

DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

Men and Women from the Maritime Provinces,

Whose Achievements Shed Lustre on the Land of Their Birth.

NO. 12—ESSAYS, BELLES LETTRES

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Countess Ella Norralkov, the adopted daughter of William Walton of St. John, who married a Russian nobleman, Count Adolphus Norralkov, now deceased, has contributed to Lippincott's Cosmopolitan, Ledger, Independent, Harper's, and Youth's Companion. In collaboration with her husband, she translated several volumes of Count Tolstov's shorter stories and she also undertook a work on Nihilism and the Secret Police.

Prof. J. F. McCurdy, a native of Chatham, N.B., has written a great deal on linguistic, Biblical, archaeological and historical subjects in American and European periodicals, and was translator and editor of the commentaries on the Psalms and on Homer in Lange's Commentary, and editor of the Commentary on Heggel. Dr. McCurdy is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and also studied at Princeton Theological Seminary and the Universities of Leipzig and Gottingen. He is professor of Oriental languages at Princeton. In addition to his other work, he has edited the Life and Work of the Rev. Dr. J. Macdonnell, E. D.

President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell, a native of Prince Edward Island, is distinguished not only as an educationalist, but also as a philosopher and writer. Among the profound products of his logical mind are "Kantian Ethics and the Ethics of Evolution"; "Ethical Import of Darwinism"; "Belief in God, Its Origin, Nature and Basis"; and "Agnosticism and Religion."

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One of the best known writers and controversialists in Nova Scotia of this decade is R. R. MacLeod of Brookfield, Queens Co., N. S. He studied at Horton Academy and at Harvard and was a Unitarian minister in Chippewas, March for a time. He retired from the ministry and studied law and is a member of the bar of Maine and Colorado. He spent some years studying the geology and natural history of Mexico, but returned eventually to the land of his nativity, and is now engaged in gold mining. He has written many parts, being well informed on many of the curious as well as the more practical departments of knowledge and is a giant among the intellects of Nova Scotia, and is just such a man as the colleges should not overlook but should honor.

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Carman is a native of Fredericton, and an honor graduate and medalist of the University of New Brunswick. He studied at Edinburgh and Harvard universities, and read law for two years. Since 1890 he has been literary editor of the Independent, and has also edited the Canadian Cosmopolitan and the Atlantic Monthly, and in 1894 established the Chap Book (Chicago).

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wrote a clever book of verse, "Green-ade and Other Poems," that drew words of commendation from Longfellow. Among others in these provinces past and present who have won some distinction in practical composition are: Hiram Ladd Spencer, Mary E. Herbert, Sarah Herbert, Clotilda Jennings, John Le Page, Elizabeth Lockery, Dr. A. H. Chandler, James Hammy, Thomas Hogg, William Murdoch, George Frederick Cameron, Rev. M.R. Knight, Mary Barry Smith, P. S. Hamilton, Irene Elder Morton, John McPherson and K. C. Tapley. Murdoch and McPherson were two of the finest of Scotch-Canadian poets. Spencer has written some things that thrill with rapture, such as "A Hundred Years to Come," which should live while poetry lives. Cameron gave promise of a brilliant career as a poet, but was cut off at the early age of 33 years.

Moses H. Nickerson is one of the most remarkable men in Nova Scotia. He never attended school a day in his life, but before he was twenty years of age he was a proficient linguist in Latin, French, Greek, Hebrew, German and Italian. He was well acquainted with the literature of all these languages, and is also at home in many other departments of learning. All his life he has followed the vocation of fishing at Shelburne, on the north shore of Nova Scotia, but has found time to write a great deal for the press and to edit the Coast Guard Journal. Fishing is a lonely occupation, but it affords opportunity for contemplation, and his soul and his song have found expression in a volume of "Carols of the Coast," which is one of the gems of Nova Scotia literature. W. G. M.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS.

MOUNT STEWART, P. E. I., Jan. 3.—The I. O. F. gave a grand social and concert in their new hall, which proved a decided success financially.

Robert L. Coffin of Dalhousie College passed his Christmas holidays here, the guest of Dr. Thomas Messier.

William N. Douglas, while fishing here, struck a large ship anchor, supposed to be the one lost by a large brigantine on her way from here to Charlottetown. He is raising it on to the ice.

