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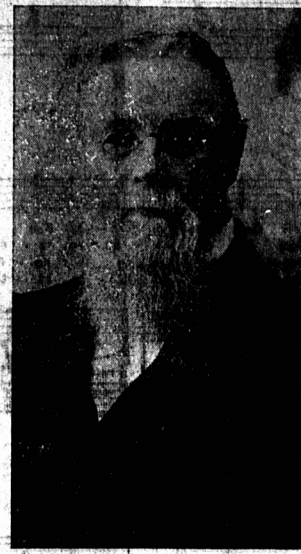
Succeeding the PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE Issued Every Saturday Morning.

AN INCIDENT OF THE LAST CENTURY By J.A. Dewar.

(Cont.ued) Mr. and Mrs. Dewar and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were firm friends. Their mother tongue was the language of the Gael; they were adherents of the Presbyterian faith. They had appeared before the marriage altar together in their Highland home. They alike resolved to brave the dangers of the Atlantic and the hardships of the American forest, that they might breathe the air of freedom. And together they were prepared to suffer the hardships of a long weary tramp that a debt of conscience might be paid. And judging by their physical and spiritual endurance, Carlyle might say of them that they were a compound of oatmeal and the shorter Catechism. They believed that Baptism should be administered by a clergyman. And they evidently had fears for the children's welfare, if they were suddenly transplanted from the temporal to the eternal.

Dr. MacMillan there is a description of the condition of Charlottetown in 1812 the date of the visit of Archbishop Plessis of Quebec. It had an Anglican Church, Court House, and barracks for the soldiers, but no Catholic Church, Parochial House, nor any of the requisites for the Service of the altar. Let pessimists make comparison between 1812 and the present, and then forever hold their blessed peace. The date of our narrative was the winter of 1811. The distance from Mr. Dewar's house in Brudenell to the city is 23 miles. From Mr. Campbell's at Montague it is 30. Brudenell was the starting point. The men accompanied by their wives and carrying two children, started on their long weary tramp in the morning, following a blazed pathway. The first ten miles which extended to the head waters of Vernon River was without a human habitation; this section was for many years after known as the "big woods". Its stately monarchs bore eloquent testimony to the great fertility of the soil. Stout hearts and willing hands have transformed the forest primeval into the settlements of New Perth, Summersville, and Albany Plains a belt of farming country that is probably unexcelled on the wide continent.

Mrs. Campbell was blessed with eight sons and four daughters, that of Mr. and Mrs. Dewar with seven sons and seven daughters. Their labors were characterized by untiring industry in the productive walks of life, and have materially aided in causing the "wilderness to blossom as the rose." They have all disappeared from this earthly scene with the exception of one—Alexander Dewar of Auckland, New Zealand, the youngest member of the Dewar family, who is seventy six years old. He visited the Province nearly three years ago in company with his wife after an absence of fifty years, taking part in the ceremony of unveiling the monument erected to the memory of the pioneers on Brudenell Island. An account of his phenomenal success as a gold miner in Australia appeared in the Island press. When the Baptist Church was established at Brudenell both of those "amillies" became members of its communion. Two of its able and eloquent defenders of the faith were Rev. John Shaw, and John Knox. This church afterwards united with the "Disciples of Christ." The present meeting house is at Montague, W. R. Motley is the Pastor. To many of the present generation, to whom the ordinances of religion are matters of passive assent or open repudiation, the incident we have related will be considered an example of misplaced zeal or an act of stupendous folly. Their honest motives however recall the lines of the "Flowman poem." From scenes like this old Scotia's grandeur rise That makes her loved at home revered abroad. Their loyalty to principle which found expression in a willingness to suffer exhibits the finer qualities of the Patriot and the Martyr. Nor will the student of national characteristics find it devoid of interest, we will perceive that love of adventure, combined with indomitable pluck and perseverance which is in a peculiar manner, the birthright of the Scottish race, which has enabled them to overcome every obstacle in the pathways of success, and to write their history on every line of Colonial development. Had the march of the pioneers been attended with all the paraphernalia of martial pomp, the public would have heard much about it long ago. Deeds of unrecorded heroism may escape the gaze



ALEX. DEWAR, of Auckland, N. Z.

of world reporters but the recording Angels print the records on the pages of the "book of life." The history of the last century and a half, abound with descriptions of the military powers of Scotland's heroes. In company with their gallant English and Irish comrades they have followed the British standard in every clime, and performed feats of valor, so far-reaching in their effects, as to change the destiny of nations, and while the memory of those tragic plays rekindle feelings of admiration, let it not be forgotten that her victories in the arts of peace, shed the brightest lustre upon her annals, and invests her devoted sons with an un fading title to glory.

