

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Notes On Canadian Literature.

The primitive life of our country is of such romantic interest, and the inception of its colonial history so abundant in stirring scenes, hair-breadth adventures and deeds of bravery, that the cunning hand of a literary artist might almost tremble with delight over his wealth of material.

The authors will tell us the romantic "Story of Marguerite De Roberval, and the cruel misfortunes that befel her on the Isle of Demons," abandoned by her cruel, haughty brother; and in the succeeding chapter we shall hear of "The Marquis De LaRoche and his Forty Thieves."

Quite in pleasant contrast with the foregoing photographic, unembellished piece, is the following bit of sentiment, to which a tender, musical expression has been delicately given.

At the whole, the book gives us, as it must give to many, a high degree of satisfaction. Greater familiarity with the verse of Matthew Richey Knight impresses one more with its strength and significance.

That whole poem, "The Guerdon of Grief," which is one of the strongest in the volume, is full of noble meaning, concentrating in the lines—

vividly rapid as one of Browning's dramatic lyrics:

AT THE CEDARS. You had two girls, Baptiste, One is Virginie — Hold hard, Baptiste, Listen to me.

The whole drive was jammed, In that bend at the Cedars; The rapids were dammed, With the logs tight rammed

We worked three days—not a budge! "She's as tight as a wedge, On the ledge." Says our foreman— "Mon dieu! boys, look here, We must get this thing clear."

The gang yelled and tore For the shore; The logs gave a grind, Like a wolf's jaws behind, And as quick as a flash, With a shove and a crash They were down in a mash.

He leaped on a log in front of the rush, And shot out from the bind While the jam roared behind; As he floated along, He balanced the pole And tossed us a song.

But, just as we cheered, Up darted a log from the bottom, Leaped thirty feet, fair and square, And came down on his own.

He went up like a block With the shock; And when he was there In the air, Kissed his hand To the land.

There were some girls, Baptiste, Picking berries on the hillside, Where the river curbs, Baptiste, You know—on the still side;

She didn't scream, Baptiste; She launched her canoe— It did seem, Baptiste, That she wanted to die, too, But before you could think, The birch cracked like shell

Baptiste! — He had two girls, One is Virginie; What God calls the other Is not known to me.

Quite in pleasant contrast with the foregoing photographic, unembellished piece, is the following bit of sentiment, to which a tender, musical expression has been delicately given.

Move not so lightly, Time, away, Grant us a breathing space of tender rath; Deal not so harshly with the flying day, Leave us the charm of spring, the touch of youth.

You offer us largess of power, You offer fame, we ask not these in sooth; These comfort age upon his failing hour, But, oh! the touch of spring, the charm of youth!

Since we are hardly content, when we have seen all other varieties of composition of any favorite author, without asking the question, "Has he written sonnets?"—we will give one here entitled:

OTTAWA—BEFORE DAWN. The stars are stars of morn; a keen wind wakes The birches on the slope; the distant hill Rise in the vacant North; the Chaudiere fills The calm with its hushed roar; the river takes An unquiet rest, and a bird stirs, and shakes

Mr. Scott has contributed a number of sketches on French-Canadian life to Scribner's, discovering a hand of much aptness and skill in that kind. I think he has never yet collected his verses into a volume; but, with the recent impulse toward book-making in Canada, we shall be surprised if he does not soon add his contribution to our growing library of song.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

SACKVILLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sackville at C.H. Moore's bookstore.] MARCH 20.—Miss Macdonald, of Maitland, spent Sunday with her brother in Sackville.

At the request of some of her more intimate friends, Miss Minnie Estabrooks has started a dinner class.

Mr. Miller, of Amherst, spent Friday evening in town. I understand a happy event, to take place shortly, will bring his welcome trips to a close.

The At Home given by the Eucharistic Society of Mount Allison College, Saturday evening, was, in every respect, a decided success.

Mrs. John Morrice, of Middle Sackville, entertained a few friends on Thursday, the 19th inst. The young people of Lower Sackville gave Mrs. Stephen Atkinson a genuine surprise on Wednesday evening last week.

DIGBY, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Morse's.] MARCH 20.—Monday being the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wison's wedding day, a few of the young people spent a most delightful evening at their home.

On Tuesday evening a small and select party was given at Mr. Munroe's in honor of Miss Edith Jones of Weymouth, who with her mother, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Munroe.

Mr. Geo. Corbett's beautiful little tug, the G. M. Weatherston, which was launched last Saturday week, is now lying at Corbett's wharf getting her engines in.

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AMHERST, N. S.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Chapman returned last week from their extended trip to the United States. Mr. Chapman is much improved in health.

There are a few cases of scarlet fever in town, but the schools have been closed and every precaution taken to prevent its spreading.

TRURO, N. S.

MARCH 19.—Mrs. R. Dickie, of Cornwallis, is in town, the guest of Mrs. M. Dickie. The ladies of St. Andrew's church are to be congratulated on the success of their entertainment last Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. Eaton, of Kentville, is visiting friends here. Mrs. C. E. Cullen has gone to Boston.

Mr. S. L. Walker is home from Bellevue, college, where he has successfully concluded his medical studies. Dr. Walker, who is a son of Mr. A. J. Walker, took his course at Acadia, after which he studied at both Dalhousie and McGill.

PETITCODIAC.

MARCH 20.—Miss Sulis, of St. John, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Palmer. Mr. King, student at St. Martin's Academy, was here on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cleveland and family are here, visiting his brother, Mr. John Cleveland, ere starting for the West. Dr. Ross, of Moncton, spent Sunday here, the guest of Mr. Forbes, of the Halifax Banking Company.

