



Mr. J. A. Gemmill, barrister, has been lecturing at Ottawa on divorce.

Mr. E. G. Conklin has been appointed Clerk of the Manitoba Legislature.

Mr. J. A. Chicoyne, manager of *Le Pionnier*, has been elected Mayor of Sherbrooke.

Mr. C. O. Ermatinger, of St. Thomas, Ont., has been appointed junior County Judge for Elgin.

We are happy to learn that Senator Macdonald, of Toronto, is recovering from his recent illness.

Col. Prior, M.P., was seized with an attack of faintness some days ago, which happily did not last long.

His friends at Brockville are about to give a banquet to Mr. J. F. Wood, M.P., on his election to the Deputy Speakership.

Mr. Daly, M.P. for Selkirk, has recovered from an attack of illness, and has reached Ottawa to attend to his parliamentary duties.

Lieut.-Col. Henshaw was at Constantinople and in the enjoyment of excellent health when heard from last week by his friends in this city.

Mr. A. R. Milne has been appointed Collector of Customs at Victoria, B.C. Mr. B. E. Johnson takes a like position at Richibucto, N.B.

Mr. Hall, M.P. of Sherbrooke, P.Q., will shortly go to England in connection with the superphosphate works to be started in that thriving city.

February 1 was the birthday of the Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue. The honorable gentleman received many congratulations.

Mr. H. H. Cook, M.P. for Simcoe, has signified his intention of voting against Mr. Dalton McCarthy's bill for the abolition of the French language in the North-West.

A Canadian Club has been formed at Harvard University. Its officers are: President, F. W. Nicholson; vice-president, C. W. Colby; secretary-treasurer, A. W. McRae.

Mr. Edgar Fawcett has dedicated his new novel—probably his strongest prose work—"The Evil that Men Do," to Prof. Roberts in most warm and complimentary terms.

Mr. Charles Mackenzie, M.P.P. for West Lambton, moved, and Dr. Gilmour seconded, the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Ontario Legislature.

The Hon. Mr. Mercier, Premier of Quebec, made an eloquent speech in defence of the "B.A. bill" of Mr. J. S. Hall, M.P.P., of this city, which, for the second time, passed the Assembly.

It was observed that at a dinner given by Sir John A. Macdonald on the 1st inst., Lady Macdonald had a former Governor of Manitoba on either side of her—Sir Adams Archibald and the Hon. Wm. Macdougall.

The last report of the Department of State pays a deserved tribute to Mr. Grant Powell, late Under-Secretary, for his long and faithful services, extending over nearly half a century. Mr. Powell's portrait appeared in our last issue.

Mr. W. A. Nichols, cashier of Messrs. Frothingham & Workman, was on the 1st inst. presented with a beautifully illuminated address and a fine gold watch. Mr. W. N. Evans made the presentation on behalf of the employees of the firm.

The nomination of the Hon. L. R. Masson, of Terrebonne, as Senator of the Dominion, has given universal satisfaction. Senator Masson has been Minister of Militia and Defence, President of the Council and Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.

At a dinner given by the Hon. G. E. and Mrs. Foster on the 31st ult., the following were invited guests:—Hon. John Haggart, Hon. Senator Botsford, Messrs. J. F. Wood, George Taylor, Roome, Freeman, Guillet and Josiah Wood, M.P.'s, Mr. Baird, M.P., and Mrs. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mackintosh, Dr. and Mrs. Wiggins, and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jenkins.

Hon. J. A. and Madame Chapleau entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner on the evening of the 31st ult.:—Sir John A. and Lady Macdonald, Sir A. P. and Lady Caron, Hon. J. and Miss Carling, Sir John and Lady Thompson, Hon. Geo. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Decelles, Col. Irwin, Sir James and Lady Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Skead, Mr. Alex. Ferguson, Miss Caron and Miss H. Taschereau.

The Hon. James McShane gave a dinner at the St. Louis Hotel, Quebec, on Thursday, January 30, at which the Hon. Mr. Starnes, Speaker of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. Mercier, Premier of the Province, the Hon. Mr. Taillon, leader of the Opposition, Mr. J. S. Hall, Q.C., M.P.P., of Montreal, and Messrs. Robidoux, Tessier, Lemieux, and others, were present. The speakers complimented the host on his generous public spirit and freedom from narrow sectionalism.

Mr. J. F. Norris, who has been for over twenty years engaged in journalism in Montreal, left last Monday for Victoria, B.C., where he will take a position on the staff of the *Colonist*. His friends presented Mr. Norris with a purse, as a testimonial of their esteem, Mr. James Stewart representing his old confreres, many of whom were present. Judge Foster, Mr. Parmelee, of Waterloo, Mr. Carroll Ryan, Mr. Alf. Perry, and others, expressed the high opinion they entertained of Mr. Norris's qualities and abilities.

