

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Notes on Canadian Literature. We had occasion, at an earlier date, to notice the importance of the work which Mr. J. M. LeMoine is doing, and has already done for Canada, and especially for his own romantic and historic city; but we did not then know that our poor opinion should have such abundant confirmation by our access to other later and voluminous works. The Tourist's Note Book is an incomparable hand book for the traveller upon the St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Quebec. It abounds in facts, culled by a loving and close student of historical and legendary Canada, and conveyed in a style of literary elegance, quite superior to the uniform run of guide-books—

A fit and pleasant complement to his Waifs in Verse are Mr. Wicksteed's Waifs in Prose, which are not wholly in prose, since the pamphlet contains his translation from the French of Frechette's Les Excommuniés and Le Drapeau Anglais. Letters and papers communicated from time to time to several leading Canadian journals, relating chiefly to legal and parliamentary questions, such as the Manitoba Railway case, the Jesuits Estate Act, Commercial Union, the Disallowance Question, etc., are here properly thought worthy of collection and preservation as a souvenir among the author's friends, which are many. One of the most interesting papers contained in it is a serial review on the volumes of Kingford's History of Canada, as they successively appeared; it is well and appreciatively written. The brief preface explains the author's object as follows: "Having been, at my own request, placed on the supernumeration list at the beginning of 1888, when my age was rather over 87, but being still kindly allowed to use the seat I had occupied for more than twenty years in the room assigned for my office as law clerk of the House of Commons when the plan of the parliament building was made, I could not help still taking a deep interest in public, and especially in parliamentary affairs; nor could I abstain from now and then writing quiet little articles (never touching party politics) which the editors were kind enough to like and print; and some of which I have had the vanity to collect and get printed together in the following pages, for my own use, or that of any of my friends who might like to have them as a memento of their old acquaintance, W. F."

Compositions, so called, are not written for amusement, but are sometimes amusing. Here, for example, is what a school boy has to say about girls, according to one of our exchanges: "Girls are very stuck up and dignified in their manner and behave themselves. They think more of dress than anything, and like to play with dolls and rags. They cry if they see a cow in the far distance, and are afraid of guns. They stay at home all the time, and go to church on Sunday. They are always making fun of boys' hands, and they say, 'How dirty.'" "They can't play marbles. I pity them, poor things. They make fun of boys, and then turn round and love them. I don't believe they ever killed a cat or anything. They look out every night and say, 'Ain't the moon lovely?'" There is one thing I have not told, and that is they always know their lessons better than the boys.

Is a Cold Bath Dangerous for Ladies? At a recent meeting of physicians in London the question of cold baths for ladies was brought up for discussion. It was unanimously decided that a woman received great benefit from a moderately cold bath, provided she was free from chill afterwards. This may best be avoided by wearing a "Health Brand" pure wool undervest next the skin.—Advt.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

