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THE MICMACS OF THE NEW DOMINION.

Oh! the children of the forest,
I can scarce suppress a sigh,
As along the crowded pavement
They pass unheeded by,
And mark the stately building,
Where the willow used to wave,
And the busy mart of commerce
O'er the honoured chieftain's grave!

The golden sun is shining,
As in former days he shone,
And the river to the ocean
Still is wildly rushing on;

But the spirit of the Micmac
Is sullen and subdued;
For had he not "Dominion"
Where *now* his steps intrude?

What though in fair "Abegweet,"
(The home upon the sea),
To rear his comic wigwam
The Indian is free?

What though a sylvan Princess
Still rules o'er "Lennox Isle,"
And savage men and maidens
May revel in her smile?

The noisy mill has banish'd
The salmon from the stream;
The cariboo has vanish'd
For *now*—like a dream!

THE TROUBLES OF CANVASSING.

Do not turn away in disgust and say that, for this year at least, we have had enough about elections. Do not fear, gentle reader, it is not our intention to afflict you with the description of a campaign through the country in search of votes; but we will beg of you patience to listen to a few of the troubles of a city campaign in search of *subscribers* to the WOLLESTOOK GAZETTE. We know well our incompetency to do justice to this subject, but yet we will try and clear away the mist which seems to obscure the minds of some gentlemen who seem to think that subscribers to such an enterprise are to be obtained as easily as pebbles on the sea shore. We would let them know that instead of, as one gentleman suggested, having thousands of subscriptions, we can scarcely see, even "with youthful ardour strained," the promise of hundreds. On one occasion a lawyer, and a gentleman of some position in the city, when requested to subscribe the paltry fifty cents required, informed the canvasser that when

his son went to the Grammar School he would take a copy; judging from the age of his son several volumes of the journal would be in existence before the paper would receive this gentleman's support. On another occasion two of us waited upon a gentleman of this city, a lawyer (who on the Mechanics' Institute platform boasted that he was the son of a Loyalist, and was one of the first to suggest a monument as the fitting memorial of the founding of this city) who refused, on the ground of his affairs being embarrassed, &c., to aid a scheme which found its origin in one of the first formed, and what we venture to predict will be the most stable, of those structures erected by the founders of this city, *i. e.*, the Grammar School. Truly a well formed excuse. If such an excuse were true why did not he avow the state of his finances when, on the platform, a gentleman of undoubted veracity accused him of having the repute of being a wealthy man. But these are isolated cases, many similar ones could be quoted, but we think these will suffice to show the want of *public spirit* which, to its disgrace be it said, exists in this the commercial capital of New Brunswick. The citizens of St. John seem, in large part, to have sunk into that lethargy of self-satisfaction so terribly injurious to the community within which it exists. And now when an opportunity is given to them to shake off the shackles of this belief, and to show to the world that the city's credit has some hold upon the inhabitants, let subscriptions be freely given to our Centennial Hall!

The editors have much pleasure in announcing that at the end of the year, dating from the issue of our first number, they will give to the person who has been most successful in discovering the answers to the Historical Questions a handsomely bound copy of "Hannay's History of Acadia." The answers to be legibly written and sent, together with post office address of solver, to W. G. P. O. Box 578 St. John N. P.

13. Who was the first person interred in the Old Burial Ground as shown by tombstones?

14. When and where was the Madras School opened and who was the first teacher?

15. Who was Joseph Pecker?

16. Who was the first teacher of the Grammar School, when and where did he die?

17. When was the first penny paper issued in New Brunswick, by whom was it published, and what was its name?

18. Who was the first Sheriff of St. John?

On Friday October 13th the Grammar School Debating Society held their last meeting in the old school rooms on Duke Street. On Friday next they will meet for the first time in the Old Fellows Hall, at the head of Chipman's Hill where they have secured a suitable room. It is the intention of this Society to have a regular Lecture Course during the coming winter.