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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1897.

The Victoria Warde

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition in the Ontario legislature, Mr. J. P. Whitney, will pay this section of country a visit early in October.

Mr. John Richardson, the present representative of East York in the legislative assembly, on being re-nominated for that constituency, is reported as having stated, when addressing his constituents, that the conservatives were a pack of scoundrels.

Letter No. 7. Col. Sam. Hughes' Trip to England. AMONG THE WESTERN SCOTTISH ISLANDS. The MacFarlanes were once a powerful people in the present Argyshire and, before the advent of the McLeans, owned part of Mull. Like Clan Alpine, the MacFarlanes were proud spirited and preferred to "haud their ain o' their ain rocks and moor," and accordingly like their neighbors, gradually lost their estates to the more wily.

Other western Scotchmen of great note were the McArthurs. There were also large Irish branches of the same clan. Their original location was around Loch Awe, where the ruins of their ancestral fortress yet tower aloft. Formerly they disputed the headship of the great house of Argyll and for a time made it good. However, Clan Campbell absorbed them as it did many others.

Indeed in all Scotland there are only one or two of the old clans yet intact. But not a single clan, in the MacFarlanes, a great, numerous and capable people. They make great sailors, and scarcely a vessel leaves a British port without a McArthur on board in some capacity. It was my good fortune to meet two of this clan also who are sea captains and to hear of many more.

As the "Grenadier" ploughed onward the scenery became grander. Far away on the left the Crampian peaks stood heavenward like irregular teeth of a gigantic saw; nearer Ben Cruachan, though several miles distant, seemed to overshadow the placid waters; the openings caused by Loch Linnhe to the rear, loch Etive to the left, Firth of Lorn and Kerrara Sound in front, and the historic and majestic sound of Mull on the right added prominence to the silent blue mountains towering aloft on every hand.

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Mr. Ritchie is also well seized with the formal conquests of Scotland, England and Ireland by the Scandinavians, centuries before Columbus's time, expeditions little by little took possession of the outlying islands and isolated points, and that the great firths, bays, lochs, islands and Morven districts offered the strongest positions for mutual assistance and defence, and that from the earliest times were the strongholds of those "sea kings."

"Loch Bule Bay, Duart and the Penny-cross or Carrisg MacLeans are great clans," said a gentleman on the steamer as the entrance to Loch Bule came in view. Wherever those clans have gone, and they are nearly all away now, they have done well. Loch Bule is a splendid looking spot, with its mountains and lochs, its caves and waterfalls and castles.

The "Carrisg" arches, a few miles westward at Penny-cross, attracted the tourist's attention. Carrisg, a nice bay hamlet at the base of the cliffs, is Mr. Vetch's residence. It is a salmon fishing district as well as a fine grazing and farming country. Near Carrisg are the famous arches. One of these, "The Nuns' Cave," is 120 feet in height and extends far into the cliff. Good photos were taken of Loch Bule and of the Carrisg arches. But the most remarkable feature occurs just beyond "Glorie's Leap" from some wild years of a rival stealer a MacLean held and unable to escape, jumping from the cliff, of course destroying himself and the heir. The headland is bold, and I thought would make a good picture. It does. In the photo the coast line forms a perfect forehead, eye-brow, nose, lips, mouth, chin and neck.

These to Iona. Along the Ross of Mull the shores are low lying, and on both Loch Soridan side and the southern shore are fairly fertile in places. In 1841, Mull had a population of 10,000 souls; to-day it has less than 1,000. Canada, as Victoria country, has profited by the migration. Among prominent men connected with Mull and its immediate shores figure Rev. Norman McLeod, various Macdonalds prominent in Britain's wars, McLeans everywhere, Dr. Eton, Alexander Allan and the late Sir Hugh Allan's progenitors, General McKinnon as well as others of that name, Thomas Campbell the poet who founded the plot of Glenora on the story of McLeod of Duart and his wife remarkable also wrote "Loch Ullin's Daughter," Dr. Johnson and his friend Boswell, Sir John Morris, General Ferguson, Col. MacQuarrie of Spain, and scores of others prominent in literature and religion, for the old district has ever been forward in the protestant or independent cause.

