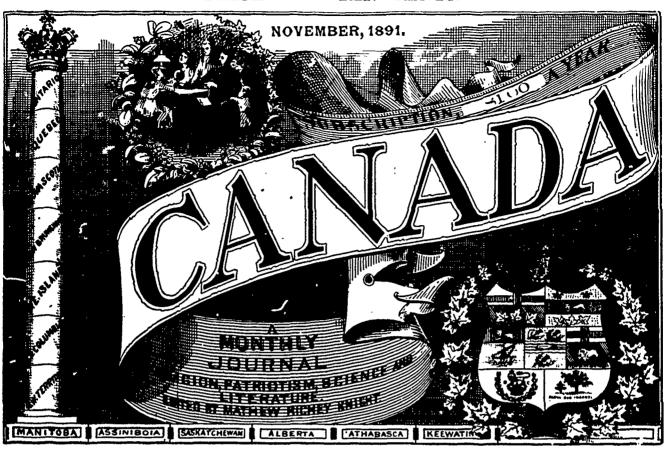
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SHON McGANN'S TOBOGGAN RIDE.

BY GILBERT PARKER.

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HATEVER claims Shon had upon the companionship of Sir Duke Lawless, he knew there were other claims that were more pressing. After the toast was finished, with an emphasised assumption of weariness, and a hint of a long yarn on the morrow, he picked up his blanket and started for the room where all were to sleep. The real reason of this early departure was clear to Pretty Pierre at once; and in due time it dawned upon Jo Gordineer.

The two Englishmen, left alone, sat for a few moments silent and smoking hard. Then The Honourable rose, got his knapsack and took out a small bundle of papers, which he handed to Sir Duke, saying: "By slow postal service to Sir Duke Lawless. Residence, somewhere on five continents."

An envelope bearing a woman's writing was the first thing that met Sir Duke's eye. He stared, took it out, turned it over, looked curiously at The Honourable for a moment, and then began to break the seal.

"Wait, Duke. Do not read that. We have something

to say to each other first."

Sir Duke laid the letter down. "You have some explanation to make," he said.

"It was not so long ago; mightn't it be better to go over the story again?"

" Perhaps."

"Then it is best you should tell it. I am on my defence,

you know."

Sir Duke leaned back, and a frown gathered on his fore-head. Strikingly out of place on his fresh brown face it seemed. Looking quickly from the fire to the face of The Honourable and back again earnestly, as if the face of The Honourable and back again earnestly, as if the face of We'll get the perspective better if we put the tale in the third person. Duke Lawless was the heir to the title and estates of Trafford Court. Next in succession to him was Just Trafford his cousin. Lawless had an income sufficient for a man of moderate tastes. Trafford had not quite that; but he had his profession of the law. At college they had been fast friends, but afterward had drifted apart, through no cause save difference of pursuits and circumstances. Friends they still were and likely to be so always. One summer when on a visit to his uncle, Admiral Sir Clavel Lawless, at Trafford Court, where a party of people had been invited for a month,

Duke Lawless fell in love with Emily Dorset. She did him the honour to prefer him to any other man; at least he thought so. Her income, however, was limited like his own. The engagement was not announced; for Lawless had determined to embark in some enterprise, the profits from which would make marriage possible, according to his ideas. He inclined to ranching in Canada or a planter's life in Queensland. The eight or ten thousand pounds necessary was not, however, easy to get together, and Lawless hadn't the least notion of discounting the future, or his uncle's affections either, by seeking it from the source naturally suggested by the circumstances. Besides, he knew his uncle did not wish him to marry except he married a fortune. While things were in this uncertain state, Just Trafford arrived on a visit to Trafford Court. The meeting of the old friends was cordial. Immediately on Trafford's arrival, however, the current of events changed. Things occurred which brought disaster. It was noticeable that Miss Emily Dorset began to see a deal more of Admiral Lawless and Just Trafford, and a deal less of the youngest Lawless. One day Duke Lawless came back to the house unexpectedly, his horse having knocked-up on the road. On entering the library he saw what turned the course of his life."

Sir Duke here paused, sighed, shook the ashes out of his pipe with a grave and expressive anxiety which did not properly belong to the action, and remained for a moment, both arms on his knees, silent and looking awhile at the fire.

"Just Trafford sat beside Emily Dorset in an attitude of -say, affectionate consideration. She had been weeping, and her whole manner suggested very touching confidences. They both rose on the entrance of Lawless; but neither sought to say a word. What could they say? Lawless apologised, took a book from the table which he had not come for, and left." Again Sir Duke paused.

"The book was an illustrated 'Much Ado About

Nothing," said The Honourable.

"A few hours after, Lawless had an interview with Emily Dorset He demanded, with a good deal of feeling perhaps-for he was romantic enough to love the girl -an explanation. He would have asked it of Trafford first if he had seen him. She said Lawless should trust her; that she had no explanation at that mom nt to give. If he waited -but Lawless asked her if she cared for him at all, if she wished or intended to marry him. She replied lightly: 'Perhaps, when you become Sir Duke Lawless.' Then Lawless accused her of heart'essness and of encouraging both his uncle and Just Trafford She amusingly said: Perhaps she had, but it really didn't matter, did it? For reply Lawless said her interest in the whole family seemed active and impartial. He bade her not vex herself at all about him, and not to wait until he became Sir Duke Lawless, but to give preference to seniority and begin with the title at once, which he has reason since to believe that she did. What he said to her, he has been sorry for, not because he thinks it was undeserved, but I ecause he has never been able since to rouse himself to anger on the subject, nor to hate the girl and Just Trafford as he ought. Of the dead he is silent altogether. He never sought an explanation from Just Trafford, for he left that night for London and in two days was on his way to Australia. The day he left, however, he received a note from his banker saying that eight thousand pounds had been placed to his credit by Admiral Lawless. Feeling the indignity of what he believed was the cause of the gift, Lawless neither acknowledged it nor used it, nor any penny of it. Four years have gone since then, and Lawless has wandered over two continents a self-

created exile. He has learned much that he didn't learn at Oxford; and not the least of all that the world is not so bad as is claimed for it, that it isn't worth while hating and cherishing hate, that evil is half accidental, half neutral. and that hard work in the face of Nature is the thing to pull a man together and to strengthen him for his place in the universe. Having burned his ships behind him, that is the way Lawless feels. And the story is told."

Just Trafford sat looking musingly but imperturbably at Sir Duke for a minute; then he said: "That is your interpretation of the story, but not the story. Let us turn the medal over now. And, first, let Trafford say that he has the permission of Emily Dorset"—

Sir Duke interrupted: "Of her that was Emily Dorset." "Of Miss Emily Porset to tell what she did not tell that day four years ago. After this reading of the tale has been rendered, her letter a d those documents are there for fuller testimony. Just Trafford's part in the drama begins, of course, with the library scene. Now Duke Lawless had never known Trafford's half-brother, Hall Vincent. Hall was born in India, and had lived there most of his life. He was in the Indian Police, and had married a clever, beautiful, but impossible kind of girl against the wishes of her parents. The marriage was not a very happy one. This was partly owing to the quick Lawless and Trafford blood, partly to the wife's wilfulness. Hall thought that things might go better if he came to England to live. On their way from Madras to Colombo he had some words with his wife one day about the way she arranged her hair, but nothing serious. This was shortly after tiffin. That evening they entered the harbor at Colombo; and Hall, going to his cabin to seek his wife, could not find her; but in her stead was her hair, arranged carefully in flowing waves on the pillow, where through the voyage her head had lain. That she had cut it off and laid it there was plain; but she could not be found, nor was she ever found. The large porthole was open; this was the only clew. But we need not go further into that. Hall Vincent came home to England. He told his brother the story as it has been told to you, and then left for South America, a broken-spirited man. The wife's family came to England also. They did not meet Hall Vincent; but one day Just Trafford met at a country seat in Devon. for the first time, the wife's sister. She had not known of the relationship between Hall Vincent and the Traffords; and on a memorable afternoon he told her the full story of the married life and the final disaster, as Hall had told it to him.

Sir Duke sprang to his feet. "You mean, Just, that"-

"I mean that Emily Dorset is the sister of Hall Vincent's wife."

Sir Duke's brown fingers clasped and unclasped nervously. He was about to speak, but The Honourable said: "That is

only half the story, wait!

"Emily Dorset would have told Lawless all in due time, but women don't like to be bullied ever so little, and that and the unhappiness of the thing kept her silent in her short interview with Lawless. She could not have guessed that Lawless would go as he did Now the secret of her caressing the uncle—yes, that's the best word to use—was Duke Lawless's advancement. She knew how he had set his heart on the ranching or planting life. She would have married him without a penny, but she felt his pride in that particular and respected it. So, like a clever girl, she determined to make the old chap give Lawless a sheek on his possible future. Perhaps as things progressed the same old chap got an absurd notion in his head about marrying

her to Just Trafford, but that was meanwhile all the better for Lawless. The very day that Emily Dorset and Just Trafford succeeded in melting Admiral Lawless's heart to the tune of eight thousand, was the day that Duke Lawless doubted his friend and challenged the loyalty of the girl he loved."

Sir Duke's eyes filled "Great Heaven, Just!" he said.

"Be quiet for a little. You see she had take.. Trafford into her scheme, against his will, for he was never good at mysteries and theatricals, and he saw the danger. But the cause was a good one, and he joined the sweet conspiracy with what result these four years bear witness. Admiral Lawless has been dead a year and a half, his wife a year. For he married out of anger with Duke Lawless; but he did not marry Emily Dorset, nor did he beget a child."

