echo on its shores, but from the lake itself no traces of man's habitation appear, except a couple of shanties periodically occupied by fishing parties from Sherbrooke and Waterloo, and a log house at the foot of the lake occupied by a French-Canadian and his family, employed by Major Williamson of Melbourne in guarding the dam at the outlet used in augmenting the supply of water required for his mills on the Salmon River, which connects the lake with the River St. Francis.

One of the shanties is on an island a couple of miles below the head or inlet of the lake, and another belonging to Messrs. Tuck and Bracford, of Shererooke, is situated on a point of land on the east shore, about half a mile distant from the one first mentioned. Nearly opposite these shanties, on the west sh re, is a point or ledge of over 100 feet in height, over which the snow drifts in winter, forming a natural ice-house in the crevices at its base, where ice can be secured as late as August, and which forms an agreeable addition to the ordinary accessories of camp life, and enables the successful fisherman to carry back with him some evidence of his piscatorial skill.

A short distance from this is Carbuncle Mountain, with its perpendicular side facing the lake and forming the most conspicuous feature in the surrounding landscape.

A little lower down the lake the Ely Brook empties in, and off this spot good lake trout trolling may be had in the early summer, while occasionally good trout fishing (speckled trout) may be had in the stream forming the inlet of the lake at the southerly end.

The distance from the inlet to the outlet at the other extremity of the lake is about seven miles, with a width in the widest part of about two miles.

A good camping place for those provided with a tent is on Castle Rock, the island nearest the inlet, as it is free from those pests, mosquitos and black flies, and convenient to the ice supply referred to.

The now deserted buildings of the Orford Nickle Company are nearly opposite and within half a mile of the east shore, and these are usually made use of by parties who visit the lake in winter season, as very good fishing through the ice can be had at times. Then and in the fall one or two of these buildings are usually made use of by lim Atcheson, a trapper, whose trapping grounds are in this vicinity, and whose principal success is in trapping bears, which are quite plentiful amongst the ranges lying between Brompton and Little Brompton Lakes, and Key Pond [Lake Webster.] Jim is always ready to give a hand in cutting holes and otherwise relieving the amateur fisherman of the heft of the work incumbent on winter fishing.

The ordinary way of reaching the lake is by the Montreal road from Sherbrooke to the Nickel Mine, or by continuing on the Montreal road, to where it crosses the inlet, where a boat can be launched and paddled or rowed to the lake, a distance of nearly two miles by the stream, as the land on each side is low and swampy, and the stream very crooked in its

The best winter fishing is near the inlet, and some fine speckled trout have been taken through the ice, in the shallow bay to the west of the inlet.

The latter route was the one taken by me on my first trip to this lake some 32 years since, and then there was excellent trapping for fur in the vicinity. On this occasion we shot a raccoon which toppled over into the stream, and which we found with his leg fast in a fox trap. That coon was trapped, shot, drowned and hammered against a tree before we could safely venture to call h m a "gone coon."

A great deal of pot hunting and illegal fishing has been done in this lake, and net and spear in October had seriously thinned out the lake trout supply. Those who were in the habit of spearing these have told me that the spawning beds 40 years ago, were literally black with fish, and that a spear struck anywhere on the beds during spawning season, could hardly fail to strike a fish. The only skill required was in singling out the largest.

Some salmon trout have been placed in the lake within a few years, which are said to be doing well and a close watch to prevent illegal fishing has enabled the lake trout to increase in numbers, so that now wery good trolling is to be had in May and June.

My last visit to Brompton Lake was on the 23rd May last. I accepted the kind invitation of Mr. John Mc-

Caw, Manager of the Brompton Lake Mining Co., and his team met me at the Windsor Mills Station of the Grand Trunk Railway. The drive to the Asbestos Mine, -now being worked by this company,— is ten miles over a very fair road for the greater part of the way, and through timber and well adapted in many places for agricultural purposes, although generally speaking the cleaning of the land will develop a goodly crop of stones.

About four miles west of Windsor Station is the little village of St. François Xavier de Brompton, which is prettily situated near a small lake or pond. The vicinity of the village is occupied for farming purposes, the land being apparently good although

somewhat stony.

The rest of the drive to the Mining Camp was mostly through an unsettled country, and the rain, which poured down constantly, sometimes changing to snow for a variety, made it anything but pleasant. The only game we saw was one partridge which merely hopped off one side, evidently feeling safe in the fact that it was the close season for partridees. That evening and the next we heard numbers of partridges "drumming" in the vicinity of the Mining Camp.

We reached the Camp in time for a late dinner, for which we had a good appetite, and which Mr. McCaw's French cook served up in a very appetizing manner. There was a luxurious style about our surroundings that we hadn't been accustomed to on anv previous fishing trips, and I, for one, enjoyed it. The weather was cold enough to render a fire agreeable, and there was a great comfort in being able to turn into a nice clean bed at night, instead of lying on a pile of hemlock feathers destitute of all down, except the "lying down."

Some twenty men are engaged in this camp in prospecting for asbestos, of which a good surface show was obtained. At present some of the men are engaged in "drifting"-at a depth of about 85 feet. The indications, so far, are on the side of the mountain, and if the mine turns out well, it can be readily worked by tunnelling from the base.

From the camp to the lake is about a mile, and a good pathway has been

cut to the boat landing.

After dinner Mr. McCay took his sail boat, while I took a row boat with a young man by the name of Bush for motive power, and we started to troll through the lake. Bush was a good oarsman and as all the Bush family would rather fish and hunt, than go to church, he was quite in his element. He had served a good apprenticeship to the fishing business under his father Isaac Bush, a resident of Sherbrooke.

My meeting with him, reminded me a story I had heard of Isaac, who a few years ago was supposed to have experienced religion, and was a regular attendant at a series of revival meetings. The evidences were so satisfactory that one of the ministers called at Isaac's house with the view of encouraging him in the good work, and as Isaac was out, (probably fishing) he expressed to Mrs. Bush the pleasure he felt in seeing her husband so regular in attendance at evening services.

"Why! Mrs. Bush, you must have noticed a change in your husband; a desire to enter the Christian fold, a wish to serve the Lord, and to obey His commands with fear and trembling. Don't you think, Mrs. Bush, that your husband fears the Lord?"

"I think he do, Sir; he never goes out now without taking his gun along with him."

The result of our eyening trolling was that Mr. McCaw caught six lake trout, and I caught two, Mr. McCaw had the advantage in this, that his boat sailed along at a fair rate of speed, and without any noise, while the motion and sound of the oars, must have had a tendency to frighten the fish in our case.

Brompton lake had more camping parties at this time than it ever had before probably, and on this afternoon there were no less than nine boats out at one time, with two to four occupants in each. Nearly all were fairly successful in their fishing catch.

The evening was cold and we got back to camp early. It rained all night and next forenoon, but in the afternoon cleared off and was comparatively pleasant, although the wind was high and the water rough towards evening. Mr. McCaw caught four lake trout and I caught six, running from one pound to six pounds each.

We returned to camp before dark, and next morning Mr. McCaw's team took me to Windsor station, in time for the noon express. Our catch amounted in the aggregate to about 60 lbs. of delicious lake trout, which were divided amongst some of my Sherbrooke neighbors.

