## The Durham Review.

Thursday, April 20, 1899.

Last week's Scientific American American railway from Skagway to summit of the White Pass. 23 miles are now constructed carrying the line 3½ miles beyond the summit. 2000 men have been employed all winter in construction, and the force is to be increased immediately and construc-

tion proceed to Fort Selkirk. We admire American enterprise and push, but Canadians of both parties should blush at the thought, that a similar enterprising spirit on the part of the Liberal government last year, was baulked by our precious Senate. Had the Yukon Railway as proposed by the government gone on, this would never have been built, British Columbia cities would have gained an | Sabbath with his cousin Miss Edith immense trade now going to Seattle | Brown. and other American cities, and Canadians generally would not have been humiliated to enter their own country by an alien railroad.

"Yukon Scandal"! We should say there is, but the scandal lies at the Sunday morning. doors of the Senate, who, from a partizan feeling, threw out a measure, conceived in the best interests of that new country.

American wire pullers must feel Eden on Sunday last.

-Sir Mackenzie Bowell has settled with the widow of the florist who supplied the famous \$1200 wreath to place on Sir John Thompson's coffin as a mark of the sorrow of his 'devoted colleagues." An attempt was made we understand, to get this paid from the public purse, but somebody stood guard, and for a little less than half had asked, as one man speaking to the amount claimed, the settlement another, both being brave and honest has now been made out of Sir Bowell's men, when he would die, and the doctor own pocket, no other of the 'devoted | thought early next morning, colleagues" offering to share up.

-Thursday of this week Brockville electors will decide whether a Liberal or Conservative shall represent them in the Dominion House. The Liberal alone, and now he was about to die alone, and now he was about to die candidate is a local man of great alone, without friends, and in a strange weight and influence, Mr. Comstock, land. The nurse was very kind to him, the Conservative candidate is Mr. Peter White who was speaker in the whether he would like to see a clergylast House of Commons and a promin- man, and said that the chaplain of the ent party man. His being a non- Infirmary was a good man. resident however is being used against | "I've nae doubt he is," said the Scot, him, and a vigorous fight is being | "and that his meenistrations wud be

-We give below an extract from a letter of Editor Robb, of the Walkerton Telescope, who witnessed in Ottawa the political duel between Sir. C. H. Tupper and Minister Sifton The former, he says is like his father they're comin' up ane by ane to ma in form and feature, and has faithfully memory, but I thank ye kindly." copied his pompous style. Here is for some time that Sir Hibbert was | whom I have believed," "I am persuad- things which were far away. primed, on the Yuken business and ed that neither life nor death," Cnce that he intended to lay out Sifton or | again, "Although the mountains depart collapse in the effort. He purposely and the hills be removed," but the rest selection the time for his attack, the last sitting before the Easter adjournment and the self-evident object of this was that the speech should go to the state of the country without any reply for Bethany. When she heard of the old he was in his own country, and did not several days. Beginning at three man's illness and his loneliness, whom wish to bring him back by her foreign o'clock in the afternoon, he never let | no friend came to see or comfort, she accent. up, save for the usual adjournment went to his bedside. "You are very ill, for dinner until twelve o'clock at she said, "my friend," night. But he over did it. He began by referring to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's sneering remarks regarding his father, and for three mortal hours he labored to prove that no matter what Sir Wilfrid Laurier might think or of a hymn? some sick people feel much a' think ye'll understand. Ma wife and say about it, there has never been a comforted and soothed by singing; you me wes married thirty-five years, and greater man than Sir Charles Tupper, would like. I think, to hear 'Rock of like nicht of oor married life we sang a in Canada not even excepting Sir John McDonald, and that no other man had ever done so much for the man had ever done so much for the country. Everybody had heard this singing. so often before that it soon grew "Ye're yerra kind, mem, and a'm she dee'd we sang the twenty-third monotonous, and the result was that muckle obleeged to ye, but a'm a Scot Psalm. A've never sung the Psalm by the time he reached the Yukon at- and ye're English, and ye dinna under- since, and a' didna join wi' ye when ye fair his audience had lost all interest stand. A' ma days hey I been protestin' sang it, for a'm waitin' to sing it wi' her in either him or his charges. And against the use o' human bymns in the new in oor Father's Hoose the mornin's when he did come to the point it tran- praise o' God; a'ye left three kirks on mornin', whar there'd be nae night nor spired that he had little to tell, at least little that was new. The verdict me into eternity wi' the sough of a about the house was that his great ef- hymn in ma ears?" fort had fallen exceedingly flat, and For a moment the visitor had no reply British Weekly. it was evident that his friends felt for in the course of all her experiences, much disappointed. Mr. Sifton is not during which she had came across many much of an orator, and at the cutset | kinds of men and women, she had never his manner is rather disappointing. Yet chanced upon this kind of Scot. The patients in the Infirmary were not BARRISTER. to be almost deaf, and like all deaf and if they had some prejudices they people he finds it difficult to strike his turned on large and full-blooded disvoice at the right pitch, the result be- tinctions between Protestant and Cathing an abruptness in tone that until olic, but never entered into subtleties of one gets used to it is somewhat ir- doctrine. ritating. But he is evidently a clearheaded fellow, for there was not a gratefu'," he continued, "and I wud single weak point in the case, put up like to meet yir wishes when ye've been by his opponent that he did not sieze so kind to me. The doctor says I canna upon and make the most of. He took up Sir Hibbert's charges one by one, strength ma' sune give way, but a'll tell ye what a'm willin' to do." in the order in which they had been

