# Hàllow'een BY BARNEY O'REGAN.

furore of intense excitement, such the Squire, putting all the scorn as had not been known for years, possible into "the city." "There's caused by the famous school meet- for the good of the people. I think ing, the history of which I gave lawyers are about as much use in a my readers several moons ago, was | Magistrate's court as a 'torch light | heavens, to think that we have of Owen McGarrigle, who had never as the pattering of a summer sun procession in hades' (the Squire shower on the rose leaves to an used a stronger word than hades) equinoctial storm which tears to is to the devir's body guard. If ribbons everything that is loose. you are allowed in this coort, it The fever of excitement was almost means two more mortgages, and and among the many tricks per- not many farms at Macintosh' formed by the boys was one more Corner tied up in this way. So, The Corner, mischievous as some mouth, out he goes." of them were, dared attempt, The lawyers subsided, and said though to the outside world it was no more. not such a terrible affair after all, not quite so bad, at least, as some once more commanded the Squire. of those "delicious massacres" which are giving several of our Canadian faced, moved awkwardiy to the

been spirited away, and neither mannerdy, the only Justice of the Peace know about this case." representative of the majesty of steal our gatethe law, considering himself the "You mean that you were out all his exalted ideas of his own hair, and did not reply, and the immense judicial importance and Squire thunderedmodity which often stands even a do when you got home after hiding magistrate in better stead than that my gate?

and the big front room of the with him." Squire's residence was crowded with the people of The Corner, including those directly interested in the case, and a number who came merely as spectators, as fun was expected, and "wigs on the green" | them? local bearings of the case, and it clothes." was at times of a somewhat heated nature, as the partizans of the parties concerned vigorously argued and debated the pros and cons.

As the clock struck two, "Squire" | "I was afraid they'd turn on me McGillicuddy, who was resplendent an' give me a lickin'.' the Coort." Silence ensued.

"There is a case to be tried be- even if you are big Rory Macinfore me co-day," said the Squire, tosh' son. Well, what kind of a after due deliberation, and exami- dog was Tiger?" nation of the legal documents "He was a good dog." before him," and I find it is the Good for nothing, you mean. most important case that ever came | What sort of a watch dog was he?" before me. (Remember it was his; "A good one. When Oiney first). It's the case of big Rory Shannahan came courting my sister Mackintosh, an' that same Rory's Sal, Tiger caught him by the a dom bad tempered man, foreninst bosom of his trausers, and brought these young lads here, Jamie in enough cloth for ma to make a Rafferty, Benny Rafferty and cushion out of it for the big rock-Thaddy Morrison, and decent b'ys ing chair, and Oiney, had to turn them Raffertys are too, for they round and walk backwards whencome of good old stock, for taking ever he met any one on his way his dog on Hallow Eve, an' I hope home that night." Gillicuddy, Justice of the Peace in Mrs. Macintosh' rocking chair and for Prince County, God Save cushion. meal times, but mighty careful of stand.

ing the court, "I wish to say that I fairy stories." case."

"And I," said another young right to affirm.

the accused.' The Squire paused, looked both said sprigs of the law over from head to foot, deliberated a moment or anyhow? What do you mean?"

two, scratched his head, and said. I mean, said Clarence, who had

Mackintosh' Corner was in a | before you left the city," replied and compared to which the stir too many of your fry feeding on us discovery of gold on the Klondike. this province mortgaged already, Hallowe'en had come and gone, though I am proud to say there's heinous than it had hitherto been now, gentlemen, keep quiet, an' the supposed the rising generation of first one of you that opens his the Squire, "take the stand."

"Sam Macintosh, take the stand," Sam, red-headed and freckletowns quite a name and "fame" witness stand, as indicated by the Squire, who proceeded to adminis-Big Rory Macintosh' dog had ter the oath to him, in this unique

hide nor hair of him had since been You swear to tell the truth, the seen, and Jamie and Bennie Raf- whole truth an' nothing but the ferty, sons of Michael Rafferty, and truth, s'elp you God. Kiss the buk, Sal say that if Barnasconi made parcel of land known as the Coun-Thaddy Morrison, son of John Mor- an' if you don't tell the truth I'll any fuss about it, she'd get Sam to ty of Prince County, to wit; and rison, had been arrested for the send you to the penitentiary for crime, chiefly on the information of seven years, selp:negod I will. I the complainant's son, Sam Macin- don't like the looks o'ye anyway, tosh, the most detested boy in the an' a spell in the penitentiary neighborhood. Their trial was to wouldn't do you any hurt. Go on, take place before John McGillicud- now, an' explain to me what you

at The Corner, who had been ap- "Well," stammered Sam, thus pointed only a few days before, and sternly adjured, "I was out Hallow who was a regular electro plated Eve, seein' that the boys didn't

embodiment of Queen, Lords and stealin' gates yourself, and you're Commons, to say nothing of the the very young divil that stole my smaller fry, so far as Macintosh' gate that night, ain't ye now?"

