

religion, establishment of the civil happiness of the subjects of this Province, and uniting all in the same sentiment of loyalty to His Majesty and attachment to his worthy representative."

It is pleasant to find the best feelings of human nature prevailing over national prejudice and dogmatic teaching.

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FRAGMENTS FROM THE STONE AGE OF MONTREAL.

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WE speak of the Eastern Continent as the Old World, calling the land of our Fathers the Old Country, yet this Western Continent is the older, and we may claim our own Dominion as the oldest land. Slowly, yet surely, like a giant oak has been its growth. These Laurentide mountains of ours, truly "everlasting hills," have outlived the many changes in the ever changing *dry land*. Grand mountain ranges, vastly their superior in height, have risen and disappeared, and risen again. Our fauna and flora belong chiefly to that of an earlier period. Aye ! and man, even man here, is, or rather was up to recent times, old fashioned. His manners and customs were those of the race when it was young. Three centuries ago the stone age reigned here in all its primitive simplicity.

Curious this stone age—belonging to the beginnings of history in every clime. Shrouded in mystery we call it pre-historic. Yes, and around this mystery we are pleased, and even love to linger. The long hidden past and the unknown future, great impenetrable mist mountains, loom up behind us and before us : unknowable, unmeasurable, we can only gaze on their mysterious grandeur with awe ; while to