

THE SUPERSEDED.

As newer comers crowd the fore
We drop behind,
We who have labored long and sore
Times out of mind.
And keen are yet, must not regret
To drop behind.

Yet there are of us some who grieve
To go behind:
Stanch, strenuous souls who scarce believe
Their fires declined.
And know none cares, remembers, saps
Who go behind.

'Tis not that we have unforetold
The drop behind;
We feel the new must oust the old
In every kind,
But yet, we think, must we, must we,
Too, drop behind?

—Thomas Hardy.

FOR A GREAT MUSEUM.

Plea of Mr. David Boyle in His Archaeological Report.

In his annual archaeological report Mr. David Boyle, Curator of the Provincial Museum, notes the addition of some 1,500 specimens during the year. He refers to the success in gathering material from our own country, and adds that the collection is now in a condition requiring material from other lands for comparative purposes.

Continuing, he says: "But while we may expect gifts from time to time, it is too much to look forward to the possibility of making the museum what it ought to be in a Province like Ontario without the expenditure of more money than has hitherto been available. A public museum to be efficient requires as much support as a library, if not more. For a dollar or two one can buy a scientific book, or an art book, in which reference may be made to material wholly beyond the reader's reach, even if not beyond his means, or, what is even more probable, the objects he wishes to see may be so rare and so valuable that he can never hope to possess anything of the kind. Casts and models are always desirable—sometimes they are preferable to originals, e.g., as in human heads illustrating racial types, or methods of tattooing, and these are procurable only for cash. A museum like ours ought to have a large number of such casts, whereas there is not one. The student should have an opportunity to compare the crania of numerous divisions of our race, but those of distinct peoples can be got by purchase only, unless some fortunate opportunity occur to effect an exchange.

"All the case-room in the museum is occupied, and many of the cases, especially those on tables, are not only out of keeping with the other fittings of the rooms, but are unsafe receptacles for valuable articles. Should we acquire even the average number of specimens during the following year, it will be difficult to find room without crowding what is already installed."

He adds that there are now upwards of 22,000 specimens in the museum cases, illustrative mainly of American archaeology and ethnology. By far the greater number are from Ontario.

The report embraces, in addition, a series of interesting articles, including the following: Notes by Mr. Boyle on primitive art, human form in Indian art, human face in clay, two stone pipes, pottery, bone; "The Flint Workers, a Forgotten People," by Very Rev. W. R. Harris; "Indian Village Sites in Oxford and Waterloo Counties," by W. J. Wintemberg; "Rough Notes on Native Tribes of South Africa," by Frederick Hamilton, M. A.

John Montgomery's Petition.

In the Legislative Assembly, petition of John Montgomery, hotel keeper, Toronto, setting forth that in 1837 he was the owner of a tavern and other dwelling houses on Yonge street, which he had rented, in all, for £350 a year; that in December of that year, while in the tavern as a boarder, a party of persons came in on their way to attack Toronto; that while in the house,

they were attacked, and routed by a party of militia, who set fire to and destroyed that and adjoining buildings; that petitioner lost property worth £7,000 currency; that he was afterwards indicted for high treason on evidence which he is prepared to prove was false, and praying generally for an inquiry into his case, and for redress.—From The Globe's report on May 29, 1851.

Republican Simplicity.

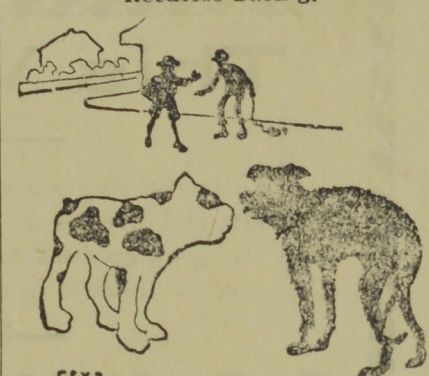
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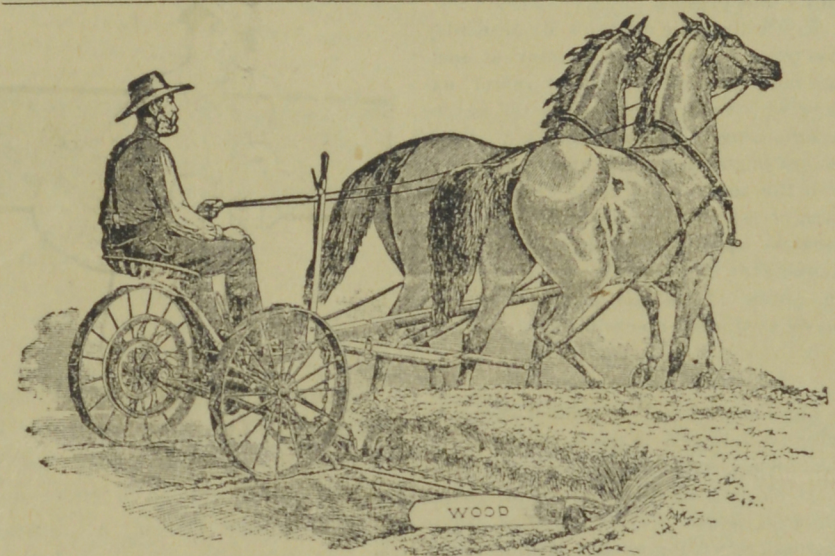
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