The Speaker and Mrs. Ouimet gave a dinner in their rooms in the Parliament buildings on the evening of the 28th ult., to which the following guests were invited:—Sir John and Lady Macdonald, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir A. P. and Lady Caron, Hon. J. A. and Mrs. Chapleau, Hon. Speaker and Mrs. Allan, Sir John and Lady Thomson, Deputy Speaker Wood, Messrs. Bergeron, Massue, Desjardins, Bain (Soulanges), Curran, Davis, Taylor and Col. Prior, M.P.'s; Dr. and Mrs. Bourinot, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Macdonell.

At the annual meeting of the Sanitary Association on the 30th ult., Messrs. P. A. Peterson, H. Wallis, R. B. Angus, W. Cassils, E. S. Clouston, J. Kennedy, I. Lewis, H. C. Scott, E. G. Penny, S. P. Stearns, H. Montague Allan, Hollis Shorey, John Taylor, Hon. George A. Drummond, Dr. R. McDonald and Dr. J. C. Cameron. The secretary (Prof. Bovey) and treasurer are *ex officio* members of the council. The council later elected Mr. P. A. Peterson president, Messrs. H. Montague Allan and J. Lewis vice-presidents, and Mr. W. M. Ramsay treasurer.

The annual dinner of the medical faculty of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, took place at the St. Lawrence Hall in this city on the evening of the 31st ult. Dr. F. W. Campbell presided. Seated on his right were Rev. Principal Adams, Drs. Hingston, Reddy, Scott, Hutchison, England, Carson, Jack, Rollo Campbell and Foley. On his left were Drs. W. Gardner, Laphorne Smith, Perigo, Armstrong and Proudfoot, and Professors Bemrose and Donald. Representing the sister institutions were: McGill, Mr. Addy, '90; Victoria, Mr. C. A. Brady, '90; Laval, medicine, Mr. G. LaBrecche Smith, '90; Laval, law, Mr. J. Chaffers, '90; Lennoxville, Mr. D'Arcy Clayton, B.A., '90. Mr. Chancellor Heneker was unable to be present through press of business. Speeches were made by the Rev. Principal Adams, Dr. Hingston, Dr. Gardner, Messrs. Addy, Clayton, Chaffers and Brady, and Drs. Armstrong and Perigo.

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., met at Quebec on the 29th ult., the chair being occupied by M. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Grand Master, with the following officers:—E. R. Johnson, Sherbrooke, D.G.M.; S. Lebourveau, Sherbrooke, acting G.S.W.; John Shaw, Quebec, acting G.J.W.; J. S. Isaacson, Montreal, Grand Secretary; A. G. Adams, Montreal, Acting Grand Treasurer. The election of officers resulted as follows: I. H. Stearns, Grand Master; Henry Russell, M.D., Deputy; W. Bro. Henry Davidson, G.S.W., Sherbrooke; W. Bro. Geo. E. Robinson, G.J.W.; D. D. G. M.'s, E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec district; H. S. Couper, Montreal district; Augustin A. Lee, St. Francis; C. B. Tabor, Bedford district; Frank B. Farnsworth, Shefford and Brome; Jas. N. Wright, Ottawa district; Rev. W. Percy Chambers and Rev. J. F. Renaud, Chaplains; Frank Edgar, Treasurer; Geo. Rolt White, Grand Registrar, and J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

HYMN TO CANADA.

O Canada! thy regal head
Lift higher to the skies,
Pride with humility be wed
Deep in thy tender eyes;
Stand forth to a more honoured place,
Fair though thy past hath been,
Stand forth, and vindicate thy race,
Thou Daughter of a Queen!

As Venus from the ocean
In living beauty sprang,
And stood without emotion
While Heaven with plaudits rang!
So thou, my own dear land, arose
Far on the Western sea,
A hope to glad the hearts of those
Who dream of Liberty!

Think what thy storied past hath been,
Thy guarded, ancient lore,
The deeds thy former years have seen,
Remembered evermore!
For thee, a babe of nations,
The best of blood was spilt,
And firmly thy foundations
On heroes' bones were built!

O Canada, unworthy
Of them thou shalt not be!
All noble ends to further
The constant aim of thee,
Till, in the van of nations
Thyself a Star shall shine,
Midst those fair constellations
Led by the Voice Divine!