AMHERST, N. S. SEPT. 16.—The important ceremony of laying the corner stone of the dock of the Ship Railway at Tidnish took place on Friday last. Hon. C. H. Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries officiated. Mr. W. Tupper, of Winnipeg, Mr. A. M. Dickey, M. P., and Mr. H. G. Ketchum, C. E., were among the many who were present. Mrs. J. Medley Townsend gave a very delightful dance on Thursday evening last. Mr. and Mrs. J. Mariner McLeod left on Thursday for Bridgetown, Conn., where Mrs. McLeod will remain some weeks on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jotham O'Brien. The town is filled with lady delegates from the different unions, attending the W. C. T. U. Convention now in session here. It would be needless to enumerate the names of all. I will mention a few I know, who are staying with friends. Mrs. Steadman, of Fredericton, and Mrs. Turnbull, of St. John are the guests of Mrs. McKean. Mrs. Archibald, of Cow Bay, C. B., is with Rev. D. and Mrs. McGregor. Mrs. Todd, of St. Stephen, is the guest of Mrs. H. Dunlap. Miss Johnstone, of Halifax, is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Pipes. Miss Holt Clarke, of Halifax, has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Dickey, at Grove cottage. Mrs. G. Botsford Smith returned on Friday from her sojourn by the seaside. Mrs. McKean and Miss McKean returned from Halifax on Friday. Mrs. Moffat returned from Truro on Monday. Masters Joseph Douglas, George Townshend, and Cecil Townshend left here on Friday night to return to school at Lennoxville, Que. Mrs. Cunningham, of Guysboro, is in town visiting friends. Mrs. Hewson went to St. John last week for a few days, returning on Friday. Mrs. and Miss Gray, sister and niece of Dr. Dobson, who have been spending a few months with him, left for their home in Wakefield, Mass., on Saturday last. The fair and tournament opened to-day (Wednesday). The weather having been so disagreeable for the last few days, the grounds are very wet and soft, which interferes with the games. I have only time to take a hasty glance at each department in the building adjoining, which is gay with bunting and evergreens. The luncheon and refreshment tables look most inviting and are presided over by a number of ladies. Among them I observed Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. J. Inglis Bent, Miss Symmens, Miss Winter. An ice cream stall, in charge of the Misses Nellie Moore and Kinder. A table of exquisite potted plants, together with a fish pond and fancy stall where a number of little girls are kept busy under the supervision of Mrs. M. E. Bent. One of the chief features of attractions is a cafe chautau, under the immediate control of Mrs. Kelsie, assisted by a few ladies. It occupies fully one-third of the building and is screened off from the main part. An extra fee is charged to enter this charming place, which is beautifully decorated and looks most inviting, where one can enjoy a cup of tea, or coffee and cake, listen to delightful music, both vocal and instrumental, Prof. Sterne presiding at the piano. I cannot enter into all the details of this unique entertainment. It is the first of the kind here, but has met with great success, both in England and on the continent. The band is discoursing sweet music in the distance and tomorrow there is to be a contest between bands from other places. Miss Laverne Almon, of Halifax, is at present the guest of Mrs. Kelsie. Prof. Roberts, of Kings College, was in town this week, the guest of his cousin, Dr. Bliss. Mrs. Romans, of Londonderry Mines, is visiting Mrs. Harris at the vicarage. Mrs. H. C. Symmes gave a pleasant dance on Tuesday evening, in honor of her daughter, Miss Dollie. Miss Paterson, of Horton, is the guest of Mrs. David Douglas. Miss Jones, of Boston, is visiting her friends in town. MEG.

DORCHESTER.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.] SEPT. 16.—Mr. H. R. Emmons made a short visit to St. John last week, returning to Dorchester on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Fairweather left on Saturday for a short visit to Sussex. Mr. Fairweather's former home. Mrs. Fairweather will visit Fredericton before returning to Dorchester. Mr. Charles Hickman is in Amherst, whither he has gone to attend the lawn tennis tournament now being held there. Although greatly out of practice, Mr. Hickman will, no doubt, uphold the honor of Dorchester in any matches in which he may take part. Mrs. Pascoe, of Shediac, formerly Miss Moore of Dorchester, spent a few days here last week with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Keillor. Mrs. Covert, wife of Rev. Mr. Covert, is making a visit to Dorchester, and is staying with her sister, Mrs. E. V. Godfrey. Miss Diblee, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. George W. Chandler, has returned to Fredericton. Mrs. Mowatt, wife of the manager of the bank of Nova Scotia at Moncton, spent last Thursday with friends in Dorchester, returning home the same evening. Dr. Doherty, of Moncton, spent last Friday and Saturday here, having come to Dorchester in order to be present at Mrs. Hickman's dance on Friday evening. Miss Forsythe, who has been spending the summer in Dorchester with her aunt, Mrs. Joshua Chandler, left today for her home in Toronto, accompanied by Mrs. Chandler and Lady Smith, who intend spending a month visiting places of interest in upper Canada and the United States. The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman on Friday evening was a most enjoyable one, in spite of the very rainy night, which although preventing the use of the beautiful grounds for promenade purposes, did not appear in any wise to make its effect felt within the house by dampening the spirits or enjoyment of the dancers. Of the many guests present I can only recollect a portion, they being Mr. E. Paterson, of Sackville, Mr. Percy Foster, Dr. Teed, the Misses Chapman, Mr. B. Teed, Mr. A. J. Chapman, Miss Ella Tait, Mrs. D. L. Hamilton, Miss Plant, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Teed, Mr. J. W. Y. Smith, Mr. W. W. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Palmer, Mr. J. H. Hickman, Miss Hay, Hon. A. D. Richard and Mrs. Richard, Mr. R. W. Hamilton, the Misses Peck, Miss Estabrooks, of Sackville, Miss Laura Shreve, Mrs. A. J. Hickman, Mr. Lane, the Misses Bishop, Mr. Chas. Hickman, Mr. Kerr, Mr. G. B. Fowler, Dr. Doherty, of Moncton, Miss Anderson, Mr. Frank P. Anderson, Mrs. Wm. Hickman, and Mrs. J. E. Church. Dancing was kept up with spirit until midnight, when a delicious supper was served, after which dancing was continued until about 2.30. The guests then dispersed, declaring that their evening had been a most enjoyable one throughout, and only regretting that it had passed so quickly. Mrs. A. J. Hickman went to Moncton on Saturday, for a short visit to friends there, returning to Dorchester on Tuesday. Miss F. S. Chandler is away on a visit to Toronto having gone thither with friends from St. John. Miss Nellie Palmer leaves shortly to spend the winter in Sackville, at Mount Allison. Mr. J. W. Y. Smith went to St. John on Saturday for a short visit with friends there, returning to Dorchester Tuesday. Mr. J. F. Teed has returned from a business visit to Londonderry, but is now again absent in Cape Breton. Mr. G. B. Fowler is enjoying a short holiday trip to his former home in King's county. Mrs. Joseph Hickman has returned from Amherst where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Douglas.