"In Australia I saw a paragraph speaking of a visit he and Lady Emily Lawless made to a hospital, and I thought"-

"You thought he had married Emily Dorset. It was another Emily; and - well you had better read that letter now."

Sir Duke's face was flushing with remorse and pain. He drew his hand quickly across his eyes. "And you've given up London, your profession, everything, Just, to hunt for me; to tell me this; you who would have profited by my eternal absence! What a beast and ass I've been!"

"Not at all; only a bit poetical and hasty, which was not unnatural in the Lawless blood. I'd have been wild myself, maybe, if I had been in your position. Only I shouldn't have left England, and I'd have taken the papers regularly and have asked the other fellow to explain. The other fellow didn't like the little conspiracy. By the way, I wish when you go back you'd send me out my hunting traps I've made up my mind to-oh, quite so. Read the letter-I forgot."

Sir Duke opened the letter and read it, putting it away from him now and then as if it hurt him; and taking it up a moment after to continue the reading. The Honourable watched him.

At last Sir Duke rose.

"Just "---

' Yes. Go on."

"Do you think she would have me now?"

"Don't know. Your outfit is not so swagger as it used to be."

"Don't chaff me."

"Don't be so funereal, then."

Under The Honourable's matter-of-fact air, Sir Duke's face began to clear. "Tell me if you think she still cares for me?"

"Well, I don't know. She's rich now; got the grandmother's stocking. Then, there's Pedley of the Scot's Guards. He's been doing loyal service for a couple of years. What does the letter say?"

"It only tells the truth as you have told it to me, but from her standpoint; not a word that says anything but beautiful reproach and general kindness. That is all.

"Quite so. You see it was all four years age, and

Pedley "-

But The Honourable paused. He had punished his friend enough. He stepped forward and laid his hand on Sir Duke's arm. "Duke, you want to pick up the threads where they were dropped. You dropped them. Ask me nothing about the ends that Emily Dorset held. I conspire no more. But go you and learn your fate. If one remembers, why should the other forget?"

Sir Duke's light heart and eager faith came back with a rush. "I'll start for England at once. I'll know the worst or the best of it before three months are out."

The Honourable's slow placidity returned.

"Three months. Yes, you may do it in that time. Better go from Victoria to San Francisco and then overland. You'll not forget about my hunting traps, and-oh, certainly, Gordineer. Come in."
"Say," said Jo Gordineer. "I don't want to disturb

the meeting, but Shon's in Chancery somehow; breathing like a white pine, and thrashing about. He's red-hot

with fever.'

Before he had time to say more, Sir Duke seized the candle and entered the room. Shon was moving uneasily and suppressing the groans that shook him.

"Shon, old friend, what is it 1"

"It's the pain here, Lawless," laying his hand on his chest.

After a moment Sir Duke said: "Pneumonia."

From that instant thoughts of himself were sunk in the care and thought of the man who in the heart of Queensland had been mate and friend, and brother to him. He did not start for England the next day, nor for many a day. Pretty Pierre and Jo Gordineer and his party carried Sir

Duke's letters over into the Pi Pi valley from where they could be sent on to the Coast. Pretty Pierre came back in a few days to see how Shon was, and expressed his determina-

tion of staying to help Sir Duke if need be.

Shon hovered between life and death. It was not alone the pneumonia that shook his system so; there was also the shock he had received in his flight down the glacier. In his delirium, he seemed to be always with Lawless.

"'For it's down the long side of Farcalladen Rise'-It's share and share even, Lawless, and ye'll ate the rest of it or I'll lave ye- Did ye say ye'd found water-Lawlesswater !- Sure you're drinkin' none yourself- I'll sing it again for you then— 'And its back with the ring of the chain and the spur'— Burn all your ships behind you— 'But I'll never go back to Farcalladen more'— God bless you, Lawless!"

Sir Duke's fingers had a trick of kindness, a suggestion of comfort, a sense of healing, that made his simple remedies do more than natural duty. He was doctor, nurse-sleepless nurse -and careful apothecary. And when at last the danger was passed and he could relax watching, he would not go, and he did not go, till they could all adjourn to the

Pi-Pi valley.

In the blue shadows of the firs they stand as we take our leave of one of them. The Honourable and Sir Duke have had their last words, and Sir Duke has said he will remember about the hunting traps. They understand each other. There is sunshine in the face of all; a kind of Indian summer sunshine, that is soft with the sadness of a coming winter; and theirs is the winter of parting. Yet it is all done easily, undemonstratively "We'll meet again, Shon," said Sir Duke; "and you'll

remember your promise to write to me."

"I'll keep my promise; and I hope the news that'll please you best is what you'll send us first, from ould England. And if you should go to ould Donegal !-- I've no words for me thoughts at all!"

"I know them. Don't try to say them. We've not had the luck together, all kinds and all weathers, for nothing."

Sir Duke's eyes smiled a good-by into the smiling eyes of Shon. They were alike, these two, whose stations were so far apart. Yet somewhere, in generations gone, their

ancesters may have toiled, feasted or governed in the same social hemisphere; and here, in the mountains, life was

levelled to one degree again.

Sir Duke looked round. The pines were crowding up elate and warm toward the peaks of the white silence. The river was brawling over a broken pathway of boulders at their feet; round the edge of a mighty mountain crept a mule train; a far-off glacier glistened harshly in the lucid morning-yet not harshly either, but with the rugged form of a vast antiquity, from which these scarred and grimly austere hills had grown. Here Nature was filled with a sense of triumphant mastery - the mastery of ageless experience.

And down the massy piles there blew a wind of stirring life, of the composure of great strength, and touched the Four, and the man that mounted now was turned to go.

A quick good-by from him to all; a "Safe voyage to you," from The Honourable, a wave of the hand between the rider and Shon; and Sir Duke Lawless was gone.

"You had better cook the last of that bear, this morning, Pretty Pierre," said The Honourable. And their life went on.

It was eight months after, that, sitting in their hut after a day's success fulmining, The Honourable handed Shon a paper to read. A paragraph was marked. It concerned the marriage of Miss Emily Dorset and Sir Duke Lawless.

And, while Shon read, The Honomable called within the

tent, " Have you any lemons: Pretty Pierre?"

A satisfactory reply being returned, The Honourable proceeded: "We'll have the bottle of Pommery which I've been saving months for this."

And the royal flush toast of the evening belonged to Shon: "God bless him! To the day when we see him Shon: "God bless him, again!" And all of them saw that day.

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HE poet has thrown life over, Life with its care and fret; And he lies at his ease in the clover (Hearts break, and eyes are wet).

> With sorrow, his own or others', No more will he have to do: (Grief strangles, poverty smothers) He watches the infinite blue.

Let who will life's burdens carry ! Let who will with sorrow wed! No thought of it now can harry His soul, for the poet is dead.

For death is not breath's cessation; It is to flee from the strife. To scorn the soul's salvation, The power and franchise of life.

The rainbow unsung is the rainbow, Stars shine, if his song be mute; And, meanwhile, our hearts are waiting For the comfort of his lute.

Sweet are the fields and flowers, But sweeter the smile of love; And the service-freighted hours Than all God's stars above.

Dead while he lives is the poet Who ranges with curious eye The faraway fields of ether, And passes God's children by.

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war," was but a cobweb in the path of a cyclone!

The glow of that patriotic flame has never faded from the English sky. It is still reflected in the splendid Literature of that wondrous age. It melted the last seal of silence from the lips of the long dumb Saxon race. Then it was that Shakespeare became its Historian. His first Part of Henry VI. appeared two years after the Defeat of the Armada. And then for six years he devoted himself almost exclusively to the portrayal of his grand gallery of English Heroes.

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A NOVEMBER SUNSET.

BY ARTHUR J. LOCKHART.

OT the attire of kings, when crowns are set,
'Mid coronation splendours, have such sheen
As now in the November sky is seen,—
Where late the Day in his fire chariot
Role down the western hills, that lighten yet.
Twilight her tent of purple and of gold
Pitches on you dark crag, and multifold
Dapples the river, where its waters fret.

Past the low bank in leafless quietude:

'The new moon haloes soft her crystal sphere;
Glassed 'mid the shadowed trees she beauteous lies:
Such glory comes to gild, such peace to brood,.

And change to gold and pearl the darkening year,—
The month of wailing winds and shadowed skies.

TWO NESTS.

Baltimore oriole, which build loosely-woven nests in the south, construct them with greater closeness in the north. We are apt to discredit these stories a little, when they tell us that one and the same bird will thus adapt itself to its surroundings, knowing that the warm southern wind will not injure its delicate young, and protecting them with such marvellous forethought from the chill blasts of the wintry Canadian sky. Sometimes the sceptic has such an obvious proof of things, which he has doubted, that on the instant his doubts vanish. Such was the effect of two nests upon a party of unbelievers, who maintained, in spite of Wilson, Linnaeus and Burroughs, that birds built from mere instinct, and that there was no reason shewn in their work.

These nests were in a favourite haunt of birds, a pine and oak-crowned cliff on the bank of the St. Lawrence. They knew well where to choose their homes, for in the midst of the fragrant wood a nestling Swiss Chalet looked forth over the broad, blue, island-dotted river; and, as in Shelley's "Sensitive Plant," it could truly be said,—

"There was a power in this sweet place, An Eve in this Elen; a ruling Grace, Which to the flowers, did they waken or dream, Was as God is to the starry scheme."

