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ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY ON THE BEAR RIVER ROAD.

Last Saturday night Crawley Armstrong, son of Mr. Milledge Armstrong, butcher, of Bear River, who also carries on business at Digby, was returning home to Bear River. It was between 12 and 1 o'clock, a clear moonlight night, when Armstrong, who was jogging along over the most lonely part of the road, near where the old Bear River road branches off to the Joggin Bridge, and having no house within a considerable distance, was startled by the bark of his dog, which was running by the wagon. He looked up and saw two men coming from the woods at the side of the road, wearing masks which covered their faces completely, and advancing rapidly toward him. Suspecting something wrong, he gave his horse a cut with the whip, and as he did so a shot from a revolver passed through the skirt of his waterproof coat, which was drawn over his lap, and grazing his thigh, passed diagonally through the back of the wagon. The noise of the pistol frightened the horse and increased his pace, and as he passed the men, two more shots were fired in rapid succession, passing close to his body and through the dashboard. Not a word was spoken on either side, and the horse at his highest speed soon put considerable distance between them. It is probable that the men, whoever they were, believed that Armstrong had considerable money about him, and if attention had not been so quickly directed to them by the barking of the dog, they would have seized his horse by the head and covering him with the pistol, have relieved him of whatever money he had about him which in this case was not much, as he had left it nearly all behind him. Armstrong says that in the hurried glimpse he had of the 2 men they were of the ordinary height, but he did not recognize either, and the question, of whom they were remains unsolved. A robbery such as was intended in this case, is a new thing in this county, but it shows there are rascals, in the town or its vicinity, about whom it is well to be upon our guard.

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