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Loyalist Literature.

MR. JAMES HANNAY'S article on "The Loyalists," in the current number of the New England Magazine, is, we believe, the first detailed paper on the subject from a Canadian writer that has yet appeared in the American press. While the literature bearing on the Revolution has been so large as to be practically beyond reckoning, almost every phase of the struggle being exhaustively treated, it is singular to note how little has been written on the expatriation of such an enormous number of the inhabitants of the country, including so many of talent and influence. Of all American writers on their national history—and no branch of the literature of that country has received so much attention from skilful pens—the late LORENZO SABINE has alone devoted an entire work to the subject; while the newspaper and magazine articles on it have been few, and of little historic value. The published collections and transactions of the many historical societies throughout the Republic have occasionally given meagre records of certain events of the movement; but compared to its acknowledged importance these amount to little or nothing. It is pleasing, therefore, to note that a scholarly and impartial sketch of the Loyalist settlement in New Brunswick has at last appeared in an influential American magazine; a periodical which does not confine its scope to historical topics, and therefore enjoys a wide circulation. Few events in history admit of more picturesque treatment than does this; and it is to be hoped that MR. HANNAY'S paper will lead to fresh interest and to more literature on the subject.

The Toronto Belt Railway.

The question of rapid transit from the centres of city life to the suburbs is one of the most important ones of the day, affecting, as it does, so many matters of vital interest to citizens, especially those of limited income. The old days of narrow streets, absence of ventilation and drainage, and similar matters inconsistent with health are past; but until a comparatively short time ago dwellers in our larger cities had few opportunities for the enjoyment of the pleasures of country life. With the great extension of railway facilities in recent years, men are being enabled to attend to their business in town while having their homes perhaps many miles away; but this has been only partially true about Montreal, the large stretches of country lying at the back of the city being practically inaccessible as far as train service is concerned. Toronto is markedly ahead of Montreal in this respect, in the possession of a Belt Line Railway, now almost completed; it will completely circle the city and bring the residents of every suburb within a few minutes' ride of the Union Station. The experience of all large cities shows how successful such lines have been, not only to

the projectors, but to the city at large. The temporary check to values experienced by holders of property in the older parts of the town, has been found in all cases (in progressive communities) to disappear in a short time; while the increase in worth of lands in the outskirts of the city has been enormous. But these, in a general sense, are minor points compared with the inestimable benefits which accrue to the middle-class wage-earners and their families from a good suburban service. Low rents, fresh air, and all country privileges near at hand, take the place of small, stuffy houses on busy streets; and children grow up stronger and healthier, less precocious, perhaps, but none the worse on that account. The Toronto Belt Line will have the advantage of the best of skill and management, being under lease to the Grand Trunk Railway for 40 years; and Torontonians are to be congratulated on the near prospect of such ready access to suburban homes.

The Manipur Outrage.

The details recently received of the Manipur outrage, and of the barbarities inflicted on the unfortunate officers who fell into the hands of the natives, have aroused a deep feeling of anger throughout the British nation, and a determination to see that the offenders are quickly brought to justice. That retribution will come to them soon goes without saying. No native power has yet murdered British subjects but has felt, sooner or later, the heavy hand of the nation which has subjugated the vast territory of British India, and which year by year continues to expand. It is scarcely credible that any nation could, in the light of history, act in so suicidal a manner as have the Manipurese. The punishment of the guilty wretches who ordered the atrocities will probably be of the most severe type; to be blown from the mouth of a cannon, as in the old Mutiny days, would be a too mild of a recompense for such torturing murderers. The false clemency that did so much harm in South Africa and Egypt within the last ten years is not likely to be repeated by the present administration, whose foreign policy is one of vigour and expansion. To the Manipur nation the act will, there is every reason to hope, result in its extinction as a independent power, and its incorporation in the British Empire, which is without doubt destined to absorb all the smaller states bordering on its East Indian possessions. To the relatives of the murdered officials, retribution on the guilty individuals and the annexing of the country to British India may be but poor consolation; but it is the most that can be offered. Whoever may have blundered, death, and the cruel way which it came to the victims, should efface any error that possibly has been made.

Note Extension of Time in PRIZE COMPETITION.

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6th—Stories on Canadian subjects are preferred.

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QUESTIONS.

FOURTH SERIES.

- 19.—Give particulars of a new railway mentioned as likely to be undertaken by the Russian Government?
- 20.—What comparison is made with a noted encounter mentioned in one of Captain Marryatt's novels?
- 21.—What feature of Canadian life is said to be specially noted by strangers?
- 22.—Where is mention made of the famous struggle between Char-nisay and La Tour?
- 23.—Give name of a blind lady who has recently passed with high honours through a university and mention one of her chief accomplishments.
- 24.—Who was the author of "Quebec Vindicata" and give a brief sketch of his life.

NOTE.—All the material necessary for correctly answering the above questions can be found in Nos. 131 to 147 of the "Dominion Illustrated," being the weekly issues for January, February, March and April.