All my fish were caught with the luminous spoon manufactured by the Enterprise M'f'g Co., of Akron, Ohio. Every fish was well and securely hooked and not one was lost on this occasion. Every other person with whom I spoke had lost more or less fish by insecure kooking, or hooks breaking.

I am indebted to Mr. McCaw for one of the most comfortable "outings"

I ever enjoyed in the way of a fishing trip.

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THE EARLY SETTLERS

--OF---

# Brompton Township.

1792--1892.



N my former article I said I would give a short sketch of some of the first settlers of the Township of Brompton, one name I omitted to mention, that of Moses Bailey. I have no information as to the

year he came, but his eldest son died in Minnesota, U.S., some ten or twelve years ago at the age of 84 years. Out of a large family I am aware of only one survivng son, Ezekiel Baily, and three grand children, Mrs. Robert Arkly and Mrs. Arthur Mil's, both of Sherbrooke, and Henry Knapp of Brompton. One of the sons moved to Ohio and three sons to Minnesota, two of the daughters died in Sherbrooke, one in Windsor, and one son died in Brompton.

I am inclined to think that Nathan Caswell was the first white man that settled in Brompton, from the fact that I have often been told that as a young man, for five or six years, he lived in a shanty and followed hunting and trapping, and sold his furs in the United States. Being famous as a hunter and trapper, the red men of the forest became jealous, hinted to him time and again that it would be safer for him to leave, otherwise he might lose his scalp. What made it more serious, the chief, who was friendly with him when he first came amongst them, showed unmistakably that his feelings nad undergone a change. One night after visiting his traps,—which showed signs of being tampered with—Caswell could not sleep. He got up, went out and brought in a log, wrapped his blanket round it, put his coon-skin cap on the end, built up a bright fire, took his gun and hid himself behind a tree, and watched for the enemy. Towards morning he heard some one or something moving in the woods; after a little he was rewarded for his vigil, by seeing the chief rise up on his hands and knees, and look round to see if the coast was clear. Being satisfied, he worked his way to the opening of the shanty, drew his tomahawk and with a bound buried his weapon—as he thought—in the brains of Caswell, when lo! it was fast in the wood. Dropping on his knees and looking over his shoulder, he looked down the barrel of Caswell's gun. He was told to get up and conversing a short time together they smoked the pipe of peace, and from that time Caswell had staunch friends in the red men and was never again molested.

Of his family, I think all have passed over to the great majority except Mrs. Stevens, widow of the late Prentice Stevens of Windsor. Mrs. S. must be considerably over 80. Mrs. Nichols, of Compton, the youngest daughter, is now over seventy years, and Mrs. Barker Baily, who moved to Minnesota, if now living, must be at least 95

years of age.

The next that I will refer to in this article, is Thomas Steel, and my only reason for thinking that he settled in Brompton before the year 1800, is, that all of his family of sons were born in Brompton; John being the third eldest, was born in 1805. Nathan, Lurana, John, Thomas, Mahala, and Fanny, all lie buried in the Brompton grave yard. Anna who married Joseph Stevens,—if living, would be 75 years old, being born in 1817. Joseph Stevens, with his wife and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Steel, moved to Illinois in 1850. Mrs. Steel died at Waukegan in 1852. Mr. Steel died in Rockford. Ill., over 90 years of age. Joseph Stevens died at Belvidere, Ill., in 1871. His widow, Anna Steel, with her two sons and one daughter, moved to Kansas, and when last heard from some four years ago were still living there. They are the only living descendants that I know of. In my next I will refer to Ephraim Knapp, the Merritts, William Wakefield, John Harrington, and Gardner Stevens, and some of the hardships they had to encounter.

NORMAN.

[To be continued.]

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#### EXTRACTS FROM AN OLD DAIRY.

As some of these extracts may be of interest to some of the descendants of parties referred to therein, we continue them.

Started from Ascot for Montreal 16th

March, 1810, and returned. 24th March, Samuel Bement born a féw hours before my return.

26th March, Madura came to stay

awhile with Sylvia. A likely girl.

10th April, carried her in a cutter over to Eaton. Stayed one night and brought Mrs. Cummings back with me.

13th April, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs.

Elliott went to visit Mrs. Stone.

16th April, Sally Blodgett came and stayed three days with us.

30th April, Capt. Edson, of Randolph, being here, we send letters by him to Woodstock, Vt.

3rd May, 1810, Francis Blake brings two letters from Derby post office.

9th May, Mrs. Blodgett and Mrs. Warner

12th May, 1810, attended at Felix Wards', the funeral of Nathan Heard, of Ascot. Mr Terril preached from the text, "Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in good old age and full of years, and was gathered to his people." I saw for the first time among quite a collection of people, the sister of Mrs. Goodhue. We had pretty good singing. On the bass there was Sillsby, Perkins, Blodgett and myself; on tenor, Blodgett and Webster, and on treble, Mrs. Sillsby, Mrs. Sherman and Miss Moore, the si-ter of Mrs. Goodhue, above named.

10th June, 1810, Sunday, Mr. Sampson, a Methodist missionary, preached at the Forks. Went down in boat, about 40 in

14th June, went to Eaton, stayed over night. Had a long interview with Miss

23rd May, 1810, received a letter from Marcy Stanton, also a line or two on birch bark from Abbie.

23rd July, 1810, went to meeting at Abram Hytat's, Mr. Briggs, minister. Went down to Mr. Blodgett's just at night. Maria Pratt lives at E. Elliott's.

18th August, 1810, was moculated by Mr. Henry Barnard, with small- pox infection.

19th August, went to meeting at Mr. Spafford's in Compton. Mr. Stewart, of St. Armand, performed the services of the Church of England. He baptized five children, J. Pennover, Jewell and daughter of Mr. Jewell, Maria Lonisa Bartlett, a child of Edmond Boynton, etc. Returned with Misses McDougall, L. Wilcox, L. Blodgett and L. Bultard. Stayed at Dougall McDougall's and sang. Good time. Came home with Galen and Sally Blodgett.

23rd August, 1810, went to Henry Barnerd's to have small pox.

25th August, symptoms coming on; took some tartar emetic. Very sick for a short time.

3rd August, much better; drank freely of milk punch.

1st September, 1810, neck very sore and stiff; cannot sleep, sent up for some brandy per Mr. Barnard.

4th September, neck better. Roast pig

for dinner. Sleep well. 8th September, Harriett H. Polly, S. and I, went over to Mrs. Sherman's. Stopped at about all the houses the other

side of the Magog. Sunday, 2nd September, 1810, went down to Mr. Barnard's for my clothes. Understood there was to be a meeting at Capt. Hubbard's, and Galen and I went down there. Something of a collection but no priest. Sang some and read a funeral sermon from the text, "It is appointed to all men once to die. But after that the judgment." Harriett and Sally Heard were there. H. was dressed neatly in black.

29th September, started to go down to Gamlin, and returned October 3rd.

