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Personal.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes, formerly Premier of Cape Colony, arrived in London on Tuesday. He refused to be interviewed regarding South African affairs.

General Campos, of Cuban fame, arrived in Madrid on Tuesday. A crowd gathered at the railway station and greeted him with mingled cheers and hoots, the hoots predominating. He has suggested that autonomy should be granted to the Cubans.

Mr. Frank Yeigh is announced to give a new picture-lecture on "Canadian Battlefields, Canadian Heroes, Canadian Cities and Canadian Scenery" in the Normal School Theatre on Monday evening, the 10th inst., before the students of the School of Pedagogy and the Normal School. Over one hundred appropriate stereopticon views will be shown in connection with the lecture. We understand there are a few available seats for the general public. Mr. Yeigh will deal with his interesting subject according to periods, viz.: The French Regime, the story of Louisbourg and Annapolis, Wolfe and Montcalm, the War and Heroes of 1812, the Rebellion of 1837-8, and the Confederation Era.

Pastor Felix, well-known to the readers of THE WEEK, contributes the following interesting note to the St. John Progress:—It is our happy fortune to have known a few men who reconcile us to the late autumn and frosty winter of our age, if they shall ever arrive. Old men, who grow old without gruesome physical decay, and without spiritual or intellectual decrepitude, who ripen and grow beautiful with years, and who disclose their selectest treasures after the time has come when we suppose the cabinet of thought and invention may be sealed forever. Such are as genuine a satisfaction to us as may be found in all the promise of youth and the strength of maturity. They show us that cheerfulness, intelligence, and hope, are not the exclusive properties of such as are in "the twilight time of good or ill"; and that a progressive spirit, and a constructive mind, may be manifest under the grace of silver hairs. Foremost of the Nestors we have in mind is our sagacious and genial friend "W., who has not yet learned to stoop under the weight of more than ninety years. No chimney-corner somnolence has yet claimed him, nor is he wrapped in dreams of the vanished years; but Ottawa is the witness that he still lives, with vigor and brightness of spirit, and a heartiness, which make him "the wale of old men." Few men can be found today, in any land, who at his period of life, are able to discuss with acumen the questions that concern our time—but "W." is one of them; and his "Waifs," in THE WEEK, and other journals of Canada, command attention as well as respect, for his carefully matured opinions are always expressed with brevity and point, and with the cheerful courtesy which marks a gentleman. Another gentleman (a well-known Canadian writer), who grows actively and gracefully old, is "Jonathan Oldbuck," who reads for us the legends of "Maple Leaves"—alias, J. M. LeMoine, F.R.S.C., of Spencer Grange, Quebec. He is a living chronicle of the most romantic and historic city of Canada—I had almost written of America. "Few men have had such opportunities," writes a brother author, Wm. Kirby, "as Mr. LeMoine for studying the lights and shades of the old Province of Quebec. His early training, social entourage—love of books—antiquarian tastes and familiarity with the French idiom; his minute explorations by sea and by land of every nook and corner of his native Province and even beyond it, the whole jotted down day by day in his diary, naturally furnishes him with exceptional facilities to deal with Canadian subjects in a light or in a serious vein." Mr. LeMoine is a well-known figure in the streets of his native city, a patriarch of the literary assemblies there, and the cicerone and entertainer of many a celebrated guest who visits Stadacona. His fine presence and cordial spirits can but brighten and adorn any society; and his lips seem to give a voice to the stones of the street, and the walls that encompass that home of history wherein he dwells.

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