Phæbe-birds built over the doors and windows of her cottage, cat-birds called from the shrubbery near by, the early thrush poured forth his glad song from the tree-tops on all sides, while robins and crows waited about the garden for the first ripe strawberries and peas. None were allowed to molest them; all were thought to have as good a right to the sweets of God's earth as the human possessors of the soil.

Early in May the animated notes of the Yellow Warbler (Dendroica Listiva) began to till the whole of the nook. Their nests were soon to be found in almost every bush. Two of their nests attracted our attention on account of their difference in structure, and with the doubted information that birds of the same kind build differently in different climates we were all soon agreed on the cause of this difference.

One couple had chosen a sunny spot for their young, a honeysuckle in an unshaded spot in the garden, that caught the first ray of the morning sun as it rose out of the i-land maze, and that never lost it, till it sank into the giant oaks of the western forest. The little mother bird needed no very warm nest for her five grayish-white, delicately-spotted eggs, but was content with a rather loose structure lined with horse-hair and plant-down. Here she calmly waited the time when the shells would burst, and her little ones would gladden her heart with their chamorous cries for food, only darting off once in a while to snatch a caterpillar from a

neighboring lilac.

A day or two after this couple had finished their abode, another pair of warblers came darting about the cottage, looking for a suitable resting place. None seemed available. Several gooseberry bushes resounded with the harsh "mew" of the cat-bird, and in lilac and honeysuckle others of their own kind had been before them. Only one place was left. A dark corner by the kitchen, where the early or late sun cast no gladdening beam, still had one vacant retreat. They nesitated at its gloom, but their desire to be near the cottage, and free from ordinary dangers, overcame their scruples. They eagerly went to work, industriously searching out barkfibre and plant-down and gathering here and there moss and horse-hair for the nest. Soon all was completed. No, not yet! One thing more was needed The sun's warmth was lacking; warmth must be secured in some way to supply its place. Compactly as they had felted their nest, it did not satisfy the thoughtful little birds. It must be lined. A little wool was gathered, but not sufficient. They had but one resource left, their own breasts, and from them they plucked the soft delicate feathers to make a cosy cradle for their eggs. And in this nest five as happy birds as the whole woods knew, grew till the nest could no longer contain them; and after a joyful summer they sought their airy way through the forest, to gladden the cliff in the following spring with their sprightly song.

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To thee belongs a nation's gratitude,
An added lustre to Victoria's reign!
No empty title thine, but simple worth
To stamp each act in which thou takest part;
Thus wearing on thy brow as heroes should
A crown more precious than the kings of earth;
For writ enduring on the people's heart
These words: "'Tis only noble to be good."

MONTCALM AND FRENCH CANADA.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH OF CHARLES DE BONNECHOSE
BY THE EDITOR.

(Continued.)

IV.

O, the winter is come, in the character it wears in this ungentle climate—the strams all frozen, everywhere the hardened snow, a world of crystal and of white marble shining in the sun! For six months no tidings possible from France or elsewhere. What is to be done in this great prison but to seek amusement? Dancing is the order of the day at Quebec, at Montreal, everywhere.

In this happy winter of 1756 on the frozen banks of the St. Lawrence, we behold a curious reflection of France of the 18th century, frivolous and gay, of France in the fashion, powdered, "witty and chivalrous at Quebec, merry at Montreal," and everywhere reckless of the morrow. From below, from the Alleghany mountains, rises a great black cloud: it is nothing, say the violins; it is only the mist from the lakes to temper the spring sunshine.

In the midst of these pleasures, some fortunate expeditions are carried out. "In the West," writes Montcalm, "our parties of Savages are continually lifting scalps from the English, who, from their cide, have sent the Catawbas, savages settled in Carolina." In the East, there were brilliant surprises by the Canadians on lake St. Sacrament. Then preparations were making for the spring, in pursuance of a studied plan of campaign; and, in the meantime, there was the reception at Montreal of a grand Iroquois embassy with women and children, "in connection with which there have been some great councils, that is to say a sort of conference at which the nations friendly to France were represented by their deputies. This assembly is the most memorable that has ever been held in Canada, not only for the number of its members and the nature of the subjects under discussion but for the good feeling which the five Iroquois nations have seemed to entertain. Not only have their ambassadors promised to maintain the neutrality, but they even trampled under foot the medals of the English."

Spring has returned; the whole Canadian flotilla of boats, barges, brigantines, is set aftent upon the rivers still swelen by the melting of the snow. (fliding upon the watercourses, the only available routes formerly in this country, the army of Montcalm was on its way to strategic positions. "We are going to move in a few days, for the opening of the campaign," writes Montcalm to his mother the 25th of April, 1757. "A body of Canadians leaves for the Belle-Rivière (the Ohio), about three hundred leagues from here: some land forces which have passed the winter one hundred and twenty leagues distant will be able to follow them. M. de Bourlamaque set out also with some troops for Fort Carillon which I have made secure against insult and have provisioned. The rest will advance to the frontier." While

the incapable English generalissimo, the Earl of Loudon, under pretence of attempting the conquest of Louisburg, in the island of Cape Breton, tarried two months with an army of 10,000 men at Chebucto (now Halifax), the chiefs of the French colony struck the great blow which they had been preparing for in their winter quarters.

At the foot of the mountains which separate the basins of the Hudson and the St. Lawrence, a small lake, like a lancehead, pours into Champlain its waters clear as crystal; the Indians call it Horican, the French St. Sacrament, and the English George. At the southern end of the lake, these last had built Fort George or William Henry, supported by an intrenched camp and commanding the route from the Hudson. From this strong position they could, with their fleet which they harboured there, penetrate by Lake Champlain and its outlets to the very gates of Montreal.

During the winter a bold coup-de-main of the French sort had failed to make us masters of William Henry: when the cold was from 15 to 20 degrees below freezing, a detachment of 1,500 French, Canadians and savages, under the command of M. de Rigand de Vandreuil, younger brother of the Governor of New France, had crossed Lakes Champlain and St. Sacrament upon the ice, "travelling sixty leagues on snowshoes, with their provisions upon sledges that were easily drawn by dogs over the smooth road, sleeping in the snow on a bearskin with nothing but a sail for a covering, and had arrived unheralded within a short league of William Henry." When the Canadian expedition returned upon its tracks, the Fort alone was left standing in the midst of smoking ruins: 250 boats, four brigantines and all that belonged to them were burned.

It failed, however, to destroy the place itself, to break down the northern gate of the English colony and open the road to Albany and New York. Messages were sent to all the friendly tribes, and, the 22nd of July, 1757, two hundred war barges manned by 2,000 savages rallied the army of the siege under the ramparts of Carillon; the half of these volunteers came from three hundred leagues away, from the upper country. "We wish to try upon the English the tomahawk of our fathers, to see if it will cut well," said the orator of the allied nations in saluting Montcalm. They had to pass first from Lake Champlain to Lake St. Sacrament, which commands it, and they had neither oxen nor horses to make the portage of the river which unites the two sheets of water. While with great labour "the brigades, the colonel at the head," carried, for six days, the siege material and five hundred boats, the Indians reached the shore of the upper lake in advance of the army; their light bark canoes attacked the English boats which defended it, and, so productive was the chase after scalps, that the campaign was very near miscarrying. The victors, in fact, were going to disperse; for a Redskin has never been found who questions that, after a successful stroke, to brave new peril is tempting "the Master of Life," and, adds Bougainville, the curious

historian of the expedition, "their superstitions and excessively unquiet spirit juggled, dreamed and imagined that every delay would prove fatal to them.

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To combat this phantom, to arrest this panie of success, what was to be done? Would the word of the General of Onnonthio be sufficient to hold these savages, our indispensable auxiliaries in the midst of these wildernesses: Montealm, to make trial of it, convoked a general conference.

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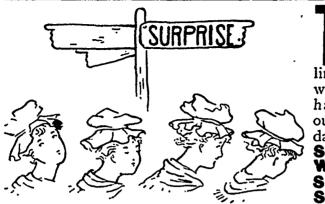
THE WHITE COTTAGE:

Or the Fortunes of a Boy-Emigrant in Canada.

BY MRS. S. A. CURZON.

(Continued.)