Corner was concerned. Yet, with Sam reddened to the roots of his

power, McGillicuddy was a good- "I knew it; you're a dom bad hearted fellow, and was at the rascal anyhow, an' I fine you five same time endowed with no little dollars for carryin' away my gate. hard-headed common sense, a com- Well, go on now. What did you

profound knowledge of the law "I saw Jamie and Bennie and which some of the most bumptious | Thaddy coaxing our dog, Tiger, to of the profession assume to possess. them, an' then they caught him The trial was about beginning, and put him in a bag and ran off

> "How do you know it was them? "I knew their voices." "Sure?"

"Yes, sure." "Any other way you knew

were quite within the range of "Yes, I saw them as Mr. Barnaspossibilities. The conversation was coni's lantern flashed on them for a almost entirely confined to a dis- minute as he was coming to our cussion of the peculiar phases and house, and I knew them by their

"You're sure of that?"

"Why didn't you stop them as

in a great expanse of white shirt "I see. You are afraid of any front and a collar that bothered more than one small boy at a time, him a good deal, rapped on his or of any boy that aint a good table and commanded—"Order in deal smaller than yourself. You're something of a coward anyway,

that same dog'll not come back "Silence in the Court!" shouted again, so that my sheep will be the Squire, as everybody roared at safe. The information," continued this good joke on Oiney, in whose the Squire, as he one; more ex- face one could have lit a candle, amined the papers, "is all right, as and who to this day cannot bear to it's sworn to before me, John Mc- hear of Rory Macinto n' Tiger or

the Queen. The first witness on | "That'll do, Sam," said the Squire, this case is Sam MacIntosh, and when order was restored. "You he's none too sweet a young cub at can sit down and get your fivethe best of times. I wouldn't trust dollar fine counted out. It'll come him out of mischief as far as I very handy to me to-morrow. could throw a bull by the tail. I'm William Clarence Barnasconi, you told he's a grand hand to work, at man with the long name, take the

himself all the rest of the day. William Clarence, the dudish Oh, he's a nice boy, ha! ha! ha! young merchant of The Corner. Samuel MacIntosh, take the stand." came forward, and the Squire re-"Before you proceed to swear the peated the oath as before, concludwitness, Your Honor," interrupted ing, "Kiss the buk, an' tell the a young lawyer, rising and address- truth now an' none of your dom

represent the complainant in this | "I object to kissing the book," said Clarence, "and I claim the

aspirant for legal honors, "represent | The Squire gazed at him over his spectacles for a moment, and

"What's the matter with you, "Look here, gentlemen, you may a penchant for "showing off" and Squire, who was now, like all presbe smart men and good lawyers, an' airing his advanced scientific and ent, intensely interested, and on I have no doubt you are, but this theological "opinions" before such the qui vive for the denouement, coort is well able to take care of its assemblages as this, "that I believe "Come, now, Bennie, tell us what own business, and to look after it- only in what I can see and under- happened next.

self without any squabbling and stand. We know certain thingshairsplitting lawyers to bother it, that we exist, for instance,—but who was almost hysterical between and when this coort wants a lawyer | there are points beyond which our | hardly suppressed laughter at the knowledge does not go, and beyond remembrance of the affair, and "But, Your Honor," began the the borders of the unseen we can tears at the supposedly painful plaintiff's attorney, you will allow only postulate. We cannot differ- situation in which he stood before entiate the future any more than the offended majesty of the law, "I "No," inturrupted the Squire, we can exactly forecast sublunary was watching in the window, and "I'm dom sure I won't allow you to events of a hundred or a thousand when the dog struck the fire, after take up the valuable time of this years hence. As to this Book, I Jamie and Thaddy dropped him THE coort even half a minute. I'm able take issue with the idea of its in- down the chimney, he let one territo run this case, an' I don't want spiration. I look upon it simply as fic yell, and sprang from the fireany lawyers asking dom fool ques- a history of the Jews and Chal- place right through the window, tions. Sit down, gentlemen, sit deans and some other old nations, taking out sash and all, and then down and keep quiet, or I'll have interwoven with some very good he made off towards the river as moral precepts and some pictures- hard as he could go, and we never "But, Your Honor," ventered que imaginative writing regarding saw him after that. I guess he Guarantee Bonds and Accident Policies. the opposing attorney, "who is to an unknowable feature. Firbolgs scared the old folks pretty badly, pay us for our trouble in coming and eave-dwellers may smack its for they both yelled millia murther

that of affirming." The Squire gazed, open-eyed and went.