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his friends."

six hours and was encouraged at

intervals by vigorous applause from

#### Holstein

It is our sad duty to chronicle this week the death of Mr. Chas. Kerr, one of the oldest residents in Holstein. He was the first blacksmith in our village. He has been ailing all winter, therefore his death was not unexpected. He Yukon Railway Shame to our Senate. leaves a family of seven. Robert and Mrs. O'Connel in Holstein, Wm., David, and Maggie in Saginaw Mich., James and Chas, in Springfield Mass., and his gives cuts and description of the new | wife died some years ago. One by one | our old landmarks go. The family have the sympathy of all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haley, Mt. Forest visited the former's mother and other friends on Monday. All were pleased to see Jack again. Chas. Kerr who has been home for

the last couple of months taking care of his father returned to his home in Spring field, Mass. on Thursday. Mr, and Mrs, Mannel of Moortield are

the guests of their daughter Mrs. Wallace this week. Miss Minnie Kerr of Mt. Forest is in

our midst for a couple of weeks helping some of our ladies with their spring

George Calder went to Detroit on Tuesday on business. George Gilroy of Mt. Forest spent

#### ----Varney.

The Rev. Mr. Magwood of Holstein will take charge of the service next

Mr. Ezekiel Aldred returned home on Thursday last after spending a few months at his sister's near Toronto. Messrs. David and Wm. Gordon were

the guests of their sister Mrs. R, J. that in our Senate they have a useful Mis. David Allan received the sad where, and where it took a stand was But what should Canadians news the other day that her son Wm. prepared to die. was dead. We extend our sympathy

to the sorrowing family. We are sorry to say that Mr. T. Hill of the situation. is not so well at present,

### A SCOT INDEED.

(By Ian Maclaren.)

He had demanded that afternoon to behold the truth, and the doctor, himself a young Scot, had told him plainly that he could not recover, and then he

"Aboot daybreak," said the Scot, with much satisfaction, as if on the whole, he were content to die, and much pleased it would be at the rising of the sun. He and her heart went out to the quiet, self-contained man. She asked him

waged, with prominent helpers on verra acceptable to English fouk, but a've never hed ony dealin's wi' Episco
'The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want' palians. He micht want to read a for I wud count it verra comfortin?"
prayer, and I cudna abide that, and mebbe I cudna follow the texts in his English tongue.

The Lurse still lingered by his bed. He looked up to her and assured her he was in no need of consolation. "Saxty year ago ma mither gared me learn the wale (choice portion) o' the Bible, and

on her duties she heard her patient she did not catch,

During the afternoon a lady came into the ward whose service to the Lord was the visitation of the sick, a woman

"A'm deein'," he replied, with the exactness of his nation, which somewhat Jordan." fails to understand the use of graceful circumlocution and gentle phrases.

"Is there anything I can do for you! then he said: would you wish me to sing a few verses she said, raised his head to enjoy the to end twal times. She was taken frae

that account, and raised ma testimony partin' evermore."

"Ye'll excuse me, mem, for I'm no un

The visitor waited anxiously to know made, and when he was through the what service he was going to render opinion expressed on all sides was, her, and what comfort she might offer that he had succeeded in making an to him, but both were beyond her excellent defence. He spoke for about | guessing,

"Sae lang as a've got strength and ma reason continues clear, a'm prepared to argue with you concerning the lawfulness of using enything except the
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covenanting tradition and the worthy son of covenanting martyrs, it was a strange subject of discussion for a man's last hour, but the man who could be true to the jots and tittles of his faith in pain of body and in face of death was the stuff out of which heroes and saints are made. He belonged to a nation who might sometimes be narrow and overconcerned with scruples, but which The visitor was a wise as well as

gracious woman, and grasped the heart "No, no," she said, "we will not speak

about the things wherein we differ, and I did not know the feeling of the Scots about the singing of hymns. But I can understand how you love the Psalms and how dear to you is your metrical version. Do you know I have been in the Highlands of Scotland and have music of a strong and pious people?" As she spoke the hard old Scot's face

began to soften, and one hand which was lying outside the bedclothes repeated the time of a Scot's Psalm tune. He was again in the country church of his boyhood, and saw his father and mother going into the Table seats, and heard them singing: "O thou my soul, bless God the Lord,

And all that in me is Be stirred up His holy name To magnify and bless.'

"More than that, I know some of your Psalm tunes, and I have the words in my hymn-book; perhaps I have one of the psalms which you would like to

"Div ye think that ye cud sing the

"Yes," she said, "I can, and it will please me very much to sing it, for I think I love that psalm more than any

"It never runs dry," murmured the

So she sang it from beginning to end in a low, sweet voice, slowly and reverently as she had heard it sung in Scot-As the nurse went back and forward land. He joined in no word, but ever the extract : "It had become known saying at intervals to himself, "I know his heart, while his eyes looked into the After she ceased, he repeated to him-

self the last two lines: "And in God's house for evermore

My dwelling place shall be."

"Mem, ye've dun me the greatest kindness ony Christian cud do for anither as he stands on the banks of the

For a minute he was silent again, and

And this is how one English woman found out that the Scot is at once the dourest and the tenderest of men .-

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