TUT I have wandered far from my journey on the train. We had not proceeded many miles when night began to come on, and we found we should not reach our journey's end till two or three o'clock next morning. This was unwelcome news to those who had children, for the poor things were tired out by their long confinement, and some were quite ill and peevish; however, the passengers who knew the ways of the country, helped to get drinks of tea and other refreshment, when we stopped for a few minutes at the stations, and, as the little ones grew sleepy, they were laid on the nice soft seats, with shawls and other things for pillows, their caps and hoods being placed in racks on the sides of the cars. The cars were well lighted up, but as there was a full moon I looked through the windows at the country. I saw many nice farms and pretty houses in some parts, and again we travelled for miles in sight of nothing but woods; everything looked strange; there seemed to be no hedges between the fields, and very few haystacks near the farm-houses; there were many sheds, and all were built of wood; sometimes there was snow and ice, and in other places mud and water; the night seemed pretty sharp, and many of us complained of feeling cold though the fire in the stove was burning, but outside the country looked so quiet in the moonlight, and the stars were so large and bright in the deep blue sky, that I did not mind my cold feet. things appeared strangely new to me; at the railway stations great piles of wood laid in order lined the track, but I had no idea that this was the fuel for our engine, as I know it was now; coal was all the material for fires that I knew of, except faggots of sticks for the brick oven on baking days; again, we seemed to run across the village street in some places, and then a bell would be violently rung as if for warning, and such was the case I found. In many places the track crosses village streets and high roads, and occasionally dreadful accidents occur, as there are no gates to be shut while the train passes. I began to feel very sleepy, and left



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off rubbing my breath from the window as fast as it froze, and at last I forgot where I was until I received a tremendous knock on the head, which wakened me up pretty quick. In my sleep my cap had fallen off, and I had gone on nodding very politely through the window, until I went too far and struck my head against a brass window-fastening I got a pretty good 'nut' on my forehead just where my cap ought to have been, but I was very glad to find that I had not broken a window, as I should have done if my head had been an inch further forward. I was very much ashamed, and looked around to see if anyone had seen me, but nearly everybody was asleep with their heads comfortably on the back or arm of the seats. Once more I rubbe I the frost off the window and tried to amuse myself by looking out, but what was my surprise to see nothing but water. I thought we must be at the sea again, and wondered if I had made a mistake and travelled the wrong way; if I had I was indeed in a hobble, and I felt very uncomfortable. I did not like to ask the gentleman who sat next to me, though he was not asleep, so I resolved to wait until we stopped, for it was impossible to leave the train now, at any rate. The water had not the green tinge of the sea, but looked as bright as a fish pond, and the little waves danced and sparkled in the moonlight most beautifully. We were running quite close to the edge, for I could not see the shore, and there was no land to be seen in any direction. A long way off I could see a little ship with its dark sails, and further on we passed two more. At last we stopped at what seemed a large station, the conductor came through, one or two passengers got off, and several more got on the train. Everybody was roused up by the stir except the children, and thought we were at our journey's end, but the brakesman who, as well as the conductor, passed through the cars a good deal, said we had an hour or more yet to travel.

"An, av ye plase, sur, is it Whithy were comin' to sune ?" asked a poor woman, who had been sitting quietly in a corner all the way from Montreal.

"Yes," said the brakesman abruptly. "Will ye plaze let me aff there thin."

"I've nothing to do with letting you off, you must look out for the station." And the man went off in a hurry.

A lady who sat near then said, "I'll tell you when we reach Whitby, the brakesmen only mind their brakes, and the conductor might forget Are you travelling with the children alone l'

"Yes, ma'am, thank yez kindly. I buried their father a matter o' three months ago, an' I've no one else."

"And where do you come from, poor woman," inquired the lady.

" From Derry sure, ma'am."

"What, in Ireland!" Are you an immigrant?
"That's what they does be callin thim as come to 'Meriky, ma'am."

"And have you friends at Whitby ?"

"I dunno, ma'am, but I be come out to me brother Dinny; he has been livin' wid a nice man forninst the little church a little ways out o' the town.'

"And he will meet you at the depot?"

"Does ye be meanin' the station?" Yes."

"Sorra bit will he thin; he doesn't know I be comin!"

"You should have sent him word, and he could have been ready for you."

- "Twill plaze him the more to have us come unknownst to him."
- "Is he married or has he hired out, good woman ?" asked a man, who, with some of the rest of us, had been listening to what we could not help but hear.

"He's a single bye, and was hired to a farmer, sur," replied the woman.

"And what was the farmer's name?"

"I do disremember, sir, but he lived at the Corners."

"Every village is the 'Corners' in Canada," said the man laughing; "whose Corners was it?"

"I do disremember that oo," answered the poor woman, "since me trouble me head doesn't be so good as it should '

"Then you'll have a pletty hard time to find him. I hope you have plenty of money in your pocket, for travelling about and living at hotels costs a good deal."

The woman said nothing, but she looked down and sighed, and one of the emigrant women leaned over to the

lady and said something in a whisper.

Turning to the woman, the lady said again, " My poor woman, are you really without money in a strange country? Don't be offended at me for asking, but you cannot find your brother to-night, and the children must have something to eat, you know.

At this the poor woman burst into tears, and said she had spent her last copper to buy the children a few biscuits in Montreal, and that if she couldn't find her brother she had nowhere to go. The poor simple-minded creature had lived in a little village all her life, and thought every one else in the world knew each person in the place where they resided for twenty miles round, as she did. Left quite alone by her husband's death, she had sold her few possessions among her neighbours for enough to pay the passage to Canada, where she had an only brother who she felt sure would befriend her, "for" said she, "wasn't he my pet when he was a gossoon, and didn't I used to carry him on my back over the rough stones and the ford there and again to the schule, and didn't it nearly break my heart whin he wud go to 'Meriky l' The idea that she might not find her brother at once never occurring to her, much less that he might not welcome her with open arms, poor as she was, for she had not a bit of luggage except one little bundle tied up in a handkerchief. My own misfortune at the London station, when the porter so kindly befriended me, came into my mind, and I wished the poor woman might meet as kind a friend as I had. I was not disappointed, for in a few minutes the man who had spoken to her had money passed to him from all parts of the car, a little of mine with it, and he gave it to the lady; then, going out of the car for a time, during which he had been representing the case to the other passengers, I suppose, he returned with more money, and on counting it all up they found she had nearly thirty dollars; a great deal of it was English money, given by the poor woman's companions on the voyage who had not been aware of her poverty, as she had behaved so quietly and seemed so contented, though the woman who had spoken to the lady . had observed something on the passage that had aroused her suspicions as to the poor woman's want. We were close at Whithy station by this time, and as she left the car our poor friend curtseyed right and left to shew her thanks, and the man who had spoken to her said that the conductor had promised to put her in the care of some one who would take her to a safe boarding-house, where it was to be hoped she would meet with somebody who could give her news of her brother.

After this we rushed along at a great rate, but no one seemed disposed to go to sleep again. Others noticed the water within sight of which we were travelling, and I understood from their conversation that it was one of the great lakes of Canada, in fact the lowest of a great chain of immense inland seas, as some gentleman said, and was called Ontario; he said it was an Indian name, and meant the "meeting of the waters," or the "receptacle of the waters," which was very suitable seeing that it receives all the waters from the other lakes, and runs out to sea by the River St. Lawrence, up which we had come in the ship.

I remembered old Josiali's talk of Lake Ontario, and the sack of York, but I did not know until long after that the name of York was changed to Toronto, the city to which I was going, nor should I have recognised it if I had, for on reaching it as we did in a very short time, I found it to be a very large city, and not 'little' York as old Josiah called it.

(End of Chapter IV.)

Prom Current Periodicals.

THE DYKE.

ROM dyke to hillside sways the level sweep
Of all the ripened hay in mid-July,
A tideless sea of rustling melody,
Beside the river channels of the deep.

Astray and straggling or in broken heap Where birdlings flutter, dark the fences lie, Far off the tortuous rush-grown creek is dry, Where looms the leaning barn like ancient keep.

A Neptune cuts across the sea of green
With chariot music trembling to the hills;
And, as the horses swim, the grass divides,
Shewing to heaven where his way has been.
The sounding wheel that bares what Nature hides
Drowns the low nestling-cry, and, ruthless, kills.

—J. F. Herbin in Dominion Illustrated.

SARAH ANNE CURZON.

CARAH ANNE CURZON was born in England, in 1833 and early engaged in literary work, her articles, both verse and prose, being accepted by various periodicals of standing. Coming to Canada in 1863, she has done noble work for her adopted country, having clothed in graceful verse many forgotten incidents of our past, thus awaking an interest in Canadian history in the minds of many heretofore indifferent, and rescuing from oblivion much that is valuable to the lover of our country. Indeed, many of us have cause to blush at the indifference we have hitherto shown when we see her appreciation of our northern land, for Mrs. Curzon's poetry is permeated with intense love of Canada. Indeed, she has done more than this; she has given to us her heart. Her life has been a busy one, full of household cares; the happy mother of a family, she has found time to identify herself with various organisations for raising humanity. She was one of the first members of the Toronto Woman's Literary Club, which did excellent work in obtaining the opening of Toronto University to women. Mrs. Curzon devoted her pen for some years almost entirely to this and kindred subjects, being full of the love of humanity, and in

accord with all philanthropic aims. She is secretary of the Woman's Enfranchisement Association of Canada and an officer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Add to all this a distinctly religious character, and her purely literary work, and we see, indeed, a busy life. In 1887 Mrs. Curzon published a volume of poems on the war of 1812, accompanied by copious notes, showing careful historical research, the chief of which commemorates in stirring verse the brave deeds of Laura Second. This poem is in the form of a drama, and the same theme appears as a ballad. In her poems we almost see the poet's life shining through with all its varied interests. A very elever little comedy, "The Sweet Girl Graduate," was written while the agitation for the admission of women to the University was at its height, and Mrs. Curzon's younger daughter was one of the earliest to receive the degree of B.A. "Fort Rouillé" and "Queenstown Heights" show her patriotic feeling.
"The Absent Ones" and "Away" give us glimpses of the home circle. Others, as "Backwoods Preacher" and "Thy Word," show deep religious feeling. The "Ballads of Spring" and "Ballad of the Beautiful" reveal powers of humour and sarcasm not often found in the poetry of women. In the "Songs of the Great Dominion," lately published in England, a serious injustice has been done to Mrs. Curzon, as, by an unfortunate blunder, out of the poems chosen to represent Mrs. Curzon only a scant twelve lines appear, while others have many pages allotted to them. There is a strength, purity, and nobility of expression, and an intense appreciation of the various moods of nature which we find in none but the true poet. The Canadian Monthly, Grip, The Dominion Illustrated. The Week, have all been enriched with the products of Mrs. Curzon's graceful pen. She is also an appreciative reviewer. For two years she was sub-editor of the Canada Citizen, advocating civic sanitation, social purity, woman suffrage, public playgrounds, and kindred topics relating to public health and morals. Mrs. Curzon possesses that excellent thing in woman, a sweet, low voice, and her fair presence conveys the idea of modesty and dignity -a true lady shewing again, as has been shewn before, that the possession of literary gifts and the taking part in the struggle to lift women, and thereby man, and the world in general, does not destroy true womanliness. It is to be hoped that Canada may not be slow to acknowledge her indebtedness to one who has done her such noble service.-The Dominion Illustrated.

