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PUBLISHERS' NOTICES.

On the memorable occasion of the official inauguration of the 27½ feet channel in the St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Quebec, on Wednesday, 7th instant, we were enabled by the courtesy of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners to secure some valuable and interesting mementoes of the event, in the shape of photographic views and groups taken especially for THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED by Messrs. Wm. Notman & Son. These we intend publishing in several issues of this journal as fast as the engravings can be furnished. The following is an incomplete list of the portraits, groups and views to appear:—

Portrait of the Hon. Sir Hector Langevin, C.B., K.C.M.G., Minister of Public Works.

Alexander Robertson, Esq., Chairman of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners.

A group of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners present.

A group of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners present.

A group of Members of Parliament.

A group of the Acting-Mayor and Aldermen of Montreal.

A group of Civil Engineers.

A group of Forwarders.

A group of Members of the Press.

A group consisting of the Hon. A. W. Ogilvy, Senator; Andrew Allan, Esq., and L. J. Seargeant, Esq.; also,

Views of the SS. "Lake Ontario,"

Views of Montreal, Three Rivers, etc.

Persons wishing to secure a number of copies of the issue of THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED that will contain these engravings should give timely notice to their news-dealer or to us direct.

On several occasions we have been told that stationers and news-dealers in Manitoba and the North-West sell single copies of THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED at 15 cents. This is not right. The price is ten cents, and the copies cost no more delivered in Brandon, Winnipeg, Calgary, or Victoria, than in Ottawa or Toronto. It is an injustice to the buyer and unfair to us, as tending to diminish the circulation. People up there, however, think it cheap even at 15 cents!

PERSONAL.

Lord Sackville will perhaps shortly arrive in Ottawa on a visit of some weeks to the Governor-General.

Lady Macdonald speaks the French tongue with taste and ease. She charmed the French ladies who called upon her during Sir John's late visit to Sherbrooke.

The East Hatley school is presided over by two lady teachers from McGill Normal School—Miss Mary Grant, of La Guerre, and Miss Lucy Ives, of Hatley.

A number of Canadian students have just passed the examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow. Their names are, for the second examination: Richard E. Walker, Wm. Hamilton Merritt, Robt. M. Simpson, Chas. McLeod, Miss Elizabeth S. Mitchell and Perry W. Thompson.



Some weeks ago we put forth the hope that the Department at Ottawa might reduce the postage of letters from three to two cents. Having since been told that, even with three cents, the postal deficiency of income is still large, we shall have to put up with a very awkward charge, nor can take comfort, with the Huntingdon *Gleaner*, that the Canadian postal service is the cheapest in the world, because it carries newspapers free, and charges only half the American rate on parcels, books and periodicals.

The Isthmus of Corinth has been cut through and a canal, four miles in length, will at once be opened to trade. This neck of land is historical in every inch of it. On it was built the profligate city, with its two ports, facing each on a classic bay or gulf, whence the description of Horace:

* * * * Bimarise Corinthi
Maenia. * * * *

Nero may be said to have begun work on this canal 1800 years since, to save navigation around Cape Malea, but it was never carried through.

In one of the gulfs was the headland of Salamis, which it is only needful to name. In the other took place the memorable battle of Lepanto, where the naval supremacy of the Turks was broken by Don Juan of Austria, and wholly destroyed, in 1829, in almost the same waters, at Navarino, by the combined fleets of England, France and Russia. We need only refer, also, to the cliffs of Actium, not far, where Cleopatra's galley shot homeward, like a frightened swallow, and Antony followed after, losing the empire of the world. The Gulf of Lepanto flows into the Gulf of Patras, and, on that vine-clad shore, stands Missolonghi, where Byron died for Hellas.

It has been the holy work of modern scholarship to rescue the name of fair women that have been smirched by hireling penmen. The turn of Theodosia, the dazzling empress of the East, has come. Readers of Gibbon have shuddered on reading what he wrote of her, and when he durst not say all in English, he quoted outrageous notes in Greek, from Procopius and other miscreants. We are glad to learn that Professor Bryce, the distinguished historian, in a new life of Justinian, will set up this peerless woman in her true light.

Some time ago we published, for the first time, and from the manuscript of the author, Charles Mair's noble poem on the "Last Bison," which, we are glad to know, will see the light again in the forthcoming volume of the "Poets of Canada," in the Canterbury series. In a note our poet gave us the account of the striking incident which inspired his verses. It had been hoped that what was lost to the prairie might be kept in the park, but Major Bedson, of Winnipeg, has just sold to a Kansas ranch, for \$18,000, the only and last herd in America.

The Brandon *Times*, with praiseworthy zeal for the welfare of English undefiled, instead of Latin derivations, has changed its terms, in quoting live stock, from "beef," "mutton" and "pork," to "cattle," "sheep" and "pig." Now, that is proper. In the work of righting, you have to begin somewhere, and the butcher's stall is as good a start as any. The squeamish writer of another

paper finds fault with "pig," as only the young of swine. Well, the reformer of the *Times* will doubtless willingly take "hog" besides.

As we are in the mood of raising statues and memorials, how would it do to have a monument to the mighty St. Lawrence, the greatest river on this ball of earth? The Father of Waters is nothing to it, and yet Larkin Mead is exhibiting, at his study, in Florence, the statue called "The Mississippi," wrought according to the Greek ideal of a river-god, with long beard, big nose and limbs of conscious power. The queen of the Mississippi, St. Louis, means to purchase and set it up in one of her parks.

Another example which our American neighbours are setting and which we should do well to follow is keeping untouched, and in repairs, whatever old buildings or houses still stand to which historic memories are linked. The Albany Historical Society is raising money to rescue from destruction the famous old "Patron House," built in 1765, as the manor house of the Van Rensselaers. The object of the Society, which owns about \$150,000 worth of antiquities, is to establish a free museum in the building.

Robert Browning has left Genoa and Florence, in his old age, to take up his dwelling on the Grand Canal, at Venice, in the Palazzo Rezzonico, which he has bought for five and twenty thousand dollars. As a result, we may look forward to a book of local poems, a companion to his own Etruscan pictures, and the "Casa Guidi Windows" of his clever wife, Elizabeth Barrett. Thus, too, another English name will be linked with those of Otway, Radcliffe, Shakespeare and Byron in celebrating

The pleasant place of all festivity,
The revel of the earth, the masque of Italy.

What medical English knight was that who said that the happiest of men was he who knew not that he had a stomach? The whole human mechanism depends on digestion, and digestion depends on eating. To eat well you must chew thoroughly. Mr. Gladstone counts thirty-three between each bite. A leading surgeon of Montreal makes it fifty. Another, a French doctor of this city, says that you must *chew* even every spoonful of porridge. Another good rule is to drink sparingly, or not at all, while eating. After eating, drink your tea, coffee or wine sippingly.

In reply to a bantering paragraph of ours, the Calgary *Herald* states that, while the Northwest admits the claims of Eastern Canada—as the older provinces are called out there—it will have a jealous watch over its own interests, brooking no dictation. In our very first number we set forth that the seat of influence in this Dominion would be lodged in the Northwest before the end of the century, renewing the experience of the United States, and fulfilling once more the forecast of Bishop Berkeley. But, in the meantime, there is no harm in repeating what we then said also, that the new provinces and territories are integrally bound to the East, and that it is their duty and their interest to work in harmony therewith.

Now that the field of battle is clear, it is easy enough to see the grounds of the change in the Presidency of the United States. Mr. Cleveland owes his defeat mainly to his own mismanagement in the tariff message. He and his administration were like a ship in full rig, with every sail set, and