7 h October, 1810, went to a Methodist Quarterly meeting at Abram Hyatt's. Four preachers. Amelia and Lydia were dressed very fine. Mrs. H. Barnard was

8th October, went down to the Forks with Sally and Galen Blodgett to hear a sermon preached at Squire Hyatt's by a young Methodist minister by the name of Hayes. Took tea at Mr. Barnard's in compnny with Sally, Galen and Amelia McDougall.

17th October, 1810, received by hands of Ezekiel Elliott from Derby post office, a letter from sister Abby dated Woodstock, August 21st.

18th October, quiliting and ball at Dougall McDougall's.

21st October, Sunday, went to Mr. Hyatt's to meeting. Mr. Hibbard preached. Stayed a while at Thomas Wilcox's. Had singing and some conversation with Lydia Wilcox, Minnie McDougall and Electra

24th October, A Miss Kimball, sister of Mrs. Geo. Barnard, is taken sick at Mr.

28 h October, started from Ascot to go down the river. Stayed over night at Col. Tilton's.

29th October, from Tilton's to Lord's on Calvin Moulton's horse.

30th October, from Lord's to Gamlin's and then back to Gouin's with Mr. Bem-

31st October, rode down to Gamlin's with Mr. Bement and he started for home on my horse. I went down to Rosseau's and then came back and stayed over night at Joseph Labontè's.

1st November, 1810, went down with Jewell Goodhue to LaBaie, and came back and staved at LaBonté's over night.

2nd November, stayed over night at Gamelin's. River closed over.

8th November, started with Galenpond, and stayed over night at Allen's, Sorel.

9th November, went and seen Capt. Dennis, and then walked through snow, rain and mud to Verchere's and stayed over night.

10th November, from Vercheres to Montreal. Saw Martin Perkins.

11th November, attended funeral of Elisha Satterlee, an American.

13th November came on board schooner to come down to Isle Dumoin. Slept on board about opposite Lavaltrie Church.

14th November came down and slept at Isle Dumoin.

15th November came to St. François; got some hands and returned with two boats to the Island same night.

16th November, loading vessel at the

Island.

17th November, started on board schooner for Three Rivers, where we arrived at 3 o'clock; stayed over night at Jos. Cushings.

18th November, started in bateaux for St. François, and slept at house at mouth of Nicolet river.

19th November, reached Gamelin's and staved over night with Mr. Dumoulin,

Notary.
20th November, started with portmanteau on my back and a Canadian cerrying my trunk on his back, to come up the river. Stayed over night at Spicer's.

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#### THE PASSENGER PIGEON-ECTOPISTES MIGRATORIUS.

No. 2.

There comes a change, if not o'er the spirit of my dream, most certainly o,er the scene of the next place we meet. We leave Hamilton and Burlington Bay, and come to the shores of Lake Huron, almost on the 44th parallel of north latitude; and the date changes from 1855 to the month of April, 1871—that is twenty years ago last spring. At that time there were very few if any breech-loaders in use, and yet not a few shots were fired at the pigeons.

Early in the before-mentioned month a report reached me that a large number of pigeons were in the woods behind a farmer's lot, of the name of Pagan, on the 12th concession of the Township of Ashfield. The snows had vanished from the open lands and fields, yet in the thick swamps and woods with much undergrowth, there was plenty, although daily decreasing. Flocks were seen every day as they winged their course towards the south-east.

About the 15th of the month the snow had disappeared, except where it had been blown in wreaths along the backs of fences, or remained in excavations and like spots, such as are seen every year all over Canada.

In the village in which I then resided there was no excitement over the matter, and as great flights were usual about that time, people merely remarked that the pigeons had come early that spring, and no more attention was paid to them. However, it

did seem strange to me that they remained so persistently for such a period. I jumped into my buggy and drove down to Mr. Pagan's to ascertain for myself, as I trusted little to reports, especially such as come in a general way from the farming community.

There was a large swamp behind this man's farm, and a portion of it upon it covered with a mixed growth of all sorts of trees. The extent of it was about three miles from east to west, and it ran in an irregular triangular form nearly to Kintaila village, four miles southwards.

You may guess my astonishment to find the greater portion of this large tract occupied by pigeons. I had not brought my gun, as I had disputed the statements I had heard. I was told that at first there was only a patch of about three hundred acres on which they formed their roosts, but daily their numbers were seen to increase, and more of the swamp was occupied. A stream ran through it, and consequently the surface water was quickly carried off, and, at any ra'e, it was a dry swamp—swampy only in winter and very early in the spring.

My notes tell me I was there on the 17th of April I wandered several miles through it, and satisfied myself that the birds had taken absolute possession as a breeding resort, for the reason that go where I might, I saw nesting proceeding.

The numbers of birds at this time must have been into the millions. However, although they remained and had been there some days, I searched in vain for a nest with an egg in it. I had often hunted all over this particular section, and had trapped along the borders of the creek some years before for mink, sable, and especially for wolves, so that the locality was well known to me.

I can well assert, that at least six or seven square miles were at this time completely covered with pigeons preparing to breed.

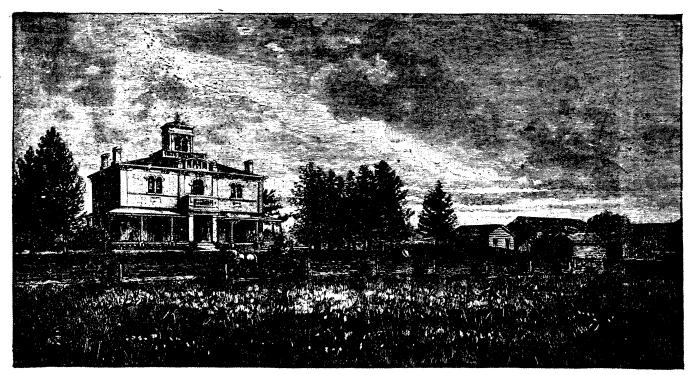
After the bush was entered a coupleof hundred yards, the effect of these vast multitudes of birds was bewildering. You heard them calling everywhere. There was a continual roar of wings, and look where one might they are seen on the wing, on the limbs, flying from tree to tree, passing over the top of the bush, or sitting pruning their feathers, and taking little notice of the intruder on their domains. Most of the birds seen were males, and it seemed to me they had not as yet commenced to breed. but had selected the locality in the meantime as the home of future operations.

Future operations proved I was right. I made enquiries from several people that I considered reliable, and one person (Mr. Mattheson, lately deceased), told me they had been there for a fortnight.

I went home, determined to come back as soon as I could leave business, for a day, and on the next occasion to bring my gun with a fair allowance of ammunition. The reader shall now hear exactly what took place, and about the first visit paid by a party to this pigeon nesting on the 27th of April, just ten days after the first survey, as far as remembered.

A few of us in the village clubbed together and hired a strong double team, with a strong spring wagon, to bear us to our destination. There were five of us, and the driver, a very steady man, and we agreed to start at midnight. The roads were very rough, as all country roads are, along the concessions and side lines, at that season, save they may be turnpiked and gravelled, and we all knew that a drive of some nine miles meant many a jirk and jolt as we got into holes on the road, or had to pass over cord-du-roi patches at a snail's gallop.