THE CLEARING.

BY CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.

TUMPS, and harsh rocks, and prostrate trunks all charred,
And gnarled roots naked to the sun and rain,—
They seem in their grim stillness to complain,
And by their plaint the evening peace is jarred.
These ragged acres fire and the axe bave scarred,
And many summers not assuaged their pain.
In vain the pink and saffron light, in vain
The pale dew on the hillocks stripped and marred.

But here and there the waste is touched with cheer
Where spreads the fire-weed like a crimson flood,
And venturous plumes of golden-rod appear;
And round the blackened fence the great boughs lean
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BY W. G. MCFARLANE.

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Book-hunting is an agreeable pursuit. The chase is exciting and expectation is as pleasant as realisation. In New Brunswick there is abundant scope for the bibliophile's researches. Local book lore tells of many rare, curious and valuable books. Pamphlets were issued as far back as a century since, bound books early in the eighteen hundreds; but they have fallen prey to the various maladies that afflict the children of the press, and copies of them are scarce. This of course renders the chase more exciting but realisation less frequent. Yet the book-hunter never complains.

New Brunswick literature includes the names of many whose fame has extended beyond the confines of their own firesides and gone into other lands. Though the page tells of many who would be called simply local writers, there are many who are known as Canadian and even as American writers. We have not yet reached that point of vantage when we can claim a world's writer. One distinction is that we have so many who have won a Canadian or even an American reputation.

The Loyalists supply the reason for this fact. More than a hundred years ago they settled our province. They were a cultured literary people and they brought with them their love of books and learning. This love they fostered in their children and grand-children, and as their fathers were so were they. A country is usually settled altogether differently, by people who have neither time nor inclination to devote themselves to literary pursuits. Printed volumes seldom find a place in the home of the pioneer, and his mind seldom rises beyond the clearing of his land and obtaining from it his daily bread. In this case, too, the offspring are as their fathers, and there is little chance for literary growth. Thankful then should we be that the Loyalists were our ancestors.

Again, New Brunswick offers food to nourish literary life such as is offered in few lands. Her natural scenery is grand, her traditions, folk lore and legends beautiful and inspiring, her history is full of noble incident. "Rhine of America," the magnificent Micmac mythology, the romantic story of Madame La Tourare part of her heritage.

Our leading artists won fame while located in other climes. The love of literature was fostered at home and they went abroad to give expression to that love. This was meritorious. A broader field meant broader fame, and that fame was bound to reflect credit upon the place of their nativity.

History is valuable only when it is exact and impartial. No matter how excellent its style, it loses its worth if it does not possess these requisites; it becomes literature, not

history. The leading New Brunswick historians are models in this respect. John Foster Kirk, a native of Fredericton, was a co-laborer with Prescott, and wrote a "History of Charles the Bold" that does not suffer by comparison with the greater writer's works. The late Charles Wentworth. Upham, of New Brunswick birth, wrote a great many biographies, and his "Salem Witcheraft" is an authority on that interesting subject. He took rank as one of the first historians in New England. James Hannay's "History of Acadia" has placed him in the van among Canadian historians, while Dr. Stewart's "Frontenac and His Times," and "Canada under the Administration of Lord Dufferin," are voluminous and comprehensive works. William Cobbett, who resided several years in St. John, was one of England's leading pamphleteers and political writers, and his "Grammar" and "Register" may be numbered among her most enduring works. George E. Fenety, a well known journalist and Queen's printer, has written a political work that will be of value as the years advance, since it treats of the period when New Brunswick was torn by the struggle for responsible government. Moses H. Perley was an extensive writer on the early history and industries of New Brunswick, and probably knew more about Canadian fisheries than any man living before or since. Walter Bates, an early Loyalist, wrote a small volume that was published in, and had an extended circulation in Canada, United States and England. The book describes the highly exciting (and the more interesting since they are facts) adventures of "Henry More Smith." an ingenious rogue, whose many remarkable escapes are related. J. W. Lawrence, of St. John, is a careful compiler of Loyalist history. He has in manuscript a very valuable work on "The Early Judges of New Brunswick." The late Dr. Bill's history of the Baptists in the Maritime Provinces, and Lieut.-Col. Baird's descriptions of early life in New Brunswick, are works of much value. George R. Parkin, the great Imperial federationist, is Thring's biographer.

James DeMille and May Agnes Fleming, both of whom were born and bred in St. John, are the pioneer novelists of Canada, and are numbered among the few who acquired a reputation abroad. They were on good terms with the leading publishing houses of the United States, a fact that is suggestive of popularity and worth in itself. The two or three dozen novels which each produced have been widely read and have brought them fame in their respective departments. DeMille's novels are powerful and original tales of love and adventure. The others are very racy society stories. Prof. Roberts and Charles Lugrin have contributed stories and sketches a great deal to the leading magazines and journals of the United States. James M'Gregor Allan's sketches of life in Canada were received with much favor in England. Mrs. Julia Hart, Agatha Armour, and Mrs. Ald. Estey, of Fredericton, and Kate Gannett Wells, of Campobello, are numbered among the lady novelists. Rev. Dr. Wilson has written several stories of New Brunswick life.

Charles Frederick Hartt, had he lived, would have risen to the eminence as a scientist to which Sir William Dawson has attained. But, as it is, his "Geology of Brazil," the result of his labours in that country, where he gave up hislife to the cause he loved, has brought him fame. George M. Theal, a quondam St. John man, but now a resident in South Africa, has written several works on the history, geography and folk lore of Africa, which have been adopted for use in the public schools. Abraham Gesner, J. F. W. Johnson, and Alexander Muuro have been leading scientists. in New Brunswick in the past; Prof. Ganong, Prof. Bailey,

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Among those in this province who have written on theological topics may be mentioned Revs. Wm. Ferril, John De Soyres, Dr. Pope, Wm. Aloes, Bishop Medley and Bishop Kingdon.

Everywhere, where Canadian verse appears, our New Brunswick bards are well represented. New Brunswick is the Nursery of Canadian song and the Celestial City is the nursery of New Brunswick song. James Hogg wrote early in this century, and his verse was highly complimented by his namesake, the Ettrick Sheppard. Peter John Allan wrote exquisite verse from classic models. Roberts, Carmen and Stratton, three sons of three sisters, are a trio of nature's poets, and the two first are among the few Canadian poets who have won distinction in the United States and England Roberts is quite generally known as the laureate of Canada. H. L. Spencer, of St. John, is a master of that medium of the heart's expression, the sonnet; and his verse has received the encomiums of Bryant, Goldwin Smith, Edgar L. Wakeman, and other eminent critics. Some of Mr. M. Sabiston's poems were highly praised by Longfellow, and were incorporated into his Poems of Places. William Murdock's productions have all the ring and fervour of his loved Robbie Burns. Nelson and Hannay are a duo of true patriotic poets, and the first bears the proud distinction of being author of Canada's national anthem Oliver Goldsmith. a collateral descendant of the great Oliver, wrote a very good imitation of The Deserted Village, entitled the Rising Village. Rev. W. W. Campbell, late of St. Stephen, is the Canadian Swinburne, E. B. Chandler, of Moneton, has embalmed in graceful verse some charming Indian legends. Wilham Martin Leggett wrote and W. P. Dole writes with much feeling and polish. Rev. A. J. Lockhart is very fanciful and truly Canadian. George Arthur Hammond, the printer poet, writes with classical grace of things spiritual. Casey Tap is possessor of a very pretty dialect style. Matthew Richey Knight has a genius for epigrammatic poetry. De Mille has penned some charming lines both serious and comic. Jonathan Odell, the first provincial secretary of New Brunswick, wrote some revolutionary poems during the war, to which much interest attaches on account of their subject. Among other poets and versitiers of the province may be mentioned Alex Heron, Franz Risteen, Martin Butler (the Peddler Poet), Margaret Gill Currie, Geo. Dixon, Thomas Hill, W. D. Kearney, Beatrice McGowan, David Palmer, James Redfern, Letitia F. Simpson, Dr. F. K. Crosby, Agnes Megowan, Jean E. U. Nealis, Clare Everest and W. F. Watson. Lastly we will bring up a strong rear guard, consisting of the Roberts family, three brothers of Professor Roberts, ranging in age from twelve to twentyone, and a sister, all of whom have contributed to the leading journals of Canada and the United States. -The Dominion Illustrated.

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A SUNSET ON THE LOWER ST. LAWRENCE.

BY ARCHIBALD LAMPMAN.