open-mouthed, at Barnasconi durment, he broke forth-

a dangerous man to be at large in majesty of the law himself. Here the community, and I've a dom was the solution of a great Hallowgood notion to send you to the e'en mystery, which no one had penitentiary, 'pon me soul I have. hitherto even dreamed of connect-Any man that talks like you do ing with the disappearance of Rory about the sacred scriptures can't Mackintosh' dog. Owen McGarrigive any evidence in this coort of | gle and his wife had that evening Macintosh' Corner, before John gone, scared and trembling and McGillicuddy, Justice of the Peace | breathless and pale, to the Squire's, in and for Prince County. I and in less than two hours the wouldn't believe a dom word you'd story was all over Macintosh' say, even if I knew it to be the Corner (and the broken window truth myself. Sit down, for I was sufficient proof, if any indeed

such men in the community?' displeased at being relieved from the shape of a huge black animal, giving his evidence, tor he was with eyes of fire and breath of anxious to retain the good will and brimstone and flames belching from equal to that which follows a new God knows there's enough farms in patronage of both parties to the his mouth, had come down Mcsuit, which he feared he might not Garrigle's chimney and bolted out

> cheeked lass, came forward and according to the prescribed rite. was duly sworn, and instructed to Now, look here, my lads," said "kiss the buk" and tell the truth, Squire McGillicuddy, when "order like the "dacent girl" she was.

know about this case?" nervously, "it was Hallowe'en, and Rory Macintosh' dog; you have had Jack Rafferty and my sister Sal a fair trial before me, John McGilliwere getting ready to play some cuddy, representing Her Majesty trick on Mr. Barnasconi, as she ex- the Queen as Justice of the Peace pected him that night, and I heard in and for all that tract, piece or split him right from his head to you have been found guilty, in fact his toes with the potato drag—"

dom faggot," roared the Squire, nighty good one you played on old wrathfully. "You're a nice girl, McGarrigle, ha! ha!" and his ain't you, to give such evidence as deep laugh reverberated through that in the Queen's coort, an' the house. Suddenly he checked strangers here, too. Get to blazes | himself sternly commanded "order," out o'this, you dom huzzy." And and made a pretence of gravely Mary Ann had to leave the stand, consulting a formidable looking mortified and indignant beyond law book, after which he resumedthe power of words to express, but with the sympathy of the specta- you to the penitentiary for seven

No more witnesses for the prosecution were forthcoming, and so very doleful, but his next words Squire McGillicuddy called upon reassurred them somewhat: the three trembling and anxious prisoners to produce evidence in I guess big Rory's dog wasn't much their own defence. They had no good anyhowwitnesses to prove an alibi or otherwise clear themselves of the charge, the boys go," broke in Rory, grow- too numerous to mention. and therefore the Squire, ignoring | ing generous and mellow hearted that time constituted, put them on present. the stand themselves, and swore You shut right up, Rory, an

careful what you say an' how you nuisance, by virtue of my office as is a bad case, a mighty bad case, a half each, and if you haven't got given by freckled Sammy Mackin- come and give me two days thresh- forms for Fall and Winter business. Send tosh, very suspicious like that you ing next week, and I'll call it your orders to b'ys stole big Rory's dog. In fact square an' mark it off the buks, are no dom scallawags. But I tiary for fourteen years, selpmegod would like to know mighty well I will. Court's adjourned. what became of that same dog. Come now, Jamie. tell us the Rory himself, with a tremendous whole story. Don't be afraid to 'tiger' as Rory's Tiger bounded

you, my b'y. Jamie began, and after gulping knew where, fairly lifted the roof down a few half sobs, and gaining off the house, and then the people confidence in himself, and assisted dispersed, only to reassemble, a by an occasional question from the couple of hours later, and make the send to confidence in himself, and assisted dispersed, only to reassemble, a

right, but just for a Hallow Eve | Macintosh Corner. "But that is trick. We didn't mean anything another story," as Rudyard Kipling wrong, or think any harm would is wont to say, of which I may tell come out of it. We wanted to tie you some other time. him on top of Owen McGarrigle's flat-roofed kitchen, so as to give Jack a fright when he got back from Mackintosh', and we knew the dog would scamper home as soon as he was let loose.'

