

and reflections. When we state that these "Waifs" cover a period of more than sixty years of an active and useful life, that (apart from purely literary themes) they treat of persons and events that had become historical before most of our readers had seen the light of day, that they deal with situations so diverse as the Quebec of Lord Gosford's commission and the Quebec of the Jesuits' bill, and that they touch, always with point yet never without good humor and good taste, on questions of politics, of society, of letters, pay tribute to living and to dead friends, bring into line the aspirations of two great races, and while loyal to mother England are no less true to Canada, for which he wrote an anthem that Lord Dufferin pronounced excellent, we have said but a tithe of what we might say about these "Waifs" and their venerable and patriotic author. May we have the privilege for years to come of hearing or reading what the fulness of his heart may prompt him to say or to sing!

NOTE.—The foregoing article from the *Montreal Gazette* of the 27th January, 1891, is of course not my work nor do I know whose it is, though I have a guess. No copy was sent me, and I saw it first in the Reading Room of the House of Commons. But it is so ingeniously and well written and in so kindly a spirit towards me, that I cannot help inserting it, and feeling proud of it.

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