

land, on the 2nd January, 1814, and was, therefore, only 62 years of age. He emigrated to this country in the year 1846, with his brother, Mr. Joseph Leeming. Soon after their arrival in Montreal, they commenced business as auctioneers. Mr. John Leeming taking the more active part, soon became well known throughout the country. After the departure of his brother, Mr. Leeming continued the business with continued success, conducting large trade auction sales, not previously known in Canada, which attracted merchants from every part of the country. There can be no doubt that Mr. Leeming's system of sales contributed, in no small degree, to the general prosperity and advancement of this city. Mr. Leeming did not confine himself, however, to what concerned him pecuniarily. Possessing a mind well stored with general information, and an intellect far superior to most men who assume to influence others, he took an active interest in our benevolent and other public institutions, and contributed liberally towards their support. Possessing also a decided literary taste, he took a deep interest in, and lectured before the members of the Natural History Society, Mercantile Library Association, and the Mechanics' Institute. The St. George's Society was, especially, dear to him. He was President of it for three successive years. We believe the credit will be conceded to him, of having been mainly instrumental in bringing about the erection of the present "St. George's Home," for the reception of poor English emigrants, and other distressed Englishmen.

For several years he took an interest in our civic affairs, and occupied the important position of Chairman of the Finance Committee where he rendered the city much valuable service. Mr. Leeming took an active part in connection with the contribution by Canada to the first International Exhibition, in London, conceived by the late universally lamented Prince Albert. For this service Mr. Leeming received an acknowledgment from His Royal Highness. Being a ready and effective speaker, Mr. Leeming was frequently called upon—especially in former years—to preside at or take some other active part at pub-

lic meetings, when his remarks were received with attention, and were always so distinct and pointed as not to be misunderstood. His hospitality was well known, far and near, and many of his friends can look back for many years to the agreeable entertainments given by himself and Mrs. Leeming.

Mr. Leeming has left a widow and two daughters to mourn their loss. For some time Mr. Leeming had endured very severe bodily afflictions with great fortitude and courage, and received the announcement of his speedy dissolution, when made to him by his medical attendant, with unmoved firmness and Christian resignation.

The funeral took place from his late residence in St. Lambert, his remains being conveyed to Zion Church, where, in the absence of his former friend and pastor, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, the Rev. W. J. Shaw conducted services, assisted by the Rev. W. Williams, of the Eastern Congregational Church. In the midst of their sorrows, it is most comforting to the bereaved family to know, that during his protracted illness Mr. Shaw never found him in any other spirit than that of a calm and confident resting upon Christ, assured that this foundation would stand; that by the grand vital truths of Christianity, in their direct adaptation to his personal need, he would triumph over his last enemy. "He frequently spoke," says Mr. Shaw, "of the salvation of Christ as perfectly suited to his spiritual want. His long and tedious affliction and weariness were greatly relieved by the tenderness and assiduity of his faithful wife, and by the comforts of religion. The last occasion of my seeing him was the afternoon before his death, when still possessed of intelligent consciousness he could recognize each sorrowing friend about him, and could testify that without any fear of death he was longing to depart and be with Christ."

Fine sense and exalted sense are not half so valuable as common sense. There are forty men of wit for one man of sense; and he that will carry nothing about him but gold, will be every day at a loss for want of ready change.