Of course, none of us went to bed. I took a pound of gunpowder and half a dozen pounds of No. 5 shot. On all such occasions there will be some one who is the butt of the party, some one to amuse the est by his eccentricities.



AN ONTARIO FARM HOUSE.

A hamper of the necessaries of existence was prepared and safe'y deposited in the box. We had to proceed very quietly after the first two miles. and found the benefit of our overcoats in the chills of an April morning when a slight frost is the rule. Our horses were spirited and required steady management. The first glimmer of daylight found us fully three miles from our destination, and we were compelled to get out of the vehicle to prv the wheels from a gully that held the wagon fast, with the hubs level with the road. This kept us nearly half an hour, as there were three or four of these nuisances inside of fifty yards. As we had to ascend a pretty steep hill, we walked ahead of the team, the horses having plenty to do to drag the wagon up the incline, which was about four inches deep with a suff, sticky clay. On arriving at the top our ears were greeted with a sound that resembled the roaring of the breakers on the Huron shore after a heavy southwest storm.

The night as yet was dark, and a cold mist had settled down, although the atmosphere was perfectly still and calm. This sound was peculiar. We were perplexed, and the opinion was that a heavy downpour was advancing on our devoted heads, or that the calmness of the air allowed us in the still morning to hear the roar of the surf on the beach of Lake Huron We calculated the lake to be at least seven miles distant.

The butt of our party vowed he would go no farther, as he cou'd swear he heard the storm coming closer all the time. The poor fellow was really nervous. I advised him to go back and get home ere the downpour arrived. He declined, except all hands came with him. We took our seats, and the rattling of the conveyance drowned all other sounds.

The mist we came through was new behind us, and the light sensibly increasing, but the breeding place of the birds was far beyond our ken. We proceeded more briskly, taking advantage of the hard turf on the side of the road, and soon put a mile behind us. Here a repetition of mud holes compelled us again to disembark and pry out the wheels, and dimly in distance the outline of the forest was just beginning to appear.

We agreed to stop for a short time to let the horses have a rest, and Read, the aforesaid butt, began to remark in most emphatic language that the infernal d—d storm was a long while in coming up. Read swore most shockingly.

ingly.
"Shut up, you ass," said some one,
"and let us listen to that noise;" and
we did.

We were yet a couple of miles from our destination, and the roaring noise could be plainly traced to the multitudes of birds on the breeding ground, which we had plainly heard over three miles from the place of its origin.

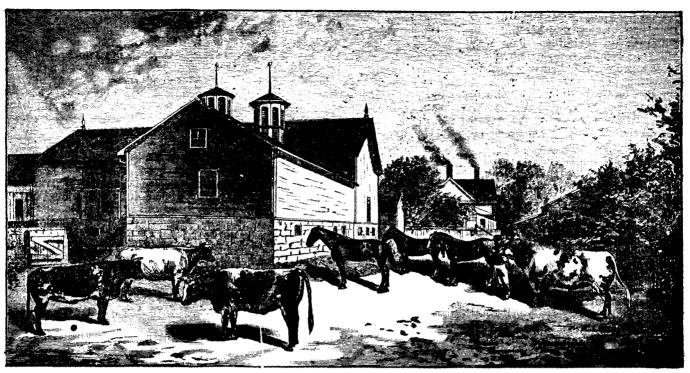
It was becoming tolerably light,

when all at once a loud noise like that of a mighty sea-wave breaking on the shore was borne to us from the rookery, and a cloud of birds in a thick mass rose majestically from the roost and flew directly for us. No one had his gun loaded but the unfortunate Read. As the birds were approaching he leaped to his feet and cocked both barrels. Luckily I saw him in time, and snatched the gun from his hand.

"You idiot!" shouted the teamster, "are you mad enough to fire your gun and start the horses? It's a shame you are not at home in your bed."

Read got angry; a scene followed. Read was expressive; our teamster cursed; Read swore; our teamster was profane; Read was more profane; our teamster was most profane; Read was outrageous with wicked words, and the teamster blasphemed. So at it they went for all they were worth, and that was not much.

None of us ever heard such an overflow of expletives, and for the life of us we could not help laughing heartily at Read. He threatened to have the teamster arrested for his abominable swearing and calling him vulgar names. This was the c'imax of absurdity, and we now perceived that Read's eyes were rather red; there was a peculiar expression of countenance, and a strange odor on his breath, which told the tale. He had been imb bing on the sly, too much so for his own benefit, and a loaded gun



AN ONTARIO FARM YARD.

in his hands was voted dangerous by all of us.

"Let me have a drop out of your flask, Read," I asked, in a general way.

way.

"Oh, certainly, Gaspereau," he answered, at the same time handing it over.

I quietly pulled out the cork, and as quietly spilt every drop, to his utter disgust, then replaced the cork and most politely handed him the empty flask. Oh, such a face as he put on, such a vacant stare, that was at the same time expressive of rage, malice, and a considerable of the devil.

"Well, I'll be d-d," was all he could say, and he snatched the flask from my hand and let it fly at the teamster's head.

"It's all your fault, you infernal fool!" he yelled.

The teamster ducked his head, and the flask, which was of glass, leathercovered, passed harmlessly over and was shivered to bits against the fence.

"I'll have you arrested," he shouted, "for making me break my flask;" and had I not had his gun, there might have been a good chance of the teamster being badly hurt, if nothing worse. Yet a more ludicrous scene were hard to find.

Not one of us, the teamster included, could help joining in a regular guffaw, which was rendered utterly indescribable when Read shouted, "What the devil are you feilows laughing at?"

For the moment the pigeons were utterly forgotten.

At last we got under weigh, and had to take our time for the last half mile. We crossed over a couple of pasture fields, after leaving the mud of the concession, and great was our satisfaction that the journey was over; and most assuredly the poor horses, could they have been able to make themselves understood, would have expressed their thankfulness that it had come to an end.

We had taken Mr. Read to enliven the road, and not one of us but wou'd have been rejoiced had we been wise enough to leave him behind. A butt in a party generally turns out a nuisance.

The first and most requisite thing was to get breakfast. A fire was soon made, the horses cared for, and the teamster, an old lumberman, had ham and eggs sizzling in a long-handled shanty spider that his forethought told him to bring. A hearty breakfast was a mighty comfort about half-past flve on an April morning after an all night's drive, and anything that had happened on the road was never once mooted, except to raise a laugh.

