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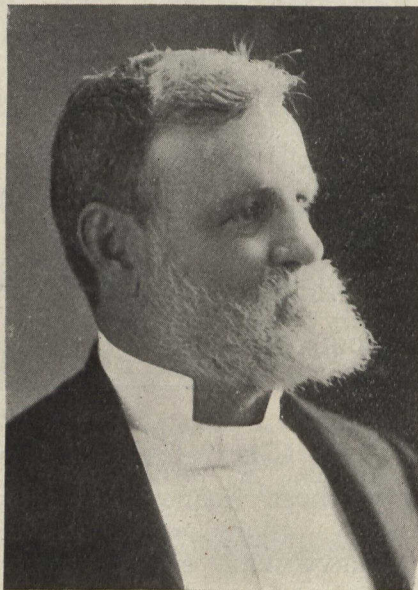
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Literary Notes

The Passing of Dr. Hannay.

BY the death of Dr. James Hannay at St. John last week, Canada loses an eminent litterateur and the Province of New Brunswick one of her leading citizens. Dr. Hannay had great talent and versatility as a writer. During his long career, he had merited national recognition as an historian, an editor and a poet. Probably posterity will incline more readily to his historical work. He did much to clarify and enliven the story of the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Hannay's "History of Acadia" opened a new field of speculation with regard to the principle involved in that celebrated incident known as the "Expulsion of the Acadians." The part played by the people down by the sea during the War of 1812 was a subject which Dr. Hannay specially investigated, and upon which he was able to throw new light in his "History of the War of 1812."

Dr. Hannay had exceptional qualifications for his work. His wide



The late Dr. Hannay,
Author of "The War of 1812."

journalistic connection brought him into intimate contact with the public men of the Dominion and gave him access to sources for original material. He combined with his opportunities a good memory, a genius for the organisation of facts, a fluency of diction and patient industry.

Most of his life Dr. Hannay resided in St. John. He came there from his country home at Richibucto, Kent County, N.B., where he was born in 1842. After he had served some time at the law and in business, the muses claimed him, and he became the "Saladin" who wrote pretty verses for the St. John Courier. He early evidenced an aptitude for history, and began the writing of sketches dealing with historical episodes for the press. It was in 1875 that his first book appeared, "The Captivity of John Gyles." Then followed in rapid succession a long row of publications of which the most notable are: "History of Acadia," "Story of the Queen's Rangers," "A History of the War of 1812," "The Life and Times of Sir Leonard Tilley," "Ballads of Acadia," and this year, his long awaited "History of New Brunswick."

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"Utopian Snapshots," by A. J. Kappele. Evans & Hastings, Vancouver. The author has arranged a series of platitudes in the form of prophetic sayings on every subject under the sun from "Honesty" and "Woman" to "Liquor" and "Politicians." Here is a "snapshot" found on page 38: "No woman was ever yet so good that she could not be better."

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