One hears the usual talk of "religion" and "Christianity" and "St. Columba" and "shrines" and all that sort of stuff at Iona, just as at any other professional religiously historic spot. Indeed it has grown to be a regular profession, manufacturing yarns of "St. Columba" who and "St. Columba" that. Details of his life and every day acts, as every hour's doings, are recited in seeming sobriety at this remote date, without any solitary line of authentic record; more minute details than could possibly be given by the present Archbishop of Canterbury or the Pope of Rome, of their daily doings. And this is the age of short-hand, of reporters, of daily papers. At Iona "the spot" where St. Columba last sat and gazed on the sea, "the place" where he rested his head on his hand, "the place" where he caught salmon, "the spot" where he knelt and prayed, and a thousand and one other ridiculous yarns constituted the only un-redempting feature of the day's outing.

One local enthusiast who has spun the yarns so often that he now seems to believe them, (not the official guide) seemed surprised when I asked him if he would read as good as to point out the spot where St. Columba laid his head. He was knocked out that round, but I'll venture a silk hat that next day would find the spot marked.

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the contrary, he recognizes that many a noble family is more or less overlooked because a patent from the sovereign is not registered to his credit, and that as a matter of fact "clans" as usually regarded, are a comparatively modern institution. Nor does he accept the assertion of Romanism or any other "ism" that the religion of the early Scandinavians was not an ennobling one. To read a Roman view of the Albigensian or Waldensian, or even the protestant faith, one would necessarily conclude that each was monstrous; and yet they are all in true harmony with the full free rights of the citizen. Can the same be said of all religions?

The sea kings had a business like way with them. As the hall describes their doings it is evident superstitions hung lightly over their heads. They did not come with hat in hand, kissing toes and asking "by your leave and your blessing," but "Watch-fires burst from across the main, From Rona, and Uist, and Skye. To tell that the ships of the heathen Dane And the fair-haired spoilers were nigh."

It is not strange that the "heathen Dane" respected the citizens of England and Scotland and Ireland allowed them when not in battle, to stain their property and their customs, and yet burnt and pillaged the "sacred haunts" of the priesthood, and put them to the sword? Reader, burn to authentic records of China, India, Arizuma, Afooa, and learn of the doings of so-called Christian clergy, and then ask yourself if you under similar conditions would not be tempted to go even farther than the so-called heathen did and do? Personally I have rather great respect for the "fair-haired Dane." Columbus's mild ways and forms had in a couple of hundred years given place to a grasping, tyrannical, speculating clergy; for it is well known that even yet in many of the "yarn spinning" places the church is not above dabbling in speculations, and with the first "yarn" alighted.

Reader, how does that yarn about you? Yet, it is spread in the name of Christianity, and is believed by pilgrims visiting the "holy shrines." Dr. Johnson wrote in his day "That man is little to be envied, whose patriotism would not gain force upon the plains of Marathon, or whose piety would not grow wiser amid the ruins of Iona." Spirit of old Dr. Johnson, pity is not superstition. I should prefer the free spirit of the "heathen Dane" and the "fair-haired spoiler" to that grovelling, slavish superstition set up in the naming and placing of "shrines." My patriotism was kindled by my visit to Iona; but I saw and heard nothing to strengthen my already strong feelings.

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Dr. Burrows as a Councillor. The above is the heading of a letter in the Evening Post of 11th inst signed an "Elector," in which the writer complains that THE WARDEE "takes every opportunity to discredit Dr. Burrows," winding up the category of charges against THE WARDEE, "that in its last issue it would lead the public to believe him to be the disreputable element and the chief object of the Mayor's censure at the last meeting, which I, being present, know to be false."

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