

fortifications without consent of the town major. "Then I will ask his consent," I said, as I closed my portfolio. But that resolution was changed when one of the soldiers, as they turned away, said, in a low tone, "He'll not get it." Believing the prohibition to be the fossil of some ancient necessity, suspended by red tape, I chose to disbelieve the soldier and to remain in ignorance of the regulation. So I kept away from the town major, secretly resolving to play Samson, and carry off the gates of the city, "bar and all," while the Philistines slept. At peep of day next morning I went out, and before the red-coats were stirring sketched the other four portals, commencing with Hope Gate, which overlooks the mouth of the St. Charles. At noon I went up to finish my drawing of St. John's Gate, and had just completed it, when a sentinel upon the wall again enlightened me concerning the prohibition. "All right," I replied, as I closed my portfolio; "I have the whole five;" and jumping into a caleche, was soon taking a quiet lunch at Russell's totally unconscious of having wronged the realm of England. Be assured, most loving cousins, that no barbed Russ or cuirassed Gaul shall know the momentous military secrets which I obtained while delineating those portals of your walled provincial city; for—

"England, with all thy faults, I love thee still."



ST. JOHN'S GATE INSIDE.

We of the "States" have no idea of ever storming Quebec again. We have learned to our hearts content that those gates and walls are very strong. Lamb's thunder-bolts, hurled from his ice-battery in bleak December, '75, fell as harmlessly upon the gates of St. Louis and St. John as those from heaven upon the forehead of the great bull mammoth; and the leaves of Palace Gate were only opened to allow a detachment of the garrison to rush out and capture the surprised Dearborn and his party, who were keeping watch and ward over it until strength should come to open it from without.

And here the pen and pencil of the tourist must rest. It would be delightful to allow them to travel on, for we visited many other things and places in and around Quebec. But I may not here delineate or describe them all. On the pages of a volume only could full justice be done to the subject. And so I will conclude these brief sketches of our impressions of the ancient capital of Canada by advising all summer tourists to spend a week there; for, as I said at the beginning, Quebec, in its actualities and associ-

ations, is the most interesting town on the continent.—(*Harper's New Monthly Magazine.*)

OFFICIAL NOTICES.



SEPARATION AND ANNEXATION OF SCHOOL MUNICIPALITIES.

His Excellency, the Governor General in Council, on the third of March instant, was pleased to permit, that that part and portion of land hereinafter described, lately dismembered from the municipality of St. Césaire and annexed to St. Pie for civil and religious purposes, should also for school purposes be annexed to the last mentioned municipality; namely: all that portion of land situated in the county of Rouville, in the diocese of St. Hyacinthe, containing sixty arpents in front by about twenty eight arpents in depth, bounded as follows, to wit: To the west, by the division line separating the lands in the range named St. Ours, from those in the range of the River Yamaska; to the north, by the south line of the range of lots named L'Espérance; to the east by the range Elmiere, and to the south by the lot of land which separates the land of André Monty from those of Charles Roy, Eusèbe Bienvenu and Jean-Baptiste Codère.

APPOINTMENTS.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

His Excellency, the Governor General in Council, was pleased on the third of March instant, to appoint the Revd. George V. Hansman, a member of the Protestant Board of Examiners for the City of Quebec, in the place and stead of the Revd. Official MacKie, who has left the province.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency, the Governor General, was pleased, on the 23rd March instant, to nominate and appoint the following school commissioners. County of Laval.—Ste. Rose: Mr. Léon Plessis Bélair.

County of Megantic.—St. Calixte: Mr. Joseph Lévesque.

County of Shefford.—Stukely: Mr. John M. Brown.

County of Arthabaska.—Chester: Messrs. Ludger Labrèche, Olivier Lafontaine, Amable Lemay and Pierre Benette.

BOARD OF CATHOLIC EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.

Messrs. Louis Collard, Alphonse Piché, Joseph Duquet, Alphonse Vialleton, Louis Gédéon Authier and Adolphe Moffatt, and Miss Edwidge Albina Boulay, have obtained diplomas authorising them to teach in model schools.

Misses Marie Soulanges Carron, Adèle Ladouceur, Mathilde Gagnéux, Mélanie Cyr, Marguerite Desroches, Marie Zaïde Lefebvre, Philomène Dinelle, Vitaline Lapierre, Philomène Fontaine, Marie Piédalue, Olympe Benoit, Marie Desautels, Henriette Demers, Henriette L'age, Delphine Lesage, Philomène Tétreau, Marie Rainville, Anatolic Poutre, Marie Beaudoin, Mathilde Soucheurean, Marcelline Sémur, Philomène Leville, Joséphine Ethier, Céline Rémillard, Philomène Desautels, Ilomène Ledoux, Emilie Lebus, Marie-Louise Bonc, Joseph Hébert, Marie Adeline Brunet, Florence Duquet, Louise Métayer, Ethelise Trahan, Adélaïde Surprenant, Virginie David, Athénais Villeneuve, Bridget Kavanaugh, Mary O'Neil, Sophie Saulnier, Marie-Louise Mailhot, Malvina Lemire, Emilie Gaudry, Philomène Roy, Zoé Lebus, Medsames Joseph Damour, Anxélie Villeneuve, Louis Blanchard, Léon Kirouac, Messrs. Charles Edmond Morrison and Narcisse Boucher, have obtained diplomas authorising them to teach in elementary schools.

F. X. VALADE,
Secretary.

PROTESTANT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

Messrs. John Alexander Stewart, Sheridan R. Marshall, James Schutt, Misses Elizabeth M. Cuscaden, Rose Mary Quinn, Maria Schutt and Maria H. Gibson, have received diplomas authorising them to teach in elementary schools.

A. N. RENNIE, Secretary.

BOARD OF CATHOLIC EXAMINERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

Misses Mary Keogh, Marie Roy, Eulalie Caillouette, Marie Félicité