

A Mortifying Mistake.

I studied my tables over and over, and backward and forward, too;
But I couldn't remember six times nine, and I didn't know what to do,
'Till sister told me to play with my doll and not to bother my head.
"If you call her 'Fifty-four' for a while, you'll learn it by heart," she said.

So I took my favorite, Mary Ann, (though I thought 'twas a dreadful shame
To give such a perfectly lovely child such a perfectly horrid name),
And I called her my dear little "Fifty-four" a hundred times till I knew
The answer of a x times nine as well as the answer of two times two.

Next day Elizabeth Wigglesworth, who always acts so proud,
Said, "Six times nine is fifty two," and I nearly laughed aloud!
But I wished I hadn't when teacher said,
"Now, Dorothy, tell it you can."
For I thought of my doll—and—sakes alive!—I answered—"Mary Ann!"

—ANN M. PRATT, 11 St. Nicholas.

Literary Notes.

The June numbers of *Grip* were ahead of any in point of illustration and reading matter that that periodical has ever published.

The *Mirror*, Winnipeg's society weekly, came out in a new form with its issue of July 9th. It is now divided into twelve pages.

The *Virden Advance* has entered upon its eighth year. It reports more new subscribers during the past three months than in any like period since it started.

The contents page of the July *Cosmopolitan* contains the names of twenty-two contributors, and the range of subjects discussed will suit a multitude of tastes. A midsummer number. The price of the magazine is 25 cents.

In *The Young Men's Magazine*, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, of May 15th, there appeared an excellent series of letters written by a young English emigrant descriptive of his journey to Western Canada and of his first experiences on a Canadian farm. The writer was Robert Lamont, now of Regina district.

With its number of June 15th the *London Graphic* gives a parliamentary map of Britain, showing the members returned for county divisions and boroughs—their politics and the majority of votes obtained by each. A companion map is to be issued after the general election showing the changes effected.

Among the many notices of congratulation which *THE COLONIST* received on the occasion of its entrance on the seventh year of its existence, was an especially pleasant one from *The Canadian Manufacturer* of Toronto, for which we tender our thanks. From the number which contains this notice we learn that *The Manufacturer* has just begun its 22nd half-year of existence. We take this opportunity of wishing it continued success.

THE COLONIST has been favored with a copy of the second number of *The Canadian Printer and Publisher*, the new organ of the printers and publishers of the Dominion. This publication will occupy a hitherto neglected field in Canadian journalism. It starts under most favorable conditions and if given the support which such a periodical should be given will no doubt prove an unqualified success. It is issued monthly by the J. B. McLeod Co., Ltd., of Toronto.

New York City has added another to its already long list of periodical publications. The name of this latest addition is *The Humanitarian*. Its aim as set forth in its manifesto is "to discuss all subjects appertaining to the well-being of humanity." Mrs. Victoria Woodhull Martin is its editor and Miss Lulu Maud Woodhull its associate editor. From the contents and general arrangement of this number we should judge that these ladies are fully able for the task which they have set themselves.

The broadly Canadian character of the magazine, *Canada*, appears in the current number. Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba are represented by the contributors. The subjects are varied and interesting, especially to Canadians. We should be pleased to see this intensely patriotic monthly introduced and welcomed from Atlantic to Pacific. Subscription, \$1.00. The publisher will send *Canada* to new subscribers three months for 18 cents in stamps. Address, Matthew R. Knight, Benton, New Brunswick.

The July number of the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly* opens with a thrillingly interesting story by Jessie A. Freeland, called "The Renunciation of Graham Corysteeen," dealing with a tragic and most uncommon phase of Canadian life. Mr. Frank Yeigh's excellent paper on "A Century of Legislation," is concluded, and forms in all a valuable addition to our legislative history; the article is well illustrated. The most amusing article in the number is a story, "Fooling and Fishing about Mogantic," by E. W. Sandys; it is very appropriate at the present season. We note with pleasure the reappearance of the familiar hand of "Pastor Felix;" his article, "Old Acadian School Days," is written in his happiest vein. Miss Maud Ogilvy, of Montreal, who has recently come to the front with several popular works of fiction, contributes a charming little sketch, entitled, "A Feminine Camping Party," from which we give an extract in another part of this issue of *THE COLONIST*, a paper well worth the attention of all who are fond of open-air life. "The Dominion Educational Association Convention" and "Yachting on Lake Ontario," are two well-written and richly illustrated articles; the writers are masters of their subjects and fully cover the ground. A charming poem by Miss A. M. MacLeod, and a short instalment of "Scraps and Snaps," from Mr. Crofton's pen, closes the number. The frontispiece this month is a view of Lake St. Joseph, while the supplement is an excellent portrait of the late Sir Alex. Campbell, Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor. The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal and Toronto, are the publishers, and at the low price asked—\$1 50 yearly—the magazine should have a very large support from the Canadian public.

Hudson's Bay Company.

A general meeting of the Hudson's Bay Co. was held in London, England, on July 14, when the following report of the governor and committee was laid before the shareholders:—

"The governor and committee have now to submit to the proprietors the annual accounts,

which show a profit of £26,402 13s 7d to which must be added £23,800 13s 7d brought forward last year, making a total of \$50,263 7s 2d. Out of this sum they recommend a dividend of 6s 6d per share, which will absorb £32,500, leaving the sum of £17,763 7s 2d to be carried forward.

"It is to be regretted that in consequence of the dull state of trade both at home and abroad the fur sales held in January and March brought lower average prices than those of last year. A heavy fall in the price of of beaver and musquash, and in some of the finer descriptions of furs usually bought for the Russian market, more than counterbalanced an advance in the prices of marten and mink, and seriously affected the results of the fur trade business.

"During the past year it has been decided to close several of the companies posts which were not showing good results, and where the outlook seemed unsatisfactory. On the other hand, new salesshops have been opened at Fort William, the principal Canadian point of shipment from the Northwest on Lake Superior; at Lethbridge, where the Alberta coal mines are situated, and at Nelson, in British Columbia, the centre of the important Kootenay mining district.

"Acting under the instructions of the board the new commissioner, Mr. Chipman is effecting very considerable reductions in the expenses of management, rendered possible now that improved means of communication bring many of the company's posts more under the control of the central authority at Winnipeg. It is estimated that, by changes already decided upon a reduction of £10,000 in annual working expenses will be accomplished.

"The board have given their careful attention to the question of dividing the accounts of the fur trade from those of the salesshops, and they have been able to make arrangements for separating these two branches of the company's business.

"With regard to future prospects, the accounts from many of the company's trading posts report fur-bearing animals as being more plentiful than for some years past, and there is a material increase in the volume of business at the sale shops.

"The land account now submitted shows the cash receipts and disbursements for the year ending 31st March, 1892. The receipts amount to £37,034 2s 9d as compared with £35,217 13s for the year ending 31st March, 1891, while the controllable charges set out in the present account are lower than those of the previous year. The sales during the past year have been as follows: Farm lands, 17,599 acres for \$104,501, averaging \$5 94 per acre; town lots—119 lots for \$55,025; total, \$159,526.

LONDON, July 14.—A meeting of the Hudson's Bay company took place to-day. The Hon. Sir Donald Smith presided and a large number of shareholders were present. The meeting heartily welcomed the efforts made by Mr. Chipman, the commissioner at Winnipeg, to reduce the expenses and bring the company into line of modern times. The report was adopted unanimously. The old board of directors were all elected with the exception of Sir Thomas Elridge, whose seat will be left unfilled for the present.

Deer are said to be exceptionally numerous this year in some parts of British Columbia.