RICHIBUCTO.

SEPT. 17.—Mrs. W. H. Cathers, of St. John, was in town last week. Mrs. Martin Flanagan is visiting friends in Moncton. Mr. H. A. Powell, M. P. P., of Sackville, was in town on Saturday. Mrs. J. D. Phinney is visiting friends in Fredericton. Mr. W. A. Black returned from Chatham last Saturday. Mr. Wm. Robertson, of Boston, is in town, the guest of his brother, Mr. G. Robertson. He is receiving a warm welcome from his host of friends here. Miss Annie Ferguson left on Saturday to visit friends in Bathurst. Miss Janie Haines and Nellie Rand, of Moncton, who have been visiting here for several weeks, returned home last week. Mrs. James Atkinson returned from her visit to Bathurst a few days ago. Mr. T. P. Joudry, of Moncton, is in town this week. REGINA.

MUSQUASH.

SEPT. 17.—Mr. H. P. Brigham, of Boston, visited Ingelwood Club last week. Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, of St. John, spent last Wednesday at the Musquash Hotel. Miss Amy Carman has gone to Bridgewater, N. S., on a visit. Mr. Levi Pond, of Eau Claire, Wis., was the guest of J. A. Balcom last week. Mr. H. N. Dearborn, of St. John, arrived here on Saturday on his bicycle and returned home to-day. Mrs. G. C. Carman has returned home after a week's visit to Fredericton. Mr. and Mrs. T. Partlow Mott accompanied by Miss Green and Mr. Johnston, of St. John, spent last Sunday here. The Rev. Father LeBlanc, of St. John, officiated in the R. C. Church in the absence of the Rev. F. Lavery last Sunday. Miss Hattie Knight went to St. John last week. VEGA.

AN EXHIBIT NOT SURE

OF MINING, MINING MACHINERY AND ECONOMIC MINERALS. Applications in from Nova Scotia but the Exhibits are Not Certain at this Writing —Mr. T. McAvity Chairman of the Committee. Mr. T. McAvity is chairman of the economic minerals, mining and mining machinery committee. Up to a few days ago and when this was written, the exhibition officials were in doubt whether the mining exhibit would amount to much or not. There was an application for a large amount of space from Nova Scotia, but up to this time there is an uncertainty whether the exhibit will be to the front or not. It is to be hoped that it will. province is not without important branches of the mining industry, and could the companies be enthused sufficiently, could no doubt make a splendid exhibit of its own. That's Often All They Do. "What is your husband? Is he a workman?" asked the assessor, getting impatient. "Work? No, certainly not. He's a bureau drawer." "A bureau drawer?" "Yes; he's in one of the city bureaux and draws his salary."—Pitca Times. The Boy Misunderstood. "Pa, I ain't half Injun, be I?" asked George as he climbed upon Meek's knees. "Why, no, my child. What put such an idea into your head?" "Willie Bogges said I was. He said he heard his pa say ma was a regular old savage and scalped you every day, and that was why you were so bald."—Ex.

