

Historical Sites in Nova Scotia

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The Dominion government has created a board to look after the historic sites and monuments in Canada. Nova Scotia contains more spots consecrated by blood and heroic effort than any part of Canada—and probably any similar portion of America. The tide of battle swept around the coasts of this province a hundred years before Ontario was heard of, except by Jesuit Fathers, whose matchless courage and self-sacrifice as bearers of the Cross first led them to penetrate those western wilds. This is a late day to commemorate by permanent monuments so much that is worthy and that inculcates high ideals of national duty, but that the work has been determined upon will be received with gratification.

Louisburg, Piziquid, at Windsor, Fort Cumberland and Annapolis Royal, will be to some extent restored and will be under perpetual care. The remains of La Tour's old fort, De Razilly's grave at Fort Point, Canso, with its long history, the wonderful exploit planned by De Ramesay against Noble's command at Grand Pre, the episode at Bloody Creek near Bridgewater, are only a few of many places in this province that will no doubt come under the purview of the board.

The Quebec battlefields commission has spent some three millions of dollars in making a national park of the place where Wolf and Montcalm fought out the destiny of this continent, and work is now nearing an end. It is not too soon that other parts of Canada were receiving attention.

The board is honorary and advisory. Its members are General Cruikshank, Dr. Benjamin Sulte, historian and ex-president of the Royal Society, Dr. Coyne, of St. Thomas, historian and member of Senate of Toronto University; W. C. Milner, Dominion archivist of the Eastern section of Canada. The Dominion is represented on the board by J. B. Harkness, of the Park's Commission, and Mr. Williamson, of the same board, who acts as secretary.

Who's Who Among Canadian Authors

H. A. CODY

Good, clean, wholesome novels, unique in plot and abounding in action, adventure, are the productions of H. A. Cody. His early experience as a missionary in the Yukon district supplied him with material which he uses so successfully as the background of his books of Western life. As a clergyman who enters into activities and daily problems of his community he has, in other stories, helped to show the place of the preacher and the church in the life of the people.

Rev. Hiram Alfred Cody was born in New Brunswick in 1872, ordained to the Anglican priesthood in 1898, missionary and rector in the Yukon district for six years. Since then he has been rector of St. James' Church at St. John, New Brunswick.

Mr. Cody's new story "The Touch of Abner" is a humorous one. Perhaps its style might be compared to the Joseph Lincoln story book though altogether different. Mr. Cody believes there is enough sadness in the world and

he has put a chuckle or a laugh on every page.

The hero of the story is Abner Andrews of Ash Point. He and his wife, Tildy, attend a meeting of the influential people of the town of Glucom to arrange about the building of an Orphanage. When Abner sees how few are subscribing he offers the sum of one thousand dollars, when he hasn't a cent to bless himself with. But he has a farm which is a valuable gravel bed and needed by the Government for railway ballast. Government grafters are after his farm and Abner opposes them and gets into all kinds of trouble. He has a beautiful daughter, Jess, who has attended the Seminary and has come home with a head full of Social Service Work. Her special friend, Belle Rivers, only child of the Attorney-General, visits her. Abner believes in the re-incarnation theory and his neighbor, Zeb Burns, is daft on The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel.

You are sure to enjoy the chapter where Lawyer Rackshaw, who is trying to get the gravel bed and who plays a mean trick upon the old farmer, receives a box of rats

from Abner, or the chapter where Abner is in jail for beating up the Editor of The Live Wire, who has written a nasty article about Abner's wife and her experiences with a neighbor's chauffeur who ran away with her one night.

Altogether Mr. Cody has given us a live and humorous story, one that will be welcomed by his many readers. Cloth, \$1.50.

Humor of The Country

Old Giles was taking out an insurance policy on his life, and he and his wife were puzzling over the forms that had arrived for him to sign. "Yer see this?" said Giles, "it says, 'age of your father if living.' Suppose I must fill it in, and a few days later Giles received a visit from the agent. "What do you mean by your form?" said the agent. "You state your father's age as 110. That is ridiculous. "No, it ain't," replied Giles; "Your form says, 'if living,' and that's the age he'd be if he was alive now."

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