

District Items of Interest.

Through the generosity of Lieut.-Col. Gilmour, Stanbridge East is to have a very attractive park.

One-sixth of the Superior Schools of the Province of Quebec, outside of Montreal, are in this district.

The local papers record the death of a man at Sutton who had reached the great age of ninety-four years.

We recently heard Dunham Pond spoken of as Lock Anna. Will some reader kindly give the history and origin of the latter name?

All the militia corps of the district are to go into camp this summer. The Brome and Shefford Battalions will go to Laprairie about June 20, and the Shefford Field Battery to Levis on the 15th.

A child was recently born in this district whose father had attained the advanced age of three score years and ten. Does any one know of a case to beat that? It is an instance of virility not often met with.

Bishop Larocque will make the following visitations in this District in June: St. Joseph d'Ely, June 1 and 2; St. Mary d'Ely, June 4, 5 and 6; Notre Dame de Stukely, June 6, 7 and 8; St. Edouard de Bolton, June 8, 9 and 10.

The Catholics of Granby will this summer begin the erection of a magnificent new Church, which will cost, it is estimated, \$30,000. The building will not be completed for a number of years, but the basement will be roofed in and used in the meantime.

At a convention held in Waterloo over thirty years ago, on a motion of Prof. Robins, of the McGill Normal School, the first thought of having a Dominion Teachers' Association was made public. This, however, did not become a reality until 1892, when the first Dominion Educational Association held its meeting in Montreal; with the Hon. G. W. Ross as President.

In "Morgan's Canadian Men and Women of the Time" the names of natives and residents of the District of Bedford occur with flattering frequency. Among them are those of Hon. G. B. Baker, Senator for the District; Hon. J. C. McCorkill, member of the Legislative Council; Hon. W. W. Lynch, Judge of the Superior Court; Hon. S. A. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. H. T. Duffy, Commissioner of Public Works; C. H. Parmelee, member for Shefford; J. P. Noyes, Prothonotary Superior Court; Ernest Racicot, advocate, Sweetsburg; Charles Thibault, advocate, Waterloo; James O'Hal-

loran, Q.C., advocate, Cowansville; Geo. G. Foster, advocate, Montreal; S. W. Foster, Knowlton; Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, Waterloo; Rev. C. E. Bland, Waterloo; Rev. E. T. Capel, Sutton; Rev. W. Henderson, Cowansville; Lt.-Col. A. H. Gilmour, Stanbridge East. J. R. Booth, the railway and lumber magnate of Ottawa, was born at Waterloo, as were also Geo. W. Parmelee, secretary of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, Quebec, and W. G. Parmelee, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. Hon. M. F. Hackett was born at Granby; Rev. E. H. Krans, of New York, is a native of St. Armand; Rev. T. W. Fyles was formerly rector of Cowansville and Sweetsburg; Mrs. Maria Elsie Turner Lauder, the authoress, was born at St. Armand; Geo. A. Miller, D. V. S., Burlington, Vt., and Palmer Cox, the author and artist, are both natives of Granby. Miss Addie M. Nutting, lady superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is a daughter of Vespasian Nutting, formerly clerk of the Circuit Court, Waterloo, where she was born. A. B. Chaffee, of Montreal, was born at Bedford. E. T. D. Chambers, journalist, Quebec, was at one time the Principal of Granby Academy. Prof. G. H. Chambler and Miss Carrie M. Derrick, of the McGill University teaching staff, are both natives of this district, the former having been born at Brome, and the latter at Clarenceville. L. H. Davidson, Q. C., of Montreal, was born at Frelighsburg, and is a son of the late Rev. John C. Davidson, rector of Cowansville and Sweetsburg. Rev. W. J. Crothers, of Napanee, was born at Philipsburg. Rev. John Ker, of Montreal, was formerly incumbent of Glen Sutton, and also rector of Dunham, while his brother, Rev. Robert Ker, of St. Catharines, Ont., was once stationed at Mansonville. Another name that is well known amongst us is that of T. A. Mackinnon, Vice-President of the Boston & Maine Railway, a brother of Mr. James Mackinnon, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank at Cowansville. Short sketches of the lives of all these persons appear in the book.

The New Redistribution.

The Redistribution Bill recently introduced in the House of Commons affects the County of Missisquoi. The proposed change is to give back the parish of Lacolle to St. Johns and Iberville, and take back from that constituency Notre Dame de Stanbridge and Notre Dame des Anges in Missisquoi County. From information received we infer that the change will be acceptable to both political parties in Missisquoi.

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