THE VOYAGE OF THE BRIG FANNY Extracts from the Diary of the late E. Love.

This is the story of a voyage undertaken by a party of Prince Edward Islanders, who banded themselves together under the title of The California Association, and on the 10th November, 1840, left Charlottetown, in the brig Fanny, bound round Cape Horn, for the newly discovered gold fields of California. The account of the voyage is taken from the diary of the late Edward Love, one of the party. It has been running for some time in The Magazine Guardian:— (Continued from last week.) March 4. This morning the weather is not much better. We are still in the same place; all sails clewed up. They shot about twenty ducks and we got a portion of them, there were thousands of them. Two or three grampuses were playing around the ship all day. At one o'clock we made sail for the Straits of Le Mare, the winds not favoring us any other way. The land was from eight to twelve hundred feet high. We can see whales spouting all round us. March 5. After lying in the Straits till nine last night, the wind came round west, north-west and we made all sail and through them we went. At six this morning we are running along on the south side of the Island they call Tierra del Fuego or land of fire. March 6. The wind died away last night and before this morning it became calm and cloudy. At ten a. m. we sighted Cape Horn about thirty-five miles away. The wind sprang up but very light, so we set studding sails till we came very near, and the breeze died almost away. The Captain and the Mate had a quarrel and the Captain put him off duty. March 7. This morning we are lying off the Cape to the westward. It is a very fine day with very little wind. We

can see the land all along for forty miles to the westward of the Cape. We intend to get a good way off the land for fear of a storm and then we can lay our course. Passed a barque, homeward bound, about five miles off. March 8.—At ten o'clock, last night it came on to blow and increased till it became a great gale, with rain, hail, and snow and a heavy sea running. We shortened sail; and at last had to lay to under close reefed main top sail. At one the wind decreased and we made sail again and wore ship, bringing her head south by east, the weather continuing to improve. March 9. The storm came on again, worse than before and increased in violence all day. Wet and cold and no sign of clearing up. The captain and mate had some words about laying the ship to; the ship was at the time under close reefed top-sail, the wind being dead ahead. March 11. We thought we had lost 90 miles in the storm but this morning sighted the Cape again, about thirty miles off. We are standing our course west with a light breeze, Twenty-eight fine ships in sight.

[Thereafter there was more or less rough weather, in which the ship was worked on her course as much as was possible.] March 25. It is still blowing as hard as ever with seas mountains high. At 9 a. m. a sea struck her on her starboard bow, and stove part of her bulwarks, from the windlass to the main masts, and her larboard quarter railboards were carried overboard, together with barrels, buckets, and boxes. About 300 pounds of pork and other things were carried away. I was only through with my breakfast a few minutes before, and some of the rest were at theirs, but the most of them were below at the time. I had only left the lee scuppers and had gone to windward when I saw the sea coming. I got hold of the main rigging when it struck her and I think she was three or four feet under water, for we were all buried in it and A. Davidson and J. Howatt were washed overboard, but got hold of the rail and managed to save themselves, not one of us being hurt. When we came to ourselves we set the main trysail and wore the ship. So we lay till 6 the next morning.

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Pipers of the chilly pools, Pipe the April in, Summon all the singing hosts, All the wilding kin. Through the cool and treming damp Of the twilight air, Call till all the April children Answer everywhere. From your cold and fluting throats Pipe the world awake; Pipe the mould to move again, Pipe the sod to break. Pipe the mating song of earth And the fecund fire,— Love and laughter, pang and dream, Desire, desire, desire! Then a wonder shall appear, Miracle of time; Up through root and germ and sapwood Life shall climb, and climb. Then the hiding things shall hear you And the sleeping stir, And the far-off troops of exile Gather to confer; Then the rain shall kiss the bud And the sun the bee, Till they all, the painted children, Flower and wing get free; And amid the shining grass Ephemeris arise, And the windflowers in the hollow Open starry eyes; And delight comes in to whisper— "Soon, soon, soon Earth shall be but one wild blossom Breathing to the moon!" CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS. In The Papyrus

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