ROAD shadows fall. On all the mountain side

The scythe-swept fields are silent. Slowly home
By the long beach the high piled hay carts come,
Splashing the pale salt shallows. Over wide
Fawn-coloured wastes of mud the slipping tide,
Roand the dun rocks and wattled fisheries,
Creeps murmaring in. And now, by twos and threes,
O'er the slow spreading pools, with chamorous chide,
Belated crows from strip to strip take flight.
Soon will the first star shine; yet ere the night
Reach onward to the pale green distances,
The sun's last shaft beyond the gray sea floor
Still dreams upon the Kamouraska shore,
And the long line of golden villages.
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AN ADVENTURE AMONG A LOST TRIBE.

BY EDMUND COLLINS,

EARLY a century and a half ago a numerous tribe of Indians, of light complexion, fine physique and very stately in their bearing, hunted caribon, otter, beaver and other wild animals all through the Island of Newfoundland. Shortly after Cabot discovered the Island and was instrumental in placing a colony there it was discovered that the interior was peopled by a race of Indians which have since come to be named Brothics.

The most extravagant stories were told about this tribe. one of them being that if a white man was captured he was taken to the lodge of the Indians and cooked in a large pot; and it was the general belief in the colony that a Beothic shot on sight with his flint lock or arrow every white man that he saw. It is very well known how far these false and foolish stories went toward prejudicing the Islanders against one of the finest tribes of aborigines that inhabited North America. It was considered a greater benefit to the community to kill a Beothic than a bear or a wolf, and some of the bravest of the settlers made it a point to form in large bodies and go to the regions inhabited by the Indians and lie in wait for them as they passed along in their birch canoes, shooting them down like beasts. They gave no warning to the poor Beothics as they came along, but fired buckshot into their heads killing every man in the whole squadron of canoes. The last object of interest that I saw in a museum before leaving St. John's, Newfoundland, was the head of a Beothic said to have been the last killed by the white murderers. The skull was well formed, the forehead being high and broad and the chin finely arched.

I make this statement about the Beothics because there befell to an officer in the British Navy in whose history I have felt much interest, an experience among these people which I wish to relate. The British man-of-war which had been delegated to protect British fishermen around the coast was ordered to remain during the winter in the harbor of St. John's, but as her spars had suffered much in the late autumn storms the commander selected forty blue jackets to go to the northern part of the coast and cut a dozen sticks. The company was put under the charge of a petit officer who took his company across the peninsula of Avalon and upward

to the pine belt which spans the island from the East coast to St. George's Bay.

Here the island caribou, or, more properly, reindeer, gather in midwinter when the lichens, mosses and browse further north are covered with snow; and, for this reason, the Beothics every winter moved down from their camping places on the bleak uplands, and pitched their tents not far away from the pine belt. The blue jackets heard about the Indians; but as they all carried muskets and a good supply of powder, shot and ball, they held the savages in goodnatured contempt. Orders had been issued by the King that the aborigines of the island must not be molested except in self-defence; but there was not a man in the party who was not anxious to get a shot at an Indian, because of the bloodcurdling stories that had been related about those poor people.

So they traveled on over the brittle snow crust for days and days with round snowshoes, exactly like those used by the Montagnais now in Labrador, till they came in sight of the stretch of pine. A camping place was selected in the densest part of the forest, and sploring parties at once set out to look for sound sticks to be used for spars; the remainder chopped down trees and built a huge shanty, in

the middle of which was a large wooden chimney.

After they had been at work about a week the commander selected his lieutenant, whose first name was Edmund, to proceed to the woods and superintend the ! operations of the men. This officer was selected because his father was commander-in-chief of the Colonial forces; and he had in earlier years traveled over a considerable portion of the island, and was acquainted with the region where the King's men were at work. He took with him two orderlies to carry his traps.

So far the King's men had seen no trace of the Indians, altho it was said that this region swarmed with them. An old chronicler, who described this part of the pine belt, stated that the Boethies gathered in it every winter fully 10,000 strong. Edmund's sleeping apartment was at one end of the long shanty, and the orderlies had bunks near him.

The young officer examined the sticks that had been cut, finding only a half dozen of them sound, so it was necessary after his arrival for the men to cut a great many other trees. Every one of the King's men who went out from the tilt in the morning carried his musket and ax upon his shoulder; the gun was stood against a tree where the chopper was at work, and sentinels walked up and down through the forest around where the marines chop ed and hauled, looking out for Indians.

On the third night after Edmund's arrival, the men were all seated at supper, eating from a whole roasted caribou, when the boatswain who had charge of the King's company said: "Curse these Indians, I saw their footings about here this morning in the fresh snow." These were sorry words for one and all, as I shall later show. So the King's men took greater precautions than before; if a blue jay chattered or an owl hooted the men dropped their axes and cocked their muskets, and this care was preserved for several days till the day before Christmas, or "Christmas Eve," as the entire day preceding the festival of the Nativity was called in these times. Work on that day was suspended at noon, and the men returned to prepare a feast of rock ptarmigan, willow grouse and otter steak.

When the company left the ship they took with them half a dozen kegs of rum, two glasses a day being served out to each man. But the rations for the Christmas festival were unlimited, a new keg having been broached for the

occasion. Every night since the arrival of the party in the woods the doors had been barricaded with stout timbers, and two or three men with muskets at the shoulder were kept

But nothing had been seen of the Indians except their "footings" or moccasin tracks, and the King's men gave little heed to them on this festive night. They drank bumper after bumper of the Jamaica rum, offering toasts to wives, families and sweethearts at home. The boatswain relaxed his offish bearing and sitting at the head of the table, dipped the steaming | unch out of the huge birch bark bowl. Edmund drank one glass in his own compartment of the tilt, made some entries in his official diary, and then went to bed. He no more than any one else thought of danger.

So that my readers may be more easily able to understand what followed I may say that this officer, as was the custom among gentlemen in those days, had long hair resting on his shoulders; it was fine as silk, curly, and of that greenish yellow which resembles the stalks of corn when the sunlight is shot through it. As Edmund went to sleep in his blankets the toasts, songs and sounds of revelry outside went singing through his ears. The King's men with the boatswain all through the evening leading the festivities, kept up their wassail till close on to three o'clock in the morning, but this was still over three hours from dawn. By this time many of them had fallen from their seats and were asleep on the tilt floor, and those who were awake could hardly but their comrades to bed. The boatswain ordered the more sober ones to barricade the door and saw himself that the thing was properly done. But his head wrs foggy from Jamaica punch, and he neglected to tell off a guard as usual. Then every man went to his bunk and was soon fast asleep, one scal-oil lamp burning in the middle of the shanty.

After the last of the King's men had fallen asleep, had any one been listening in the tilt he would have heard some curious, ounds. Near by it was like the crying of the sawwhet when the night is dark and a storm of snow or rain is threatened; further away he could hear a yelping like the wolf, and nearer the hooting of an owl answered by the barking of a dog. But these sounds were not made by the beasts and birds, they were the signal cries of the Beothies who had been watching the festal party all night through the chinks between the logs. They had made no sound till they knew that every man of the King's company was asleep.

The feasters never knew how long they had slept on that fatal night, or how the thing happened; but every man of them was awakened before dawn, some by piercing yells, and others by the rude pricking of spears into their sides. And what a sight met their eyes! The hut was crowded with Indians, their faces painted with red othre, some having flint-locks, others spears, and many of them knives. All were dressed in skins, and had crowns made of feathers upon their heads. They yelled and whoored, jumping from the, ground and brandishing their wearons above them. They sometimes ceased their yelling to laugh scornfully at the camp of the King's men and to mock them, by poking their fingers at them and punching them in the bodies with their spearheads and the muzzles of their guns. The King's men offered no resistance, for every one of them was bound by the ankles and wrists in his bed. The Indians had come into the tilt through the chimney, for it was impossible to enter by the door without cutting or burning it away.

Edmund, who had drunk but very little, heard the first yell that was given in the shanty; then a group of large, handsome savages put hands upon him and bound him with thongs like the rest. After this they lighted several birch-

bark torches and peered through every part of the tilt, 1 jumping and yelling exultantly. The officer knew instinctively what was to follow, but, like the men outside, he did not . speak, but lay calmly awaiting his fate. He noticed among by a word or the raising of his hand,

A tall, straight woman with regular features conferred much with this leader of the savages, and the young officer. had been bound, she went through the tilt examining everything with a woman's curiosity. At last she came to where Edmund lay bound, and when the light of her flambeau fell upon him, the tierce expression faded out of her face, and stooping, she tenderly patted his yellow curls, saying, "The poor papoose." She returned again and again, each time patting his head and repeating the words. Meantime the Indians had proceeded to their work of vengeance. Each man in turn was taken out of his birth, and as he was laid on the floor in the centre of a circle of Beothies, the chief hissed in his ear: "Me hear ye curse poor Injuns." his scalp was cut around the head with a hunting knife; another Beothic blew under the edge of the scalp, and a third one seizing it pulled it off the head. After this the victim was done to death in a manner too revolting to describe. The officer prayed that his time might come soon; but the inflamed savages passed him, and the chief's wife continued to pat his hair and say: "The poor papoose," When every man in the camp had been butchered the woman said a word to her husband, and immediately a brawny savage came and cut Edmund's thougs. He could not bear to look about him, but on going outside perceived that the Indians were ready to depart. But many of them had been drinking deeply from the kegs, and lay aslee, in the snow. The chief heat the drunken braves with saplings till they rose and staggered about in the snow; then burning faggots were thrown in the shanty and the building was soon in flames.