The Scott Act is being vigorously enforced here.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Thomas Campbell died on Friday last, aged 38 years. She was much respected and loved by all. She leaves a husband and one boy and three girls to mourn.

On the 30th ult., the Rev. W. J. Kirby married Wallace A. Field of this city to Charlotte May McLean of the same place.

Melinda Webster confessed to a violation of the Scott Act, before Stipendiary Magistrate at St. Peter's, a few days ago, and the usual fines were imposed.

On the 10th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, widow of the late Stephen Higgins of Cove Head, died, aged 84 years.

On Thursday Rev. W. H. Smith was inducted into the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Summerside. A public reception was accorded the new pastor at the same night.

The police records for the past year shows the total number of cases tried as 417, of which 262 were drunkennes.

The fire record was 23 calls, four of which were false alarms, thus making 19 fires during the year.

Court Woodburn, I. O. F., has been opened at St. Eleonors with the following officers: P. C. R. H. Montgomery; C. R. J. H. Crosswell; W. C. R. Herbert; Howard; rec. sec., W. D. McIntyre; fin. sec., Fred W. Cameron; treas., Thomas Andrews; orator, D. A. Pickering; S. W. C. E. Clark; J. W. Jarvis; B. Tanton; S. B. Geo. D. Tanton; J. B. P. H. Cannon; C. D. H. C. R. M. Linkletter; court physician, Dr. C. A. McPhail.

On the 21st ult., Mrs. Betsey Woodside died at Malpeque, aged 87 years.

On the 1st inst., Miss Adelia M. Burke, daughter of the late Jas. Burke, died at Southport, aged 24 years.

The marriage of James B. Bernard of Irishtown and Jane Bernard of Baltic took place on the 26th ult. at Baltic, lot 18, the Rev. J. M. Fisher officiating. On the same date and by the same clergyman, George Gordon of Montrose and Margaret Ramsay of Hamilton were united in marriage.

The members of King William Lodge, L. O. L. of Kingston, have decided to build a new hall.

Bethel lodge, L. O. L., No. 1485, reports the following officers from Wellington: W. M. P. S. Ryder; D. M. C. Meauslin; chap. J. Birch; R. S. S. Fowler; F. S. F. Pyke; treas., W. Balles; D. C. W. Allen; lecturer, S. Day; committes, F. Allen, J. Brooks, J. Balls, J. Ferguson and J. McLane.

Court Petral, I. O. F., of Tyron, had a supper and entertainment on Monday evening, after which the high secretary installed the following officers: P. C. R. H. J. H. Watt; C. R. Charles Dawson; V. C. R. Rob. Currie; rec. sec., J. D. Wright; fin. sec., Thomas McNeill; treas., James Dawson; orator, William Farran; S. W. M. C. Quigley; J. W. Albro Howatt; S. B. Charles Large; J. B. Ike Levine.

At the liberal convention in Summerside, Tuesday, R. C. McLeod declined the nomination to contest the Prince county by-election, and Alexander Campbell was chosen and accepted.

The St. Lawrence lodge, No. 8, I. O. O. F., installed its officers on Monday as follows: Noble grand, W. C. Whit-

lock; vice grand, W. A. Martin; rec. sec., John Kennedy; per. sec., J. J. McKinnon; P. G.; treas., R. Ratray; P. G.; cond., J. T. Martin; ward., J. W. Stewart; I. G., J. F. Whear; P. G.; O. G., Geo. Pearson; J. G., chap., L. S. N. G., W. B. McLennan; P. G.; L. S. V. G., James Frazer; P. S. S., Joe Kennedy; L. S. S., W. K. Bearist; organist, Ernest Hill. The noble grand entertained the lodge at an oyster supper after installation.

The Rev. D. Price, Baptist minister, of Tyron, was presented with a valuable fur coat last Friday evening.

Edgar Smith, teacher at Canoe Cove, was presented with a leather travelling case on the eve of his departure from that section.

Miss Mary Bearisto of Freetown was presented by the young people of the place with a purse containing a handsome sum of money, in recognition of her services as organist of the Presbyterian church of that place.

