

Witness wants to gather them. It is not going to ask the old men and women who were actors in these scenes for them. No one who becomes a hero by simply doing his duty, knows he has done anything out of the way. Besides, these people are too modest to write to the newspapers about what they have done, and many of their sons in the prime of life have been too busy. The flame of Canadian patriotism naturally burns brighter as a purely Canadian generation arises to take the place of those who called another land home. We therefore set the task of recounting their country's glories and collecting the material for her history and poetry to the young people of the schools. It will do them good to dwell on the courage, the self-denial and the devotion manifested by those who turned this Canada of ours from an unbroken forest into the fair cultivated land that it is. They will be taught a lesson of thankfulness that they now enjoy what has been earned with so much pain and labor. Their youthful energies, also, will stimulate the older ones to greater thought and efforts of remembrance than they would exert without this incentive. It is not necessary that the events recorded should be of the heroic order. Any good story, whether of trouble or of fun, any good description of pioneer life and surroundings, may be the groundwork of the tale which is to take the prize.

Current Events.

The appointments made to fill the vacancies on the Council of Public Instruction, were announced in the minutes of the proceedings of the Protestant Committee last month. Dr. Cameron of Huntingdon, who has been so long connected with the Protestant Committee, has earned his promotion to the Council in a manner which has given satisfaction to those whom he is supposed to represent in educational matters. He has already been rewarded by the teachers, who lately elected him as President of one of their Conventions, and now, in token of their confidence in him, it is fitting that he should be enrolled as a member of the Council of Public Instruction. Professor Shaw of Montreal comes to the position to which he has been appointed with an excellent record for zeal in educational affairs; while Mr. Kneeland, as a practical teacher, will no doubt strengthen the element at the Council Board, which takes direct cognizance of the interests of the teachers and of the progress in school organization. We congratulate these three gentlemen that the country has done them the honour, and we congratulate the province that three such men have been selected for the vacancies.