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## LIFE IN CANADA.

On Thursday evening, February 3rd, 1887, a very interesting lecture, on "Life in Canada," was delivered in the large Assembly Rooms, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, by Mr. A. J. McMillan, of Brandon, Manitoba. Lord Leigh, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, presided; and there was a crowded audience.

The Noble CHAIRMAN, who was received with loud and prolonged applause, said: "I can assure you it gives me very great pleasure indeed to be permitted to have the honour this evening of occupying the chair. The function of a chairman of a lecture such as this is a very simple and easy one, and the less he says the better, as the audience is anxiously expecting to hear what may fall from the lips of the lecturer. But it gives me special pleasure this evening to attend this lecture, inasmuch as I am about to perform the pleasing duty of asking the son of a very respected and old friend and tenant to give a lecture, which I am sure you will listen to with great pleasure. As regards the lecturer's father, it gives me, as I am sure it gives all his friends—and he has many—much pleasure to hear that gentleman is recovering from a severe illness. I only hope and trust his valuable life may be spared to his family and friends for many years to come. The lecture you are going to listen to this evening is one upon a very interesting subject, no less than that of a lecture upon one of our largest colonies, that of Canada; and when I hear of men, and women too, out of employ, and when we hear, as we shall hear from the lecturer, of the large and enormous tracts of land that are uncultivated, and which requires labour upon it in a colony which is really no less than our own colony, and an English speaking colony under an English Government, and when we know that there are hundreds looking about and anxiously looking out for work, who can in a very short time—a few weeks—go where they may get plenty of employment—I say it behoves those who are unable to obtain work in this country to go where they can get work. I will not detain you with any more observations as I am as anxious as you are to hear what the lecturer has to say. I have much pleasure in introducing the lecturer to you.

The LECTURER, who was enthusiastically received, thanked Lord Leigh for the kind words he had spoken respecting his father and himself, and then proceeded with the subject of his lecture. He said: "The Dominion of Canada is the largest of our colonial possessions, and covers an area of something like 3,500,000 square miles. It extends in one unbroken stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, a distance of 3,000 miles. Its southern boundary extends to the forty-second degree of latitude. It is larger than the United States, and withi