Alpha Rebekah Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., installed the following officers Tuesday night: M. E. Eeery; V. G. Ada Goldin; P. G., Maggie Brown; R. S. N. G., Lena Horne; L. S. N. G., Ida Edges; R. S. V. G., Mrs. A. W. Mitchell; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Isaac Lane; chaplain, Mrs. Waterman; conductor, Mrs. G. B. Henderson; I. G., Miss Emma Robinson; O. G., Mrs. A. J. Hale; wardens, Laura Peters; recording secretary, Eva St. C. Harris; per. sec., Gertie McKie; organist, Jessie Bruce.

The policemen have been supplied with comfortable new overcoats.

A young library's jewel club was organized in the Foresters' hall at Freetown on Saturday.

The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held last night in the First Methodist church.

On New Year's day Father Burke was presented with a handsome pair of parkifenders, and a handsome \$100 furnished order trimmed coat.

Bishop McDonald solemnly set apart for divine worship, on New Year's day, the new church at Fifteen Point dedicated to "Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

At St. George's lodge, L. O. L., last night, the following officers were elected, viz.: W. M., J. Hamill; D. M., A. Newberry; rec. sec., E. N. Younker; chaplain, Harry Crosswell; fin. sec., D. McKinnon; treas., W. C. Wood; D. C., J. Jordan; lecturer, T. Wood; S. B., E. C. Hayes; J. E. A. Wadman; physician, A. McNeil M. D.

Yesterday Frederick Gardner of this city died, aged 30 years.

A basket school at Little York last week netted \$40 towards the repairs of the Methodist church at Pleasant Grove.

Court Gladstone, A. O. F., elected its officers last night, as follows: C. R., W. K. Bearist; Sub. C. R., L. Kolb; P. C. R., D. McLane; treas., J. A. Lawson; secy., R. D. Kennedy; S. W., N. J. McLeod; J. W., O. Roberts; St. B., E. C. Hayes; J. E. A. Wadman; physician, A. McNeil M. D.

BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK The earnings of the Bank of New Brunswick last year after expenses were \$30,627.79, less that after paying two last year's dividends of six per cent. each the Bank was able to increase its balance at the end of the year and loss from \$29,800.25 to \$75,619.04—making the reserve of profits \$75,619.04. This is a splendid showing for a comparatively quiet year of general business. The general statement for the year 1888 is as follows:

LIABILITIES: Capital stock \$500,000.00; Notes in circulation 440,449.00; Bills of exchange current 24,638.23; Balances due to other banks 64,296.24; Cash deposited, but not cleared 549,013.19; Cash deposited, bearing interest, including interest to date 1,407,706.97; Rebate for unearned interest on bills discounted 25,000.00; Dividend No. 100 20,000.00; January, 1889 20,000.00; Rest 1,000.00; Total 2,529,044.94

ASSETS: \$5,203,827.87; Dominion notes \$230,467.00; Specie 121,247.23; Bank circulation, redemption fund 24,688.00; Notes and cheques of other banks 27,821.00; Balances due from other banks 391,230.57; Bill of exchange, current 24,638.23; Loans and bills discounted 7,762,176.05; Bonds and stocks 130,844.00; Banking house 20,000.00; Total 5,203,827.87

Profit and Loss Account for Balance at credit of profit and loss, 31st Dec. 1887 \$29,800.25; Profits for year 1888 458,818.79; deducting charges of management and all expenses except interest 1,012,138.70; Less taxes, 200.00; Net profit 1,489,269.34; City 8,510.00; Total 1,497,779.34

Approved as follows: 1888 on \$500,000, 30th June, 1888 \$300,000.00; 1889 on \$500,000, 31st December, 1888 30,000.00; Total 330,000.00

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VERY ANCIENT GRAVE STONE.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Roma correspondent of the Daily News says: "A discovery most interesting to scholars has been made in the excavations of the Roman forum—nothing less than the celebrated block of stone marking the spot where, according to legend, Romulus should have been buried."

Birmingham university will add a \$250,000 school of brewing to its departments.

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The wedding pre-ous and costly. The bride was from England. They had

ST. MARY'S DAY. Spencer's le- on Christmas day, and was engaged in

business at the time of the fire. He was in the

of Canning, and other