

New York. we gather a few interesting statistics of Canadian periodical publications. The total number of periodicals now published in the Dominion is 837. The aggregate circulation of each issue of these is 1,967,750 copies. The average circulation is 2,351. Ten publications in Canada have a circulation of 25,000 and over each. Ontario issues 42 dailies, 365 weeklies and 69 monthlies; Québec, 20 dailies, 74 weeklies and 31 monthlies; Nova Scotia, 6 dailies, 49 weeklies and 4 monthlies; New Brunswick, 7 dailies, 28 weeklies, and 5 monthlies; Prince Edward Island, 2 dailies and 10 weeklies; Manitoba, 3 dailies, 28 weeklies and 10 monthlies; North West Territories, 1 daily and 15 weeklies; and British Columbia, 7 dailies and 8 weeklies.

WE give the titles of some of the papers read before Section II of the Royal Society of Canada during the recent meeting at Montreal, all of those given being of special Canadian interest.

The Site of Fort La Tour.

Ticonderoga and its Memories. By Rev. Dr. Withrow.

Cape Breton and its Memorials of the French Regime. By Dr. Bourinot, C. M. G.

Notes on a Hooped Cannon found at Lonsburg. By Rev. Dr. Patterson.

Governor Murray and the First Years of British Rule in Canada. By John Reade, A. M.

Opportunities for the Study of Folk-Lore in Canada. By John Reade, A. M.

Notes and Observations on the Shuswap People of British Columbia. By Dr. George M. Dawson.

The Ethics of Crime and Punishment in Primitive Canada. By J. M. Lemoine.

The North-West Territories. By Charles Mair.

The bright little descriptive sketch, "An Island", which appears in this number, is from the pen of a lad of thirteen years, a brother of Prof. Roberts. We shall always be glad to receive contributions from any of our young readers when they are as good as this one.

As we pen these sentences, the greatest of Canadian statesmen and the foremost man in the Dominion lies at the point of death, the doctors believe, while the young nation to whose cause he consecrated his life and genius is watching in sorrow beside his bed. His death will be more than a Canadian loss; it will be a loss to the whole empire. Let us hope and pray that even yet such a calamity may be spared us! No human being is free from errors; but both friends and political foes must acknowledge that Sir John A. Macdonald has been throughout his career thoroughly devoted to the interests of Canada and honest in all his endeavours for her prosperity. To not one of her sons does she owe so large a debt of gratitude, perhaps, as to him. The position which she occupies to-day, her material prosperity and her influence abroad, she owes very largely to the brilliant genius and patriotic efforts of this one man.

THE elevation of Sir George Stephen to the peerage will establish a precedent which may very materially alter the complexion of the House of Lords in England. It is probable that other colonial lords will be created in the course of time, and this will very much simplify any imperial federation scheme which may be proposed and make it more acceptable to the empire at large. The existence of an Upper House from which all colonial representatives must be forever excluded would be a fatal objection to a closer imperial union.

## CANADIAN LITERARY NOTES.

THE *Westminster Review* for May notices favourably Kingsford's History of Canada.

THE scene of a story in the May number of *Macmillan's Magazine*, "Pete Warlow's End", is laid in British Columbia.

IN the death of Dr. T. B. Akins, of Nova Scotia, antiquarian and historical research in Canada has sustained a heavy loss.

IN recent numbers of *The Independent* are poems by W. W. Campbell and Bliss Carman, and an Acadian story by Prof. Roberts.

THE feature of *The Dominion Illustrated* of May 30th is a four-column poem of Hunter Duvvar's, in his quaint and inimitable style. The title is "On the Tigris".

WITHOUT *The Week*, which is strong and bright as ever, we are afraid the world would entertain a low opinion of the literary culture and taste of Canadians.

THE *Writer* for May has an appreciative sketch of Mrs. Harrison, under the title "A Poet of Canada". In *The Author* for the same month we find a short sketch of Prof. Roberts.

THE short stories of Prof. Roberts, E. W. Thomson, J. Macdonald Oxley, C. H. Lugrin and Edmund Collins are making Canadian scenery familiar in the United States and England.

REV. ROBERT MURRAY, editor of *The Presbyterian Witness*, Halifax, has been invited to reside in Montreal and occupy a remunerative editorial position there, but has not yet decided to accept.

IN *The Week* of May 8th is a very interesting poem by Mrs. S. L. Allison, entitled "The Death and Burial of Innisco". It gives a faithful picture of the scenery, the customs and belief among the Indians in the Similkameen district of British Columbia.

THE article by the Marquis of Lorne on "Canada and the United States", in the current number of the *North American Review*, will correct a number of misapprehensions concerning the Dominion, and attract a wider and more appreciative attention to our resources and destiny.

*Le Glaneur* for May maintains its interesting and valuable character, and is just the thing for students of the French language. The price is only one dollar a year. "Un Peup' Martyr", is an article upon England's treatment of Ireland, and is interesting reading, if somewhat unjust to British statesmen. (Box 55, Lévis, Québec.)

## FOREIGN LITERARY NOTES.

BOUND up with the May number of *The Author* is a reprint of the Copyright Laws of the United States. This will be found very useful for reference. The department "Personal Gossip about Writers", is very interesting, and is worth the price of the magazine. (Box 1905, Boston, Mass.)

THE *Magazine of Poetry* for April contains an additional feature which is a step in the right direction. We mean the study entitled "Francis Saltus Saltus". Heretofore it has been very little more than a collection of scraps of verse, and some of it very poor verse too. Some of the prominent names in this number are Robert Buchanan, Arlo Bates, Lord Lytton, Harriet H. Robinson and Sir Edwin Arnold.

THE *Cosmopolitan* for June is as good as ever. Beautifully illustrated articles are "Japanese Women", "The Royal Arsenal at Woolwich", "The House of Madame de Pompadour", "A Remarkable Artist", "A Modern Municipality" (Dresden), and "The Light of the Harem". The Prize Essay on "The Needs of the Farmer", is humourously illustrated by Dan. C. Beard and F. G. Attwood. The three months' serial, "The Elixir of Pain", grows in power and interest. (Price 25 cents; \$2.40 a year.)