KAY LIVINGSTONE.

have been reached by some secret pathway. The chasm was then wooded to its very verge, and the doorways of the caves were securely screened from view." The country of which Elora was the wild metropolis in the reign of terror of the middle of the 17th century, which ended in the breaking up of the Jesuit Missions, was the realm of the Attiwandaronks, or Neutrals, once so powerful. Many Indian relics, not unreasonably referred to the period of sanguinary struggle, have been collected in the vicinity and deposited, mainly through the zealous care of Mr. David Boyle, in the interesting Elora Museum. In 1880 beads, evidently of the variety used for making the violet or most precious wampum, were found in the Grand river ravine. They were found hidden in a recess in the cliff face, and give a possible glimpse of surprise and flight and massacre. The historic associations of the region are intensely interesting to the Canadian student. Not less so, from a different point of view, is the later story of settlement. Part of that story is told by Mr. Burrows in his memorial volume, "The Annals of the Town of Guelph." Its share in the more comprehensive history of Upper Canadian colonization is narrated in the pages of Mr. Smith's "Canada, Past, Present and Future," and its topography and romantic story, as giving additional charms to its rare scenery, are pleasantly and instructively set forth by Dr. Hunter in the satisfying pages of "Picturesque Canada."

DEVIL'S LAKE, ETC., NEAR BANFF.—This body of water is one of the charms of the Rocky Mountain Park. As some of our readers are aware, this reservation is an area 26 miles long in a north easterly direction by 10 miles wide toward the south-west. It embraces the most interesting portion of the valley, of the Spray, Bow and Cascade rivers, and some of the most striking mountain ranges. Northward towers Cascade mountain, nearly 10,000 feet high; eastward are seen Inglismaldie and the heights of the Fairholme sub-range. It is just behind this eminence that Devil's Lake is situated. Besides the rare grandeur of the scenery around it, this lake has the advantage of being well stocked with trout of extraordinary size, which afford sportsmen—especially anglers and those who enjoy trolling—an abundance of amusement. The famous bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat (some of Capt. Peter's experiences with which, as illustrated by his own pencil, our readers may recall) are to be found in the neighbouring heights. The lake is not lacking in romantic associations—some Indian legends that are related to tourists being characteristic both of the scene and the name. The wonderful thing about Devil's Lake and its surroundings is, however, that it is not only accessible by railway, but that the visitor can revel winter and summer in the wild nature and life, and at the same time be in touch with the comforts, luxuries and culture of civilization. The Natural Monument is one of those marvellous results of the slow processes of nature's handiwork in which this mountain scenery abounds. Now it is a temple, now a giant keep with turrets, bastions and battlements. It seems almost impossible that such structures should have come into being and attained such perfection of outline without the head or hand of man having any share in them.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES, BY R. HARRIS, R. C. A.—"Two women placed together," a poet tells us, "makes cold weather." The temperature here has risen evidently. The snowshoer is in a dilemma, though from his look and attitude we should say that the moment of hesitation is over, and that he has resolved to enjoy his tramp and the companionship of the siren who draws him away. He goes not without regret, perhaps, but, to judge by appearances, he leaves more regret behind than he takes with him. Is it a situation like that which Gay has rhymed in *The Beggar's Opera*:

"How happy could I be with either,
Were I other dear charmer away?"

At any rate it is an interesting group to contemplate, thoroughly of the soil and of the season—just such a glimpse of real life, with its sunshine and its shadows, its exultation, its conscious or unconscious cruelty, its tragedy under the mask of pleasure, as we may catch any day in this "winter of our discontent."

"SQUINT" AND SPECTACLES.

A recent writer on ophthalmic surgery calls attention to the fact that many cases of "squint" in children, which, if left to themselves, become so pronounced that only a surgical operation can be of service to them, would be easily cured by the use of proper spectacles if seen by a competent specialist in the earlier stages of the affection. The present generation, he says, has witnessed many improvements in the operation for squint. The objects to be aimed at by operation have become well understood. But it is stated that Board schools and other educational establishments are still busily engaged in manufacturing fresh cases, though, thanks to improved spectacles, there are now fewer squints requiring operation than formerly. Age is hardly a bar to the wearing of spectacles, quite young children soon becoming accustomed to their use. It is possible that enthusiastic specialists may sometimes carry their principles too far. The sight of so many boys and girls in streets, and schools, and offices with "spectacles on nose" is not encouraging. Still, if many of the youthful patients are merely undergoing a temporary treatment for squint there is less reason for regret. Undoubtedly, it is better for a child to wear spectacles for a few years, and thus to be cured, than to have to run the risk of tendon section in later life.—*Hospital*.