Read was sobered when he breakfasted. We had a furlong to go ere we reached the border of the forest, but pigeons in small flocks were winging their way to their feeding grounds or were flying singly in every direction, and there was a continuous buzz of wings, with the notes of the old cocks that was impressive, yet cheerful, and at a short distance of twenty or thirty yards it was often difficult to hear what a person said. But more

Already we could hear gunners at work, and with game bags on our shoulders, we soon joined them with a will. I stood by myself on the outskirts and watched the busy flight of the male birds, as not a hen was to be seen. The sun was shining clear.y. The morning mists had been dispersed. There was a pleasant warmth in the air, and I looked with wonder at all around me. Somehow, keen sportsman as I have been all my life, I cared not that morning to begin. There was something so novel, so happy, so interesting to me, and such a fund of knowledge to be acquired. that with my gun behind my back I walked far into the forest, studying the actions of the birds as I wandered along. And now wherever I look, all among the trees, there is that continual roaring hum, and the eye sees only pigeons, pigeons, pigeons hurrying about in an endless maze of fleeting, glancing forms. It was a pancrama of nature, a kaleidoscope of the beautiful, that could only be seen cn the breeding grounds of the passenger pigeon. Every bird is hurrying past on rapid, gliding wings, and utterirg his sharp note of Coo! coo! coo! Others again are sitting on limbs wherever you choose to cast your eye, some perfectly still, others cleaning their feathers, and here and there you see the hens and cocks alike flying to their nests which they are building, with twigs in their bills. Perchance you see a couple on some limb sitting close together, with their bills on their breasts. They have there selected the spot on which to build, which will be done to-morrow, so remember the spot, and when next you visit it you will likely see either the male or female sitting on their single egg.

I was thus musing, with my back leaning against a beech tree, when the crack of a gun not ten yards away made me jump to my feet. It was our friend Rea...,

"Well, how many have you killed?" he asked.

"Not one as yet," I answered.

"What! Not one? That's proof you're drunk, or you would have killed a lot ere this." And without a change of countenance he walked past me and picked up his dead bird.

Forthwith I began to gather them in, and soon had my game bag nearly filled. The powder and shot were getting low, and about noon I bent my steps for the wagon for a fresh supply. On arrival, I drew the cork of a bottle of ale, and that, with a sandwich, were most welcome to sustain wearied nature.

I hunted up my reserve of ammunition, but hunted in vain. At last I got the shot-bag. There might have been half a pound, and beside it was the Curtis & Harvey's canister, with some couple of ounces of powder. The birds were thrown by me into the wagon box, and I started out afresh, but mightily annoyed to know that I had been so audaciously plundered. Who did it? I asked myself. Not knowing, could not say. I met the teamster returning to the wagon with a lot of birds in a sack, which my comrades had tumbled in. I asked him about the ammunition. He told me that Mr. Read had taken it, and had told him it was with my perfect consent.

"Fooled again!" I remarked, and proceeded to use up the few charges I retained. They were soon spent, and with a dozen birds or so I came to the rendezvous in by no means the best of tempers.

"Hang that impudent scamp," I thought to myself, "could be not have been satisfied with his own?"

I had to content myself as best I could, and lighing a cigar, had a most enjoyable smoke.

Our teamster had agreed with all hands that when he blew a bugle he had brought, they were to return at once, or if not, they might remain, as he intended to start there and then for

home. At three precisely the bugle was sounded loud and shrill.

Dinner was prepared, and all ready in a short time and the wearied shooters came struggling in one after the other. I was dissatisfied and annoyed, not at Read, poor creature, but that I had learnt so little about the ways and doings of this multitude of wandering life. I was watching a hawk far up in the sky, when Read slapped me on the shoulder, at the same time exclaiming in joyful accents,

"That is splendid powder of yours, Gaspereau. Where did you get it?"

"Confound your impudence," I snapped, "What did you do with your own?"

"Oh, my dear fellow, mine wasn't worth a copper. It would kill nothing, so I threw it out and borrowed yours, shot and all."

This was decidedly cool, and I merely replied, "All right," but vowed that I would never come again in his company.

I had as yet learnt little, or nothing of the habits of these birds, and determined to study them, as far as circumstances would permit. Among us, we had got over 300 of them, which was all we needed, not only for our own personal use, but we had some dozens to divide among neighbors.

The road was miserable, and was a repetition of the transactions of the previous night. It was with some trouble we kept Mr. Read from getting too familiar with John Barleycorn, Esqr., and he remained sufficiently happy to sing a variety of songs of a type that made us threaten to kick him out of the wagon, if he did not shut up his infernal head. He became abusive, which we considered preferable to his music.

We got home about half past six,—half a dozen of us,—about as tired a lot as had entered the village for many a long day. The next time I went, I went properly prepared, and thoroughly eujoyed my day in the bush.

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#### SHERBROOKE, QUE., JUNE 1892

Our friends in this vicinity who have been fortunate enough to receive invitations from some of the members of the Fishing Clubs established along the line of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, have enjoyed excellent trout fishing through that section of country. Those who haven't friends amongst the club members, are criticising legislation and fisheries regulations, which place restrictions upon those to "the manor born." It does seem hard that natives and residents of this province, should be deprived of a healthful enjoyment, because their pockets are not so well lined as those of their brother sportsmen in the United States. While recognizing the importance of encouraging the latter to invest capital in the establishment of clubs, club houses and equipments connected therewith, we do believe that some means can be devised by which Canadians can enjoy a legitimate sport, and avail themselves of an occasional "outing" on more economic principles. Hundreds of our best and most enthusiastic sportsmen, desire nothing better than the privilege of pitching their tents in the vicinity of good fishing grounds, where by "roughling it" to a certain extent, they can bring the cost of a trip within reasonable limits, but unfortunately nearly every available locality has been secured by clubs, some of which are too exclusive; while all are too expensive to suit the generality of sportsmen. Some of those most competent to give advice on the subject, favor the reserve by government of alternate sections of fishing and hunting territory, for the benefit of the general public. This system would greatly benefit railway and steamboat companies by causing a large influx of sportsmen and camping out parties into territory from which they are now shut out, while many of them, attracted by the scenery, would invest more or less money in the construction of camps and summer residences, and help to open up resorts now unknown

to any but those interested in keeping them so. We learn that Hon. Mr. Flynn, the Crown Lands Commissioner of this Province, intends to offer the fishing privileges on some of our unleased lakes and rivers, to public competition. Perhaps a portion of these might be reserved with advantage to Government, as well as the public, as the value would increase as fast as the territory was made accessible by the opening up of adjoining properties. And another thing might be done which would prove more profitable and less expensive than a Beet Root Sugar Commission, and that is to appoint a commission to confer with delegates from the adjoining states and provinces, with a view of assimilating the Fish and Game Laws and regularing the close seasons within each jurisdiction, and establishing as far as possible the same periods to be observed in all. This would obviate the confusion and uncertainty which now exists in this respect, and would secure the attendance of those competent to advise on such matters and doubtless result in a direct pecuniary saving in the time now wasted in continually "tinkering" with, changing and amending the Fish and Game Laws. The close seasons now existing with regard to some of our game fish, if intended for protection, display a lamentable ignorance of the habits of these fish, while there is a confusion respecting their nomenclature, which operates badly in enforcing the observance of the close season. For instance mascalonge in certain localities are called pickerel and caught as such during the close season for mascalonge.

