

PUBLIC MEN AND PUBLIC LIFE IN CANADA

the Mechanics' Institute of Galt on "The Evidences of Design in the Works of Creation." It combined science, philosophy and religion, and excited so much interest that there was an urgent demand for its publication. Here was an opening for journalistic enterprise, but the difficulty was to get the reverend gentleman to write the lecture out, something he very rarely did, not a sermon in manuscript having

been found at his death, out of all the long and able discourses which marked his ministry.



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Keying up my courage to the requisite point to meet the august Doctor, I shortly afterwards presented myself at his house, a two-story stone dwelling still standing at the foot of High Park. Having knocked timidly at the door, the housekeeper and

servant (they were generally united in one in those days) quickly appeared.

"Is Dr. Bayne in?" I inquired.

"Oh, yes," she replied, "come in"; and, with the brusque courtesy of the period, she ushered me into the sitting room without knock or ceremony.

Here a surprise awaited me. The room was cloudy with smoke, which was enriched with an odour which could not be mistaken.