'Yes, yes, but what became of the dog after you tied him there?" asked the Squire who had become greatly interested, as Jamie hesitated and paused a moment

"Please, sir, I was just coming to that. Thaddy and I got him up on the kitchen roof all right, and tied him to the chimney, but when we started to get down he howled JUST ARRIVED so loud that old man McGarrigle came to the door to see what was the matter, and we had to go back Mackenzie's Medical and lay quiet with the dog, till he went in the house again. We had to do this three or four times, till May 18, 1896. we didn't know how to get down without the old man seeing us. At last Benny cam: up the ladder and whispered to us to throw the dog down the chimney and give the old folks a right good scare as they were sitting by the fireplace. We waited till Benny went down to watch them, and then we dropped the dog down the chimney, and that was the last Thaddy and I saw of him. Benny can tell you

"All right, Jamie," said the

"Well sir," began comical Bennie, here from the city, if we are not germ-laden covers, but I decline and the names of more saints than life and your time by taking a policy in THE allowed to plead for our clients?" to do so, and I claim the ancient I can remember, and rushed out of "You should have thought of that right of a Scotchman, namely, doors and up the road like mad,

praying like everything as they

The roars of laughter that shook ing this harangue, and when he the Squire's house might have been finally recovered from his astonish- heard for a mile, and none laughed more loudly or more heartily than "Look here, Barnasconi, you'er the august representative of the won't take your evidence. Good were needed to support the word been known to violate the truth in Barnasconi sat down, not at all all his long life) that the devil, in be able to do if he told all he knew the kitchen window, and disapof the affair, of a good part of peared in lurid flame and smoke, which he had been an eye witness. | leaving a trail of hades in his wake, "Mary Ann Macintosh" called and the McGarrigles had positively refused to re-enter their house un-Mary Ann, a plump and rosy- til the demon was duly exorcised

in coort" was finally restored, and "Now, Mary Ann, what do you vainly endeavoring to throw sternness and terror into his voice, "you "Well, sir," began the witness, have been charged with taking big you have confessed it yourselves, "Get to --- out of the coort, you though I mut say that was a "Well, my lads, I ought to send

"But I won't do that this time

years apiece-

"He wasn't worth five cents—let

them in a bunch, ending the for- don't interrupt this coort again, or I'll send you to the penitentiary, "Kiss the buk, Jamie, and mind selpmegod I will. The dog, as I you tell the truth, you little divil, said before, was no good, and I in- BUSINESS\_ kiss the buk, Bennie, and be dom tended to have him killed as a say it; kiss the buk, Thaddy, till Justice of the Peace. But the law, we take the measure of a young my b'ys, must be sacredly upheld Hielander. Now look here, you to the very letter. The sentence lads," he continued, after they were of the coort is, therefore, that you thus sworn and admonished, "this three lads be fined two dollars an' and it looks, from the evidence the money to pay it, each of you I think myself you did, but I guess but if you ever come before me it was only a lark, as I know you again, I'll send you to the peniten-

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The trains between Chatham and Fredericton will also stop when signalled at the following flag Stations—Derby Siding, Upper Nelson Boom, Chelmsford, Grey Rapids, Upper Blackville, Blissfield Carrol's, McNamee's, Ludlow, Astle Crossing, Clearwater, Portage Road, Forbes' Siding, Upper Cross Creek, Covered Bridge, Zionville, Durham, Nashwaak, Manzer's Siding, Penniac.

Express Trains on I. C. R. run through to destinations on Sunday. Express trains run Sunday mornings CONNECTIONS are made at Chatham Junction with the I. C. RAILWAY for all points East and West, and at Fredericton with the C. P. RAILWAY for Montreal and all points in the upper provinces and with the C. P. RAILWAY for St John and all points West, and at Gibson for Woodstock, Houlton, Grand Falls Edmundston and Presque Isle, and at Cross Creek with Stage for Stanley.

ALEX. GIBSON, Gen'l Manager

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SUMMER 1897. TNtil further notice, trains will run on the above Railway, daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

lv 8.00 a m ...... Blackville ...... ar 5 00 p m Nelson 5.00 " The above Table is made up on Eastern standard time.

Smokers' Goods generally THOS. HOBEN, Supt.