The fishing at Lake Aylmer has been excellent during the last few days and several mascalonge of 12 lbs. and over, have been caught—as pickerel. It is mighty hard to convince the individual who insists on trol'ing for pickerel during the mascalonge close season, that he isn't catching pickerel and as we can't make up our mind that it is the correct thing to call a mascalonge a pickerel, we should be pleaded to have such information as would convince those accustomed to argue the point that our views are correct and that the so-called pickerel of Lake Aylmer is the veritable mascalonge, and identical. or nearly so, with the English pike or Jack. "Kit" Clarke, of New York, who spends the greater part of each summer amongst the fishing resorts of Canada, and who is an authority on matters piscatorial, says in his "Practical Angler" with reference to the mascalonge "In color it is a silvery gray with a white belly, and its back and sides are dotted with brownish spots. It has a long flat head, a very large mouth filled to its capacity with long and sharp teeth, and by nature it is one of the most voracious and vicious fishes that exist." In describing the pickerel hesays, "In form but in this respect only, the pickerel much resembles the mascalonge and is generally found in the same waters. In color the side tints of the pickerel are yellowish, while the back is of a greenish hue. It has a long flat head and an excellent array of teeth, while its digestive qualities are simply monumental. In ponds and still waters it seldom exceeds one pound in weight and is so interlaced with a varied assortment of bones as hardly to be worth the trouble of cleaning and cooking." suredly this latter description does not apply to the so called pickerel of Lake-

Many of our readers will learn with regret, of the sudden death of Mark Dale of Island Pond, Vt., (one of the oldest engine drivers on this section of the Grand Trunk Railway) the result of an accident which occurred to the train from Island Pond to Montreal, of which he was the driver, due here at 8 a.m. the 20th instant. When between Coaticook and Compton, the engine, baggage and second class cars went into a washout, instantly killing Dale, his fireman, George Reid. the express messenger, Howard Small, and a passenger by the name of Caron, who was in the baggage car. The baggage man, Caron, and the mail clerk Denis, were seriously hurt, while the other passengers escaped with trifling injuries. The coupling of the first class car broke and the air brakes being tightly set prevented it from being precipitated into the chasm, although it partially overhung the edge. The impression is that the embankment had been partially washed out underneath by the choking up of a culvert and that the weight of the train had caused it to cave in. Mark Dale had been connected with the Grand Trunk, in the capacity of engine driver, for over thirty years, and was generally known to and universally liked and respected by all the residents along the line from "the Pond" to Montreal. He was possessed of a cheerful, happy manner which made him a favorite with his acquaintances. He was in affluent circumstances and had been prevailed upon to retire from active railway life, but never seemed so much at home as when attending to his accustomed duties.

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We believe the Government would find it profitable to appoint and pay efficient men to guard some of the lakes and waters of this Province. Any one who should devote his whole time to the prevention of poaching and the conviction of those who persist in violating the Fish and Game Laws, would reap a bountiful harvest in the way of fines, and largely add to the inducements now offered to visiting sportsmen. The Government should assume all costs connected with the prosecution of offenders, in so far as the prosecuting official is concerned.

The stigma which attaches to those who inform against a neighbor for illegally taking fish and game, might be obviated by a species of vigilance committees, the members of which should be bound to report every infringement of the law. Those in honor held to do so, would have a good excuse for "hauling up" those of their neighbors who systematically carry on a poaching business, and do so for profit.

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# Amongst Our Exchanges,

#### Canada for May.

The May number of Canada fully sustains the high reputation which this popular monthly has so well earned. As the most thoroughly Canadian of all our literary journals, it should find a welcome in every home. The poems are by J. F. Herbin, "Erie," and Thos. C. Robson. Mr. LeMoine's very interesting paper on "The History and Legends of the King's Forges," is itself worth the price of the number. "Pastor Felix" talks about "Books" in his charming style. "A Ta'e of Annapolis" and "Criticism on Eulogiums," are very readable contribu-tions. The Departments (Canadiana, Home Topics, Our Own Poets, and Our Young People), are crammed with the very best original and selected matter, while a new department, The Christian Life, is introduced. The editorial and literary notes, and the cream of current wit and humor, are prominent features. Subscription, \$1.00 a year. The publisher offers Canada to new subscribers eight months (May to Dec.) for 50 cents in stamps. Address, Matthew R. Knight, Benton, New Brunswick.

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year, which barely pays cost of publication.

The World's Columbian Exposition Illustrated for May.

This number has reached us, and is as interesting and beautiful as ever. It is brimful of authentic World' Fair information. It is interesting to note at this time, when each day marks the birth and death of some literary venture, that this magazine has already established itself in the affections of the people and has reached a circulation unprecedented in so short a time. Founded in February, 1891, it now counts its readers in every civilized land.

Conspicuous among the artistic features of the May issue are a full page engraving of the Hon. Mark L. Mc-Donald, Commissioner-at-Large from California, and a double page engraving of the California State building to be erected on the Exposition grounds, and also a full page group of the seven members of the California State Board. "It is the only report of progress which reaches the real heart of the people," etc., etc., taken from endorsements of Exposition officials, found on the inside page of the back cover. Price, 25 cents per copy, or twelve issues for \$3.00. Early in the fall this publication will be issued semi-monthly down to the beginning of the Exposition. During the Exposition it will appear weekly. From first to last there will be sixty numbers, or five volumes of twelve numbers each. Cost for the entire issues only \$12.00. J. B. Campbell, Publisher, 159 and 161 Adams St., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

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THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY for June contains the usual amount of interesting reading matter and is profusely illustrated. The frontispiece is "A Cape Breton Scene." "McLarty's Kicking Bee" is a humorously written story of Ontario pioneer life. "Canoeing in Canada" deals generally with that subject and is abundantly illustrated. "The Bible Oracle" is an account of a remark-

able Eastern Townships incident, the scenery of which is laid at the junction of the St. Francis and Black Rivers. F. Blake Crofton contributes an instalment of "Scraps and Snaps," while John Reade and other writers of note furnish some useful and interesting information. Remember that although the regular price of the Dominion Illustrated Meetly is \$1.50, we will supply a year's subscription to it and The Land We Live In for \$2 to new subscribers.

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#### BOOK REVIEW.

The World's Columbian Exposition Illustrated for June.—This charming number retains those attractions that have made its predecessors so popular, while it introduces new features that will make it more interesting than ever.

The question has often been asked, "Who geads a Chicago book?" The 100,000 copies of this magazine now sold each month would seem to forcibly indicate the propriety of the question, "Who does not read the 'Werld's Columbian Exposition Illustrated'?" Certainly none should fail to read it who desire to be fully abreast of the times and now of the grandest Exposition the world has ever seen. In the language of our Consul-General to Austria, "It is the greatest feat of journalism of the age and a credit to America."

Awong its leading and interesting attractions we notice a splendid full page engraving of the Hon. Elijih B. Martindale, National Commissioner from Indiana, together with his biographical sketch. There is also an admirable full page engraving of the Indiana State Building, a gem of architectural beauty. There are several articles and engravings relating to Indiana's exhibit and its management. Altogether the number is of vast interest, and will win many friends to the great Exposition to which it is exclusively devoted. There have been sixteen numbers issued to date. From first to last there will be five volumes of twelve numbers each, or sixty numbers in all. Price 25 cents a copy. Subscribers for twelve issues at \$300 will receive the World's Fair Al-Album, containing views of the Exposition Buildings in richest colors. Price of Album alone, 50 cents.