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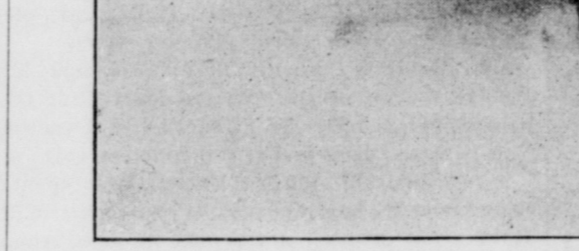
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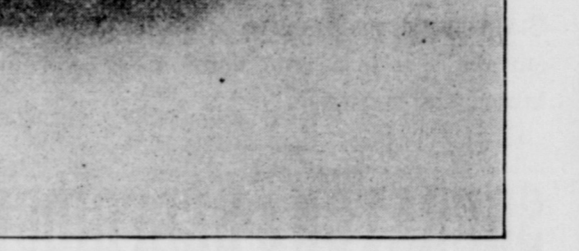
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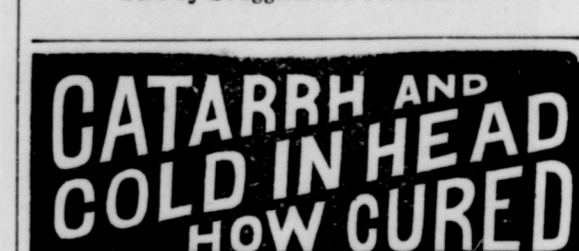
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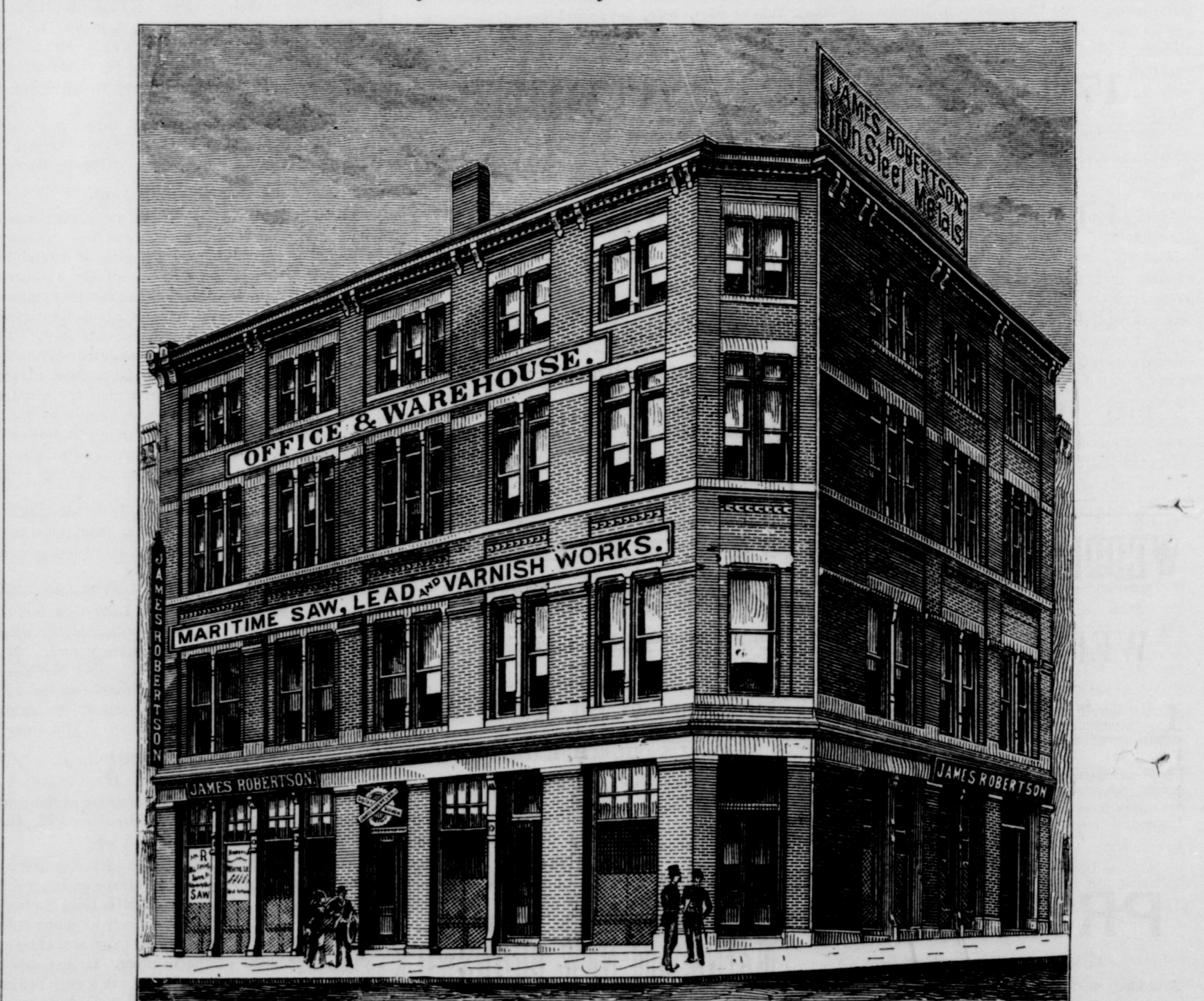
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