



OUR MONTREAL LETTER.

From Our Special Correspondent.

The series of remarkable demonstrations which have followed Lord Strathcona's recent visit to Canada culminated at the Montreal Board of Trade on Friday, Nov. 16, when a body of his fellow countrymen, remarkable alike in number and quality, offered him the unique honor for a Canadian of erecting a statue to him in his lifetime. The offer was accepted by His Lordship, and another year will witness the erection of this reminder of our greatest citizen. The story of Lord Strathcona's life forms one of the most remarkable and instructive pages in the annals of contemporary history, as was well said at the Board of Trade by the Rev Dr Barclay. From his lonely post in the Labrador, he went forth to assume the highest position of commercial and political activity in the great North-West, and since then there has not been a province from the Atlantic to the Pacific that has not seen and felt the wholesomeness of his life and the generosity of his heart. Everybody joins in the accord of praise, and who could over-estimate a man who erected and endowed a hospital, established schools and colleges, and at a moment's notice equipped and sent out an army, and all this without the slightest breath of ostentation. Nearly eighty years of age and full of well won honors, he stands to-day unique among men, as eager as ever for humble toil and heavenward duty with a heart ever kinder, with sympathies ever broadening, with a mind keyed to the highest pitch of statesmanship, and with all the gifts and character, indeed, which truly raise one man above another.

Our home-coming boys from South Africa have met with a great reception from Halifax to Vancouver, and Montrealers were not the least in the quality of their reception. Banners waved, drums beat and trumpets blew ('Ta-ra-ra, Tan-ta-ra!') and every man Jack of us shouted ourselves hoarse in our efforts to show our brave lads how proud we are of them. They deserve all the honors that we can shower upon them, for nothing has enlarged the appreciation of Canada in the so much as their gallant conduct. Because of their brave deeds the name of Canada has been shouted far and wide.

The petition of Mr. Frederick J. Smith and Dame Emma Stewart, testamentary executors of the late Mrs. T. H. Harrison, asking that a liquidator be appointed to wind up the business carried on by the deceased lady and Messrs. F. G. Rowe and M. R. de Merle, under the firm name of Hearn & Harrison, opticians, the partnership being now dissolved, has been granted. Mr. John Hyde, who has been appointed liquidator, will carry on the business, which is one of the oldest of its kind in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hemsley have returned from their summer cottage at Pointe Claire to their home at 399 Clarke Avenue, Westmount. Mrs. Hemsley took a prominent part in the proceedings inaugurated by the ladies for the entertainment of the volunteers who returned from South Africa recently.

Messrs. A. T. Wiley & Co., art chinaware, etc., Montreal, have obtained a charter.

The lockets which were presented to the Ottawa and district volunteers who served in South Africa were very artistic.

On the obverse side is the royal shield in raised colored enamel, with a circlet bearing the inscription "For duty to Queen and Empire;" this in turn partly encircled by raised gold maple leaves, and the whole surmounted by the figure of a beaver in gold. On the reverse side, in raised gold, is the city's crest and motto "Advance," and beneath this are engraved the recipient's name and the date of presentation. The lockets, numbering 180 were made by Mr. A. Rosenthal, and cost \$8. each. The next of kin of those who fell on the battlefield will each receive a locket.

Mr. R. J. E. Scott, chief time superintendent of the C.P.R., accompanied by Mrs. Scott, was a recent guest at the Hotel Frontenac, Quebec.

It is a circumstance worthy of noting that there were no jewelry failures in Canada in the month of October.

George Baillie, a journeyman watchmaker of Montreal, drank five ounces of methylated spirits one afternoon last month and came pretty near to shuffling off his mortal coil. George is 65 years of age and lived at 19 Sussex Avenue, but he wanted a booze even worse than many a younger man, and failing spirits of the usual flavor, wine or beer, he determined to heat his boiler with naphtha. He was taken to the General Hospital in an ambulance and pumped out and subsequently he was dosed with some anti liquor specific. He thinks that he will be able to satisfy his cravings for mixed poisons with wet groceries in future.

The new clock now in full working order at St. George's Church, Montreal, was made by Messrs. Gillet & Johnston, Croydon, Eng. and the tubular chimes were supplied by Messrs. Harrington & Latham, Coventry, Eng. There are four musical cylinder, each embracing seven tunes, one for every day in the week. Among the selections are the following.—

No. 1 cylinder 'Thou whose almighty word,' 'There is a blessed home,' 'The minstrel boy,' 'Jesus shall reign,' chimes in key of C; 'Above the clear blue sky,' 'Sun of my soul.' No. 2 cylinder 'Hark the sound of holy voices,' 'Kelvin grove,' 'Jesus, the very thought is sweet.' Set of changes on eight bells in key of D. 'Blue bells of Scotland,' 'As pants the harp,' 'Pleasant are thy courts above,' No. 3 cylinder—'Hark, hark my soul,' three changes on eight bells. Key of C, 'Christ is our corner-stone,' 'Vale of Avoca,' 'Morn of morns,' 'In token that thou shalt not fear,' 'Christ is gone up. No. 4 cylinder 'Jesus Christ is risen to day,' 'God save the Queen,' 'The harp that once through Tara's halls,' 'See the conquering hero comes,' 'Canadian boat song,' 'O come all ye faithful,' 'Home, sweet home.' The clock and bells, the whole the gift of Mr. A. F. Gault, have been placed in position at a total cost of about eight thousand dollars. The mechanism is of the most perfect description and the hourly music of the bells gives great delight to all who hear it.

Mr. Chas. Lavellee, a working jeweler of Montreal, recently disappeared, much to the distress of his wife. He has not been fully employed this year and left for New York to work for a firm which had formerly employed him. Taking with him ten dollars only, he left for New York by the Delaware and Hudson train. His wife saw him depart and that is the