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We are in receipt of the first number of the Humanitarian, a monthly journal published at 20 Vesey street, New York, and edited by Mrs. Victor a Woodhull Martin, with Mrs Zula Maud Woodhull, as Associate Editor. The principal object of the journal appears to be the advocacy of the same physical qualities and vigor in the perpetuation of the human species, as is recognized as being essential for the improvement of the lower orders of animal life, and intimates that Government should as far as possible endeavor to prevent the union of the sexes, where the probable result would be the reproduction of criminals instead of waiting to punish the criminal after he is born. There is no question that physical infirmities and diseases exist, which have become hereditary, and are perpetuated from generation to generation, with the result that the mental faculties must eventually become weakened and diseased and engender imbecility and idiocy. The articles which appear on this su' ject are comprebensive and display the ability and fearlessness which has always characterized the Editor, whose somewhat original views and ideas have gained for her considerable notoriety, and at one time resulted in her nomination for the Presidency of the United States. This nomination it must be ad-

mitted emanated from an organization strongly imbued with socialistic tendencies, but which exercised considerable influence in New York. The first number of the Humanitarian contains much "food for reflection," and we believe \$1 for an annual subscription would be well invested. All communications should be addressed to the Editor. 142 West, 70th street, New York, or 17 Hyde Park Gate, London, England.

"How are the mighty fallen," is aptly illustrated in the career of the ex-Premier of this Province, -the Honorable Honoré Mercier. Five years ago he was at the zenith of his popularity and distributed money and patronage with a lavish hand. To-day he is bankrupt in purse, and there are few of those whom he wantonly sacrificed to his own vain ambition and love of popularity, who are too low to look down upon him. The injuries which he inflicted on others have recoiled upon himself. Few sympathize with him in the misfortunes which have righteously overtaken him, and it is not probable that their sympathy will affect their pockets. It may be considered an uncharitable thing to do, but it is no use trying to disguise the fact, that with very many it is a matter of rejoicing that the ex-Premier has been "thost with his own pe'-

We had a pleasant visit w few days ago, from Capt. W. H. Sm th, formerly com nander of the Atlan Line Steamer " Perisian," and now holding a lucrative position in the Canadian Marine Department, with heal-quarters at Halifax. His duties are to in-vestigate the causes of collisions, etc., between vessels and adjust marine losses, and in this capacity he often fills the position of associate judge or referee, and his report forms the text of some of the judgments rendered by the courts. After "plouzhing the raging main" for so many years, he now occupies his leisure time in ploughing the Nova Scotian soil, and illustrating in a practical way, what he knows about farming. The Captain's jolly, ruldy countenance is a good antidote for the "blues," and we shall be delighted to see him of-

The Quebec Central Railway change of time takes effect on Monday June 27th. The express for Quebec will leave Sherbrooke at 7:15 a.m., and the passenger train will leave Sherbrooke at 11:45 p.m. Arrangements have been made with the Wagner Palace Car Company so that on and after that date this line will be equipped with elegant palace cars of the most improved pattern.

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# The Camp at Compton.

OUR TOWNSHIP DEFENDERS

#### From our own Reporter.

The usual military camp of the volunteers of the Eastern Townships was called for June 21st, but owing to the inclemency of the weather, many of the companies did not reach their destination on the day ap-. pointed, some being delayed as much as two days. The first drill took place on Wednesday, June 22nd, and several of the poor chaps who had arrived late and marched a long distance, were unable to stand it and had to be carried off the field. However, a few hours' sleep and a substantial meal did the physician's work.

The camp is situated on Sand Hill, about two miles and a half from Compton village and three miles from Waterville station. Although in many respects a good site, it lacks the great advantage of a river, the water having to be carted from a distance. This is especially awkward for the cavalry. The approach by rail is out of the way, the nearest railway station being three miles distant, while the mud in wet weather is anything but pleasant. The range is good, and during the day can be heard the sharp report of the rifle. Although there are a great many boys in the ranks, this fault is offset by the fewness of old men. Altogether the physique of the men is good and above the average. In accordance with Gen. Herbert's orders, only squad and company drill is being taught, and under such an able commandant and staff, with the reliable instructors, twelve days should see the men well up in all the intricacies.

The camp is composed of a regiment of five troops of cavalry, five battalions of infantry, and a detachment of "B" Co., St. Johns, aggregating a total of 1350 men and 300 horses. Rations are supplied by Mr. E. W. Judah, Messrs. Bliss & Pomeray, of Compton, Mr. Povey, of Lennoxuille, and Mr. Ames of Sherbrooke.

The camp is under the command of Lt. Col. Houghton, D.A.G., with Lt. Col. Mattice, Brigade Major; Lt. Col. Pope, B. M., supply officer; Major Radigar, musketry instructor; Capt. d'Orsonnens, camp quartermaster; Surgeon-Maj. Ives, P.M.O.; Capt. Kemp, 6th Fusileers, orderly officer, and Capt. Young, 'B' Co. I.S.C., St. Johns.
The staff sergeants are Sergt. Maj. Phil-

lips, Sergt. Roberts, Col. Sergt. Copeman, all of B Co. C.R.I., St. Johns; Sergt. El-lerby, 1st Prince of Wales; Quartermaster,

Sergt. Nolin of the 8th.

On entering camp the first corps that meets the eye is the Fifth Regiment of Cavalry, Lt.Col. Taylor in command; Majors Sheppard and Learned; Paymaster, Capt. Taylor; Surgeon, Dr. Hopkins; Vet. Surgeon, Dr. Ball; Quartermaster, Capt. Odell; Adjutant, Capt. McNicol.

No. 1 troop, Cookshire, Lt. Farnsworth, Lt. French; No. 2 troop, Sherbrooke, Capt. Morkill, Lt. Pomroy; No. 3 troop, Stan-stead, Capt. Clarke, Lt. Hall; No. 4 troop, Compton, Capt. Pomroy; No. 5 troop, Sutton, Capt. Billings, Lts. Greeley and Strong. Total, 18 officers, 180 men, and 186 horses.

This regiment of cavalry would do credit to any city, and under the careful in-

struction of the Colonel and other officers,

is continually improving.

Next in order comes a detachment of 30 men from the St. Johns Military School, under command of Capt. Young. It is needless to say that they look the ideal British soldier, while the admiring and respectful glances cast upon them by some of the green men is amusing. They are attached to the 60th.

The tents of the gallant 60th of Missisquoi are the next in view, Lt.-Col. A. H. Gilmour in command; Majors Jameson and Hawley; Paymaster. Maj. Westover; Acting Adjutant, Capt. Young, B Co. C.R..I. Quartermaster, Capt. Derick; Surgeon,

No. 1 company, St. Armand, Bt.-Maj. Sigsby, Lt. McKennie; No. 2, Clarence ville, Capt. Macfie; No. 3, not out; No. 5, Farnham, Capt. Higgins, Lt. Reed; No. 4, not out; No. 6, Stanbridge East, Lt. Amyrauld, Lt. Beattie. Total, 14 officers and 147 men.

This battalion lacks two companies of its full strength. What turned out, however, are a hardy looking lot and fit to

stand camp life.