Mr. Yates, our photographer, has been very ill with the grippe, but is getting better. Mr. M. B. Keith was in St. John on Tuesday.

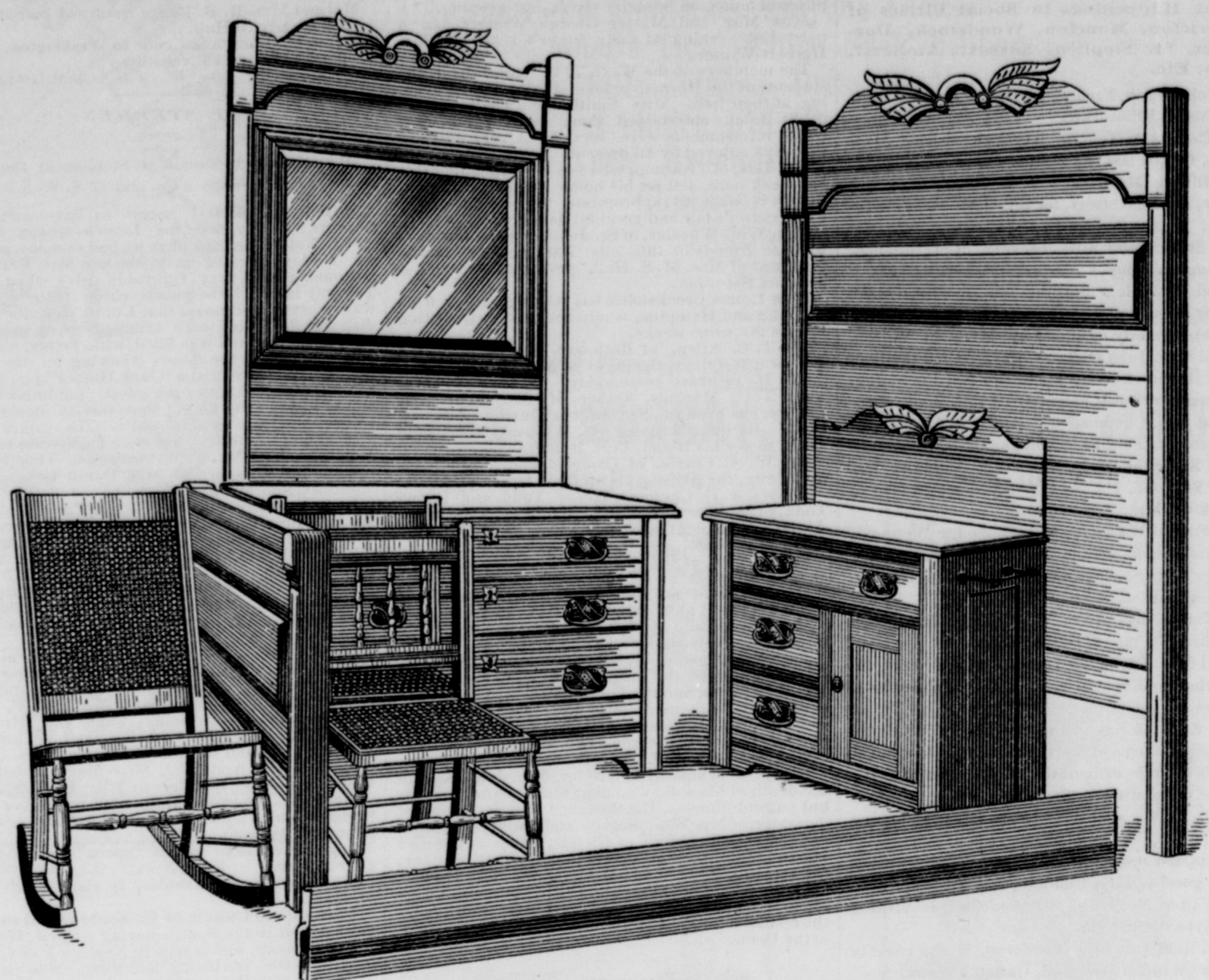
RICHIBUCTO.

MARCH 19.—Rev. Mr. Summerville, rector of St. Mary's church, went to Petitcodiac last week, and returned on Friday accompanied by Mrs. Summerville and family.

Mr. J. F. Atkinson returned a few days ago from an extended trip to Ontario. Mr. Geo. Noble, of St. John, was in town on Saturday last.

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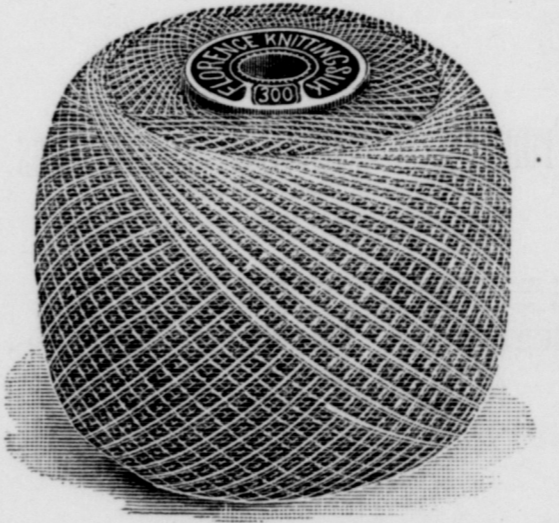
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