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## GORING PAPERS.

Francis Goring came from Ireland to Quebec in 1776 with a party of artificers in the hospital ship *Speak*. His position was that of clerk to Col. Christie, Quarter Master General. He was afterwards engaged in business at Niagara, latterly in partnership with Samuel Street and James Bennett. Mr. Carl C. Fisher, of St. Catharines, Registrar of Lincoln county, a great grandson, says there are several diaries and manuscripts of Mr. Goring's among the descendants. He is making an effort to obtain them for the Archives.

## MACKLEM PAPERS.

I called on Mr. Macklem at his house in Chippewa, and was informed that he had given away his papers of historical interest. The Cummings papers had also been disposed of by the surviving representatives of the family.

In this connection it may be stated that what is to be known as the Street and Macklem Collection of Books, &c., has been presented by the families to the Public Library at Niagara Falls, Ont. The new Library there is nearing completion, and the boxes containing the books will not be opened until the building is finished and ready for use. I therefore did not have an opportunity to examine the collection.

## RYKERT PAPERS.

Mr. J. C. Rykert, of St. Catharines has a large collection of books and papers, principally of a political character, including newspaper files, scrap books, &c.

## MRS. J. J. CURRIE.

Mrs. J. J. Currie, of St. Catharines, has a large collection of copies of documents, in connection with her work, the 'Life of Laura Secord;' amongst them a manuscript diary or recollections entitled, 'Account of an Eventful Life,' written for Jennie Stovin by Elizabeth Grover, Coulborne, Ont. The reminiscences in the last mentioned book go back to 1776.

## PRINGLE PAPERS.

Mr. R. R. Pringle, ex-M.P., Cornwall, has presented to the Archives a number of valuable papers, &c., consisting of regimental orderly books, army lists, &c.

Mrs. Corbett, of Cornwall, also contributed several interesting documents which had belonged to her father, the late Judge Pringle.

## BISHOP STRACHAN PAPERS.

Mrs. Wm. McLennan, of Cornwall, has a considerable collection of letters written by the late Bishop Strachan. These are mostly of a private character.

## BERGIN PAPERS.

The late Dr. Darby Bergin, of Cornwall, for many years M.P. for that district, during his public career acquired a large collection of parliamentary blue books and political pamphlets. These were inherited by his brother, John Bergin, who died last fall. I was allowed to examine the library, and secured quite a collection of pamphlets and books for the Archives.