

The subject of this sketch was born in London, Eng., about sixty-one years ago.

Mr. Mott is well known in journalistic circles and in the world of letters, having frequently written for the "Canadian Spectator," and the "Montreal Herald." He has been a member of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society since the 9th April 1867, and a life member since 1877 which society is justly proud of him.

At almost every meeting, Mr. Mott is in attendance ready with some interesting paper, which is universally acknowledged to be unique.

Mr. Mott is respected and looked up to as an authority on all matters pertaining to booklore. He also frequently writes to the notes and Queries of "Montreal Star," spreading light on all subjects and displaying his deep research and profound knowledge. In 1887, he was appointed Librarian of McGill University, which difficult post he fills with satisfaction to all.

We feel that we are unable to give due praise to his merits and erudition.

UNDERGROUND MONTREAL

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FOR many years past Montreal has been developing so fast above ground, that few people find much interest in speculating on what might have been underground in the old days, but fifty years ago the subject was one of more general interest, and even as comparatively lately as thirty years ago, as the writer distinctly recollects, it was a firmly held tradition among the school boys that an underground passage built during the French régime, led from the church of Notre Dame to St. Patrick's, and that an extreme measure of penance was the ascending of that passage on the knees.