The Indians put all the provisions, tools, ammunition and other valuables upon sleas or catamarans of the King's men, and the chief, raising his arm when everything was ready, said to Edmund: "Come."

He had no choice but to go, and travelled all day over the brittle snow crust, halting once to eat. But he could not cat the raw venison as the Indians did, and the chief's wife gave him bread taken from the luckless camp,

About nightfall the Indian village was reached. were nearly five hundred tents; he saw scores of men and women there, and hundreds if lean, ugly dogs. He was taken to the chief's tent, and the woman said, as he entered; "You live here; like it bymby." Thereafter he was treated as a member of the tribe, but for more than a year a careful watch was kept on all his movements lest he should try to escape. The chief's wife said to him one day: "Must marry my daughter and live with Injuns;" but the girl herself, although very beautiful, avoided the white stranger as much as possible, blushing and appearing very tim'd when her motherbrought her near him. She evidently felt the proposal of marriage ought properly to come from the captive.

Through the summer Edmund accompanied the tribe on its fishing and hunting excursions, and soon earned the repute of being the deadest shot among them all. During his second year's captivity he was permitted to wander about at will, the chief's wife believing that he had become reconciled to his new life and would soon marry her daughter. One autumn afternoon, as he sat on the side of l

a gorge making a sketch of it—for he had considerable skill as an artist he felt a hand upon his shoulder, and, turning, saw the chief's daughter. "Big ship down on coast," she said in low tones; "Indians go down there to-morrow to the savages one taller and handsomer than shy of the rest; trade. Becareful, and you can get away, but not to-morrow; he was evidently the leader, for he ruled the other Indians—start next night. Good-by; and then she disappeared swiftly and noiselessly.

The next morning the whole tribe set out for the coast which was about twenty miles distant, taking with them all concluded that she was his wife. After all the King's men; their furs. The ship with which they went to trade was a whaler, and when the Indians went aboard in their canoes, the captain said he would remain on the coast a week. The commander noticed the white man among the Beothies, and, surmising the true state of affairs, inquired in a low voice, as the young officer passed him: "Are you a captive?" On receiving a nod of assent, he whispered: "Be here to-morrow morning or the morning after at sunrise, and I will take That night Edmund was held under a close you aboard." watch, but as he showed no inclination to get away the suspicions of the tribe were lulled. The band went down the next day to the coast and bartered as they did the day before, and the officer returned with them, showing no sign of regret at leaving the white folk. The Indians had bought a small keg of rum from the captain of the whaler, and after supper they gathered in three or four of the largest tents and drank deeply. The revel was kept up till midnight, and then the Beothics began to tumble over and Edmund waited, merely tasting the grog, until he knew that every man in the village was asleep; then, binding his snowshoes on his feet, and taking his musket from his tent, set out for the coast, which he reached in less than four hours. There was a boat waiting for him, and he was taken aboard the ship, put into an oil puncheon and headed up.

> About an hour later, the whole tribe came velling and gesticulating to the water-side, then launched their canoes and swarmed aboard. They ransacked the ship, the chief's wife leading them from stem to stern; but the captain assured them that the man they were looking for was not on board. After four or five hours they returned ashore with sullen faces and set out for their settlement. During the night the captain conveyed Edmund in one of his own boats to an island lying about three miles distant, where he remained till the ship had finished her trading with the Indians. The next day the Beothics, in full force, came again to the water's edge, launched their bark canoes and boarded the vessel. They carried spears this time, which they thrust through every cask and puncheon in the hold, not omitting the very one in which the fugitive had been concealed the day before. This time they were satisfied; and four or five days later the young officer was taken from the little island and afterward landed at Newcastle-on-Tyne, from which place he proceeded by stagecoach to his friends in Sussex, who had long thought him dead.

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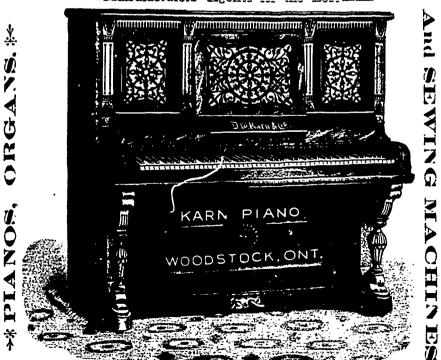
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Titts is Thanksgiving month. Some of the leading periodicals strive to adapt themselves to the season and appear in Thanksgiving This is right. We are so apt to torget our mercies, and remember only our losses and disappointments, that anything which will help to remind us of the many blessings we enjoy is to be commended and welcomed. Canada does not put on Thanksgiving garb, but is none the less grateful for the gracious dower of varied good bestowed upon the Canadian nation this year. Exceptionally bountiful harvests, literary and religious advancement, steady growth of the national idea and sentiment, and the conscience of the people aroused and enlightened by iniquity revealed in positions of trust and authority-surely a people never had better cause to unite in a hearty Te Deum Landamus than we have in this young and prosperous Dominion. We are not thankful that our public men have betrayed their trust and robbed their sovereign the people of Canada: but we are thankful that they have been unmask d, and that thoughtful Canadians are saying everywhere: "We shall throw away our revenues no more in enriching Liberal or Tory bood'ers. We care not what name may decorate the party They all me n the same, and that same is Self. We are determined to have honest men first of all, and then able men when we can get them; but if they be dishonest, the less ability they have the better." This is the beginning of the end; the glorious end will be when every Canadian fears God and loves his country more than he loves himself.

WE hope our subscribers are beginning already to convass for 1892. We want every reader to send us a list, if only a very small one. None perhaps feels more deeply than the editor that CANADA might have been better in many respects during the past year than it has been. The editor, however, has striven to do his best with the means at his command. As the circulation increases the magazine will improve, our readers may be sure of that. We have several new features in contemplation that we are sme will add to the interest and value of the publication, among which is the addition of four pages, making 24 pages and cover. You all have friends who will subscribe, if you bring the matter before them. Shew them the clubbing list and the various premium offers we make, and they will be sure to find something they want. Help us to at least double our list for 1892, and we promise you that Canada in its enlarged and improved form will more than fulfil your expectations.

The Daily Star is doing its best to prepare the country for a Coalition Government. If such a thing were proved possible in Canada by its becoming an accomplished fact, it would elevate the politicians immensely in the opinion of the electorate. The opposition of parties has almost degenerated into a scramble for offices, or a contention for men know not what. Both parties profess to be in favour of a certain amount of reciprocity in trade relations with the United States. If sincere in these professions, why might they not form a Coalition Government on the platform of reciprocity within certain limits? Such a coalition ought to have an advantage over a single party in negotiating a fiscal treaty.

If the minority of the electorate must be represented in Parliament in the interest of good government, would not good government be still more subserved by minority representation in the Cabmet itself? Is there such a wide and irreconcilable difference between the two parties, one of principle that cannot be

compromised, that a Cabinet made up from both would be incapable of working in harmony? Perhaps the Tuckerman plan for securing minority of representation, described by Prof. Commons in the November Review of Reviews, might be applied with good results to the formation of the Cabinet in Canada. The ministers would be elected by Parliament by ballot, fifteen names on a ballot, the name first on a lallot counting fifteen, the next 14, the next 13, and so on down to the fifteenth, which would count only 1, and the fifteen names having the largest aggregate of votes would compose the Cabinet. Under such a system the minority would have five or six representatives in the Cabinet, and the necessity would be obviated for an appeal to their constituencies on the part of the ministers.

The American editor of the Review of Reviews says that "the reciprocity policy (of the McKin ey bill) is upon the most rigid lines of protection." This means, we suppose, that no reciprocity treaty negotiated in the spirit of McKinleyism will contemplate the free importation of any articles of consumption that are or can be raised in the United States. Capadians may gather from this how small is the chance of any satisfactory trade relations between this country and our neighbours, as long as the McKinley theory is dominant with them. The products for which we seek a larger market are the very ones which they can produce as well as we. The manufactures for which the American market is chiefly valuable to Great Britain, are the manufactures which the United States would foster at home by a high protective duty. Such a policy is the most childish expression of blind and impotent national greed. Only what it is impossible to produce within its borders is to be admitted free into the Republic. It is only with nations that are small and weak, and have neither diplomatic capacity nor self-respect, that a treaty can be arranged on such a basis.

When Mr. W. H. Hurlbert, in the North American Review, affirms that "no less than 40 per cent. of the amount of duties collected by Canada in 1889 was collected on goods from Great Britain, against only 32 per cent on goods from the United States"—when he makes this statement, we say, to prove that Great Britain is as much a foreign country to us as the United Statesare, he proves more: he proves that the virtual annihilation of our import trade with Great Britain, which would be the natural outcome of our fiscal union with the United States, would leave us with practically no revenue, and compel us to resort to direct taxation.

THE MAGAZINES.

Le Glaneur is a very creditable evidence of French Canadian literary activity. The October number contains quite a variety of articles in prose and verse. Among them is a song, "Le Voltigeur," by Louis Frechette. The editor tells the story of the hermut of St. Barnabas. Worthy of notice also is a Funeral Oration, pronounced by L. A. Paquet on the Abbé Olivier. Published at Lévis, Que. \$1.00 a year.