The reliable 52nd of Brome lie alongside their Missisquoi brethren - Lieut.-Col. Hall in command; Major, C.C. Perkins, Surgeon, Dr. Macdonald; Acting Adjutant, Lt. Mitchell (of 6th Fusiliers); Quartermaster, Captain O Reagan; Paymaster, Captain Hall.

No. 1 company not cut; No. 2 (Knowlton) Captain Whitman, Lieut. Kennedy; No. 3 (Sutton) Captain Davidson, Lieut. Willey; No. 4 (East Farnham) Captain Hall, Lieut. Persons; No. 5 (Mansonville) Captain Bowen; No. 6 (Bolton Centre) Captain Letty; No. 7, Captain Donegan—total, 15 officers and 153 men.

The 58th of Compton come next, and show up the strongest of any of the corps, turning out ten companies - Lieut. Col. McAulay in command; Bt. Major Wyland; paymaster, Major Lockett; adjutant, Bt. Major Baker; quarter-master, Captain

Wright; surgeon, Dr. Ford. No. 1 company, Bury, Capt. McIvor, Lieut. Bishop; No. 2 company, Lengwick, Capt. Gillies, Lieut. Macdonald; No. 3 company, Maston, Capt. J. F. McIvor, Lieut. McLeod; No. 4, Marbleton, Capt. Lieut. McLeod; No. 4, Marbleton, Capt. Wayland, Lieut. Gilbert; No. 5, Marsden, Capt. Beaton, Lieuts. Macdonald and Kennedy; No. 6, Massawippi, Capt. Hitchcock, Lieut. Billington; No. 7, Coaticook, Capt. Trenholme; No. 8, Parks Plain Capt. Files Lieut Lonking. Coaticook, Capt. Trennolme; No. 8, Beebe Plain, Capt. Elder, Lieut. Jenkins No. 9, Winslow, Lieut. Kelly (late 60th Foot); No. 10, Cookshire, Capt. Botterill, Lieut. Reed. In all 25 officers and 390 men. The officers ought to feel proud on having such a turnout.

The 54th of Richmond, Major Morey (late of H M. Rifle Brigade), in command. Major Harkom; Acting Adjutant, Capt. Brown; Surgeon Speer; Paymaster, Major Thomas; Quartermaster, Major Cleveland.

No. 1 company, Danville, Capt. Cleveland, M.P., Lieut. Cleveland; No. 2, Melbourne, Capt. Brown, Lieut. Booth; No. 3, Richmond, Capt. Brooks; No. 4, Windsor Mills, Lieut. Heely; No. 5, not out; No. 6, Kirkdale, Capt. Stevens.

Band under direction of Professor Filitreault.

It is plain that this battalion has re-

ceived more instruction than the others and show the effects of the training.

Last but not least come the 79th of Shefford with their plaid trousers. Lieut.-Col. Cox in command; Majore Bulman and Mayne; Acting Adjutant, Lieut. Whitcomb; Surgeon, Dr. Fuller; Paymaster, Capt. Brooks; Quartermaster, Capt. Mar-

No. 1 company, not out; No. 2, Bethel, Capt. Davidson, Lt. Davidson; No. 3, West Shefford, Capt. Bell, Lts. Knowlton and Richardson; No. 4, South Roxton, Capt. Galbraith, Lt. Racicot; No. 5, not out; No. 6, Boscobel, Bt. Maj. Hackwell, Lt. Hackwell; No. 7, Lawrenceville, Lieut. Brown, Lt. Daigneault; No. 8, Waterloo, Capt. Whitcomb, Lt. Lefebvre.

In all 21 officers and 210 men.

This is a grand showing for Shefford considering that two companies did not

Band under Prof. Hubbard.

# ST. JOHNS CAMP.

On Monday last all preparations were completed on the camp ground to receive the soldier boys, and Tuesday saw them here. On account of the heavy rains the ground is in a swampy state, which, it is to be hoped, will be remedied before another year. The staff and the cavalry and the military school occupy the ground this side of the ramparts on Riley's field, while all the rest are camped on the other side. It is remarked on all sides that the men are much neater and quieter than we usually have. There are, however, a great many boys in the ranks and the average height is low. The Cavalry drill well and look splendid, and have received praise on all sides. Spite of the weather, the men are put through hard drills every day and already show an improvement, the marching especially being very credit-Under the efficient command of able. Under the efficient command of Col. d'Orsonnens no doubt a fine-looking crowd of fellows will march away from here when camp breaks up.

General Herbert arrived here from Compton camp Wednesday night and had the men up and at drill at 6 o'clock this morning. As it rained very heavily later on, all tactics had to be abandoned till the

ground dried up somewhat.

The staff is composed as follows:—Lieut. Col. d'Orsonnens, D.A.G. in command; Major Roy, brigade major; Surgeon Campbell, Capt. Frenette, quarter-master; Capt. Destroismaisons, supply office; Capt. Fages, musketry instructor. The camp consists of the 6th regiment

of Cavalry, the 76th, 80th and 83rd bat talions of infantry and a detachment of the St. Johns Military school; in all, 750 men and 150 horses. The school is under the command of Capt. Chinic, with all the short course officers. Sergt. Duplessis and Pte. Bessette are attached to the other corps as instructors.

#### 6TH REGIMENT CAVALRY.

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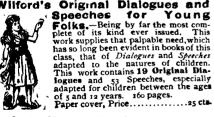
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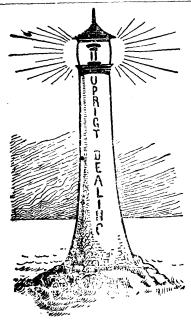
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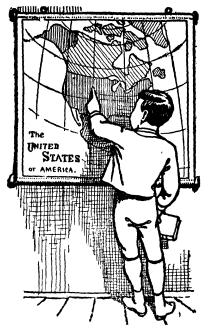
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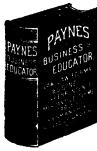


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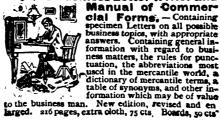
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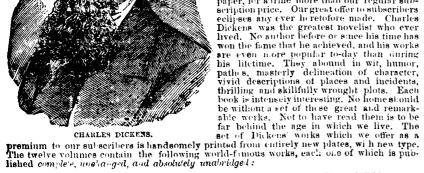
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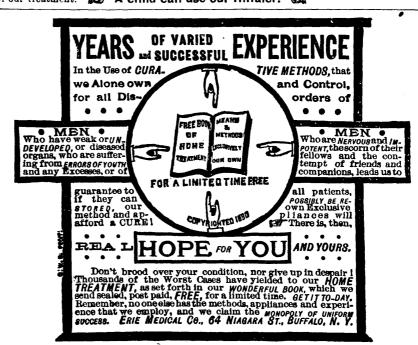
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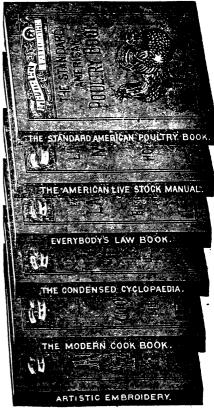
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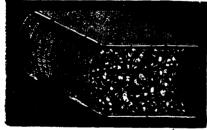
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