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SPECIAL.

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This offer is open for December only, and should be taken advantage of *early*, as our stock of back numbers is limited.

On the memorable occasion of the official inauguration of the 27½ feet channel in the St. Lawrence, between Montreal and Quebec, on Wednesday, 7th instant, we were enabled by the courtesy of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners to secure some valuable and interesting mementoes of the event, in the shape of photographic views and groups taken especially for THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED by Messrs. Wm. Notman & Son. These we expect to begin publishing in the next issue of this journal. The following is an incomplete list of the portraits, groups and views to appear:—

Portrait of the Hon. Sir Hector Langevin, C.B., K.C.M.G., Minister of Public Works.

Alexander Robertson, Esq., Chairman of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners.

A group of the Montreal Harbour Commissioners present.

A group of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners present.

A group of Members of Parliament.

A group of the Acting-Mayor and Aldermen of Montreal.

A group of Civil Engineers.

A group of Forwarders.

A group of Members of the Press.

A group consisting of the Hon. A. W. Ogilvy, Senator; Andrew Allan, Esq., and L. J. Seargeant, Esq.; also,

Views of the SS. "Lake Ontario,"

Views of Montreal, Three Rivers, etc.

Persons wishing to secure a number of copies of the issues of THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED that will contain these engravings should give timely notice to their news-dealer or to us direct.



It looked, some days ago, as if Victoria College, Cobourg, would be blended with the University of Toronto, and the new college, in Queen's Park, for which \$100,000 have been asked and \$60,000 promised, would be pushed forward at once. At a large meeting of the Conference it was resolved to raise that balance, and confidently set forth that Victoria was going to Toronto. One enthusiastic paper proclaimed that all loyal Methodists would rally to the plan.

As we write, the news is that another song is being sung at Cobourg. The University Senate and the Alumni, at a meeting, decided against all further steps indefinitely. Mayor Clarke, of Cobourg, announced that the city, in addition to a grant of \$25,000 and twenty acres of land, would give \$1,500 a year, for five years, for a new chair. A gentleman of Toronto declared that he would give \$100,000 to \$250,000 toward maintaining the University, provided a similar sum were raised. The students sang:—

On the old Ontario's strand
Victoria ever more shall stand.

A Leipzig firm wants to buy "old pianos, not less than 130 years of age." As a piano of that venerable age cannot be heard next door, even when the windows are open, an American paper gets funny over the advertisement, quite unmindful that in Germany, more especially, it is very widely the custom to practice the pianoforte on noiseless keys, whereby the fingering can be cultivated, without the annoyance of metallic sound on the ears of neighbours. There is no worse torture than that of piano tapping.

The Mormon settlement at Lee's Creek, N.W.T., deserves a word of notice. It is made up of 125 souls, but not confined to Mormons, and will do both ranching and farming. The elders have no thought of polygamy, and will conform to the laws of the country in that respect. Since the revelation of their faith to John Smith, in 1830, the Mormons number only half a million, in Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Colorado and Nevada. Confiscation of property drove this colony into the Northwest, but there is no intention to transfer the whole church to the protection of the British flag.

Principal Grant, of Kingston, is putting to good use his holiday in Australia, making his native country known. He believes in the benefits of closer commercial relations between Australia and Canada. He points out that there is a large opening for wool, wine and some other products, while Canada could send on fish in various forms, lumber, and even some descriptions of agricultural tools. He is also a warm advocate of the cable between Vancouver's Island and Australia, and supports the right of Canada and other colonies to make special trade arrangements with foreign countries.

Herr Cohen, who lately travelled in Canada, had this to say, in an interview, at Macclesfield, England:—"You must draw a distinction between Canadians and Americans. The Canadians repudiate the name 'American,' and are proud of their connection with the Old Country. They are a most intelligent, industrious and straightforward

class of people, a high moral tone pervading their whole lives. Wherever you meet them, in their homes or elsewhere, they are most genial and agreeable in their manners, and there is a total absence of that coolness and pretension which are too often characteristic of well-to-do English people."

A great soldierly figure has gone from the British Army. Lord Lucan was in the wild charge of the Light Brigade, not the Heavy Brigade, as one or two of the Toronto papers had it. The Earl of Lucan was an Irish landlord, and his titles in the peerage were wholly Irish, but his family—the Bingham—is English. Unto the end the octogenarian general looked like a man of forty, with his flat-brimmed hat, straggling whiskers and frock coat, tightly buttoned. His cavalry seat was perfection to the last. He took great care of his meals, eating only certain kinds of food, sharply weighed beforehand.

Lucan recalls Cardigan. The latter commanded the Light Brigade at Balaklava. When the order came, through Captain Nolan, to charge, the great dragoon sat up in his saddle, tightened his bridle around his left hand, drew his sabre to attention with his right, and, as the horses started, said to those about him: "Here goes the last of the Cardigans!" But it was not so to be. He and Lucan came out unscathed from the Valley of Death, from the Mouth of Hell, and both died in their beds.

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honour the charge they made,
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble Six Hundred!

There are two bits of interesting news from Newfoundland. The first is the election of Bonavista, wherein the result, by the return of Mr. Morison, seems to point toward confederation with Canada. The second is the departure of the late governor, Sir Henry Arthur Blake—but not for Queensland, as was meant, the Imperial authorities being forced to back down before the objections of the colonists. The new governor of Newfoundland is Sir Terence O'Brien, a distinguished soldier and ruler, who has been governor of Heligoland since 1881.

The protest of the Australians against the appointment of their new governor and the acquiescence of Downing street, in the face of so much opposition, is the turning of a new leaf. Why Sir Henry Arthur Blake was not a *persona grata* to the southern colonists is a matter that concerns themselves, but the whole incident is an awkward one. Here, in Canada, we have been singularly fortunate in our Governors-General—as the names of the last four amply show—Lords Dufferin, Lorne, Lansdowne and Stanley.

The sum of \$6,000—to be halved—has been assigned for two new chairs in the Toronto University. This contribution is highly creditable to the Queen City, and its people are anxious to see that the two endowments should fall on native Canadians, instead of on outsiders, as seems to be the mind of the University authorities. Nothing could be better than this feeling. Let Ontario take after Nova Scotia. Two or three years ago the Chairs of English Language and Literature, at Kings', Windsor, and at Dalhousie, went to Professors C. G. D. Roberts, of New Brunswick, and W. J. Alexander, of Ontario, respectively.