The character sketch in the November Review of Reviews deals with William II., Emperor of Germany. It is very full and appreciative, and is illustrated with four full-page portraits. The portraits of leading men of the day are a prominent and strong feature of this excellent magazine. Among the other articles, of which there are quite a number this month, are short papers on the "Three Fa'len Leaders"—Parnell, Boulinger and Balmaceda.

The October Preacher's Magazine opens with a sermon to young men by Dr. T. Bowman Stephenson, "The Story of Naboth's Vineyard." Rev. Mark Guy Pearse contributes "A Word for Quiet People." Prof. G. G. Findlay's valuable series of papers on "The Epistles of the Apostle Paul" is contributed. A Country Parson answers with a qualified negative the question, "Is the Sanday School Accomplishing its Mission?" The outlines and illustrations are well chosen, and ought to be helpful to the large class for which they are intended.

THE Dominion Illustrated brings pleasure every week to eye and mind. Its artistic excellence should be a matter of pride to the people of Canada. Its literary contents also, especially of late, are for the most part Canadian in subject and authorship, and commend the publication to those who would foster a distinctively Canadian literature. The racy and chatty lucubrations of Pastor Felix are an attractive feature. Of special interest to New

Brunswickers is the series of papers on New Brunswick authors from the pen of Mr. W. G. MacFarlane.

The Thanksgiving number of the Ladies' Home Journal appears in garb suitable to the season. It opens with a good story by Mary Bradley, entitled "Miss French, of the State Department." A new series of sketches, "Clever Daughters of Clever Men," is begun in this number, the subject of the first being Eachel Ewing Sherman. The departments are full and interesting as usual Mrs. Burton Harrison is to contribute two articles on "Social Life in New York" to the Journal, the first of which will appear in the December number. A new novel by Mr. Howells has been bought by the Journal and will be published short y.

Current Literature for October did not reach us; we suppose it was lost in transit. The November number does not fall below the high standard hitherto maintained by this popular celectic monthly. The readings are three: The Murder at the Quarry, from "The Blacksmith of Voe," by Paul Cushing; Setting forth to the Wars, from "The White Company," by A. Conau Doyle; and Fighting the Waldensiaus, from "Monk and Knight," by Frank W. Gunsaulus. The department called "Brief and Critical Comment" is always full and interesting, and also the "Gossip of Authors and Writers." In the latter is a notice, taken from the Book Bayer, of Sara Jeannette Duncun (now Mrs. Cotes).

The Eclectic Magazine for November contains some timely and notable articles. Of special interest are "The New Emperor and His New Chancellor," from the National Review; "Henrik Ibsen," from Temple Bar; "The Spanish Story of the Armada," by J. A. Froude, from Longman's Magazine; "Russia Under Alexander III.," from the Nive Review; "The Wild Women as Social Insurgents," from the Nineteenth Century; "Ernest Renan," from the Westminster Review; and "On the Ancient Beliefs in a State," by W. E. Gladstone, from the Nineteenth Century. There are two stories, one of which, "The Abbé's Repentance," is by Grant Allen. Those who can only afford to take one of the higher priced magazines will find the Eclectic eminently satisfactory.

The Methodist Magazine for November presents an attractive table of contents. As the only illustrated family magazine published in Canada this publication deserves a hearty support. While denominational of course, it contains a great deal that is of interest to all churches and all classes. The illustrated articles this month are "The Mount Pilatus Railway" and "Christopher Columbus," There are two stories, one "Rex Macarthy," by Mrs. Amelia E. Barr; the other, "Farmer Holroyd's Harvest Supper," by J. Jackson Wray Among other atticles we note "Scotland's Influence on Civilization." "Alleged Progress in Theology." "Religious Doubt and Modern Poetry," and "Mission Work in London." The announcements for 1892 are tempting indeed, and two dollars cannot be better expended than in a year's subscription to this magazine.

The November Comopolitan contains nine illustrated atticles, and beautifully illustrated they are. The "Massacres of the Roman Amphitheatre," are described by C. Osborne Ward. A. S. Crownshield writes of "Batalha and Alcobaca," in Portuga!, with their cathedral and monastery. "An Outing with the Queen of Hearts," by Albion W. Tourgee, is of special interest to sportsmen. Gen. Sherman's letters to his daughter will be appreciated and enjoyed. There is a richly illustrated paper on Chicago, "The City of the World's Fair." Among the poems is a sonnet by our own poet, Archibald Lampman, entitled "A Midnight Landscape." One of the most attractive features is Mrs. Moulton's contribution concerning "Five Friends," which friends were Dr. Westland Marston, the dramatist, his son Philip Bourke, his son-in-law, Arthur O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, and her sister.

CURRENT topics are always wisely and freshly discussed in The Week—Art Notes, Music and the Drama, and Literary and Personal Gossip are carefully and well compiled, and keep the readers of this journal well informed as to what is passing in the literary and artistic world. "The Rambler" has something bright and interesting to say almost every week. In the issue of the 16th ult., Nicholas Flood Davin writes on "The Reorganisation of the Cabinet"; P. S. Hamilton contributes another of his Old New-World stories, "The Saint Castines,"—and Basil Tempest has a hort article on Adam Lindsay Gordon, the Australian poet. Mrs. S. A. Curzon contributes to the issue of the 23rd ult. "A Rescued Record," being an article on the battle of Queenston Heights, in a somewhat mutilated condition, taken from the Niagara Chronicle and Advertizer of August 22nd, 1838, by w' hi t was copied from the Niagara Bee of October 24th, 1812. The Week should have a steadily growing circulation among the cultured families of Capada.

LITERARY AND PERSONAL NOTES.

J. MACDONALD ONLEY has a scrial running in the lowing People's Union.

THE September Andorer Review has an editorial on "Recent Speculations in Canada,"

SERANCS and A. Lampman will both have poems in the first number of the Coloniui Magazine, which is to appear in April, 1892.

"On the Plains of Assiniboia," is the title of a paper in the September Outing.

Dr. George Stewart has a scholarly paper on James Russell Lowell in the October Arena,

D. Appleton & Co. will publish this fall "Lady Dufferin's Journal of her Life in Canada," illustrated.

MISS E. PAULINE JOHNSON writes in Outing for October on "Ripples and Paddle Flashes."

THE Rideout Letters, edited by Matilda Edgar, have been published in London, England, by Fisher Unwin.

REV. J. A. J. McKenna writes in the October Catholic World on "The Indian Laws of Canada."

The October $Westminster\ Review$ has an article from Principal Grant on "The New Empire."

THE earlier chapters of Sir Edwin Arnold's forthcoming book, "Seas and Lands," are devoted to canada and the United States.

The New England Magazine for September contains an article by Prosper Bender on "The French-Canadian Peasantry."

THE Dominion Philatelist is a neat monthly, full of information for stamp collectors, published at Peterboro, Ont.

C. H. LUGRIN, formerly of Fredericton, is now on the editorial staff of the Scattle Telegraph.

THE Chicago Graphic claims Grant Allen as an American. So are all our notable men, in a Pickwickian sense.

The New England Magazine for December is to have an article from Walter Blackburn Haue on "The Journals and Journalists of Canada."

MISS GRACE D. MACLEOD, author of "Stories of the Land of Evangeline," was married lately to Henry W. Rogers, of Amherst.

THE most interesting article to Canadian readers of the New England Magazine is "The Siege of Louisburg," by Mrs. Harrison.

MR. LAMPMAN'S poem, "The Voices of Earth," in Scribner's for October, is quoted by the Review of Reviews as one of the best of the month.

THE November Onling contains an article on sport in Ontario by E. W. Sandys, entitled "How I Lost My Thanksgiving Turkey."

WE learn from The Week that Mr. Horace T. Martin, of Montreal, is about to publish with on the beaver, dealing with all phases of beaver life and halves.

We have received a copy of *The American Sahbath*, published quarterly. The October number contains a full report of the Convention held at Chicago in September.

THE Woman's Journal is the official organ of the W. C. T. U. in Canada. It is well conducted and calculated to do much good. Published by Miss Mary Scott, Ottawa.

The November Scribner's has a poem by Duncan Campbell Scott, "In November," and the November Century one by Archibald Lampman, "Music."

JAMES R. INCH. LL. D , has won golden opinions from United States newspapers by his address on "The Moral Aspects of Combinations of Capital" at the Ecumenical Council at Washington.

MISS GRACE KING is at work upon a biography of Lemoine, the founder of New Orleans. She will spend a year in Paris, devoting herself especially to a search for historical documents referring to Louisiana.

SWAN, SCHONNENSCHEIN & Co., of London, England, are to publish a volume from the pen of Hunter Duvar, the bard of Hernewood, on the stone, bronze and non relies of early man, The book will have nearly 200 illustrations.

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HICKS--" What is political faith." Wicks -" Merely a choice between the lies promulgated by the different parties."

HE FINISHES HIS WORK. "Dactor," says Mrs. Worritt, "is it really true that many people are buried alive?"

"None of my patients ever are," replied Dr. Graves. -- Puck.

OUT OF STORT. There was a fight down the street a little while ago, but they couldn't find a detective.

What use did they have for a detective!" "They wanted him to find a policeman." –Puck.

Ar the mountains. Paterfamilias ; "Come,

girls, we must start for home right away. Jack Frost arrived last night."

Girls. "Why, pa, how can you think of such a thing? After waiting all summer, why should we run away at the first male

Professor Whicken. "Who helped you to do these sums?" John Fizzletop. "Nobody, sir." "What! nobody! Now don't lie. Didn't

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