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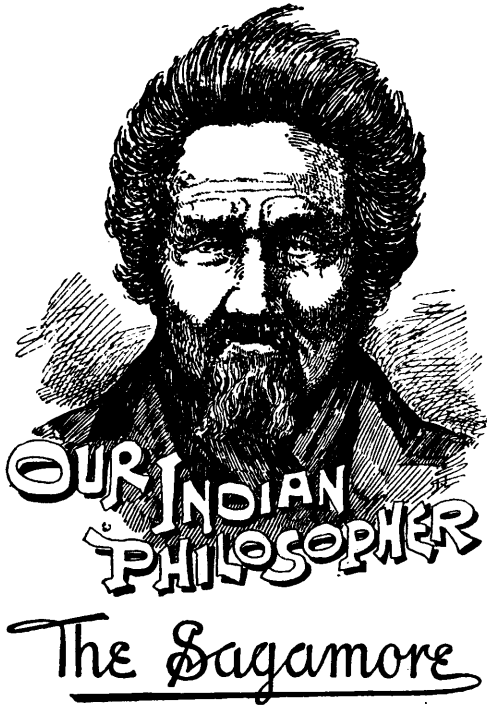
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"My brother," the reporter said, "I am the bearer of unwelcome news. Sir John Macdonald, the chieftain whose counsels for so many years have swayed the people of the nation, and whose name will live forever in our history, has journeyed from us to the Land of Souls. We shall hear his voice no more—unless it be in the whisper of the winds that sweep the mountains and the valleys, the prairies, lakes and rivers of the land he loved so well."

"He's been great chief," gravely observed the Sagamore.

"He has, indeed. In many a stormy conflict he has led the way to victory in years gone by. Even in the last lonely battle that must come to every man, the old chief almost made the world believe that he would conquer."

"Every man must give up some day," sadly rejoined the Millicete.

"And yet the world goes on," said the reporter, with a tinge of sad reflection. "The world goes on. But how will it go on in Canada without Sir John? After him the deluge, some have said. They tell us Canada will now be swallowed up by the United States. The chieftain, they say, prevented it in his lifetime, but he is gone."

"Who talks that way?" demanded the Sagamore sharply.

"Certain persons of my acquaintance," replied the reporter,—"and certain other persons whose acquaintance, I am glad to say, I am not honoured with. They tell us Canada is a ship at sea, with neither crew to spread her canvas, nor helmsman to guide her course. Uncle Sam is expected to find her abandoned and tow her into port."

"They lie!" exclaimed the Sagamore, with sudden vehemence.

"I hope they do," fervently rejoined the other. "But they say it all the same—and some people have almost been convinced by the mere reiteration of it that it must be true."

"Aint this free country?" demanded Mr. Paul.  
"It is—certainly."

"You s'pose, if people in this country wanted to be with people in them States, one man kin keep them back?"  
"Certainly not."

"What you s'pose made that old chief, Sir John, be chief so long? Aint it because most people in this country b'lieved in what he b'lieved?"

"Well, seeing that the days of despots are over in this region, I suppose you are right."

"If he dies, does that make them people b'lieve in something next day they didn't b'lieve in the day before?"

"Not if they are people of ordinary good sense—no."

"People in this country got good sense?"

"Yes, I think they have. One authority has been quoted, falsely, I trust, as saying that the masses are not remarkable for intelligence, but they have not shown much sign of mental incapacity, or lack of moral fibre either, it seems to me."

"Then," said the Sagamore, "they b'lieve now same's they b'lieved when they had their old chief. They made him chief because he b'lieved what they b'lieved. They stick to that. If they didn't b'lieve it with all their might they wouldn't feel so bad all over this country when he's gone. We don't see chief like him any more in long time, but if them people in States or any other place thinks aint any more chiefs at all in this country, they're heap fools."

"There seems to be logic in what you say," admitted the reporter. "And, when one comes to think of it, it would be paying a rather poor tribute to the memory of a man to turn right about when he had passed away and destroy the very fabric, for his wholesouled devotion to which they most highly honour him. On the whole, perhaps it will be within reason to hope that we won't be annexed right away, alter all. A man—a great man—has passed beyond. His influence is not dead, nor the national idea that he cherished and developed."

"Young men of this country ain't dead either," observed the Sagamore. "They kin see what's been done since he was young man. S'pose they're gonto s'top right there?"

"I should hope not. Nor the old men. The more I think of it, my brother, the more I am convinced that you are right. I remember that the death of some great American statesmen occurred at critical times, but the principles they represented have some vitality in them yet. I think I shall quote some passages of their own history to my American friends,—at home and abroad. Meanwhile, as one who mourns the departed chieftain, how best may I pay tribute to his memory?"

"If you stand up for your own country—never talk 'bout it not be able to git along—do all you kin to make other people b'lieve same way you b'lieve 'bout it—that's best way you kin show you liked that old chief."

"In other words," said the reporter, "in spite of possible jibes or sneers of incredulity or mockery, you would have me stand by the Old Flag, and declare it is the only one that I shall ever care to see waving above the country where the Old Chief lived and laboured, and where his body has been laid to rest amid a nation's tears"

The old man gravely nodded his assent.

## Note Extension of Time in PRIZE COMPETITION.

### Literary Competition.

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5th—MS. to be written in ink, and on one side of paper only.

6th—Stories on Canadian subjects are preferred.

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# The Dominion Illustrated Prize Competition, 1891. QUESTIONS.

FIFTH SERIES.

- 25.—Quote where it is stated that a certain prominent literary society held a session during the summer of 1890?
- 26.—Where is mention made of a fire in St. Johns, Que., in the 18th century?
- 27.—In what building in Montreal was H.M. 39th Regiment quartered after the Crimean war? Quote the sentence.
- 28.—Where is mention made of a tobacco pouch being made out of human skin?
- 29.—Quote a few lines by Thackeray, unpublished until very recently?
- 30.—In what one sentence is mention made of three prominent Nova-Scotians?

NOTE.—All the material necessary for correctly answering the above questions can be found in Nos. 131 to 152 of the "Dominion Illustrated," being the weekly issues for January, February, March, April and May.