

“Hear now in what a fine fashion he verifies his prophecy. In the first place the sick man, since he has been thus appointed to die, does not eat, and they no longer offer him anything. If he does not die by the third day, they say he has something of the devil in him. I know not what, which does not permit him to die easily, so they rush to his aid. Where? To the water. What to do? To bring kettles full of it. Why? To pour the cold water on his navel, and thus to extinguish all vital heat, if any remains to him. He is indeed obliged to die the third day, since, if he is not going to do it of himself, they kill him.”‡

(To be Continued).

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‡ Ibidem, Vol. III. pp. 121, 123. For Lescarbot's description of the same mummeries, see Vol. II. pp. 151, 153.

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One of the much talked of events of the month of October was the complimentary banquet tendered Hon. William Pugsley, Attorney General of New Brunswick by Mr. David Russell, of Montreal, but formerly of St. John. The scene of the banquet was the Caledonia Springs, (Ont.,) hotel, which was recently incorporated by Mr. Russell. The gathering was unique in many ways and brought together many important men in Canada. Had all who were invited attended, the most representative gathering of Maritime province men ever known would have resulted. Apart from the complimentary things that were said of the chief guest and the host, the unification of Canada was the principal theme of the speech makers.