

ing the accounts of a hardware store, and very smart at private marks and abbreviations of entries, from a needle to an anchor, but judging from the book before us, it seems a pity that, at his time of life, his attention should have been diverted from his legitimate pursuits, to dabbling with the accounts of a great Joint Stock Company.

We are sorry that we cannot recommend the

book, except it be to those who hate the Grand Trunk Railway for the love of hating it, and who are delighted at every "tilt bid" of slander they can lay hands upon. To all such, Mr. Brown's book will prove a sweet morsel. But no indifferent man, possessed of reasoning faculties, will be led astray by this undignified and spiteful production.

MITCHELL'S CANADA GAZETTEER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR 1864 AND 1865.

The following portion of our review of this costly and unreliable work, was unavoidably thrust out of our last number. We commend its perusal to all parties interested in a faithful Directory for this Province.

Out of quite a number of illustrations which could be furnished, we will select the village of Cote St. Paul, near Montreal. The population is described in this so called Directory as about 150. Eight hundred would have been much nearer the mark. Out of that number we are favored with 26 names and no more. Of these 26 persons, 6 are described as Hotel-keepers, a fact quite new to the residents of the village. It is true there are a few Groggery Groceries of the very lowest grade, but the close proximity to Montreal dispenses with the necessity for Hotels, and there are none except one Temperance Hotel.

We have two persons represented as Beef and Pork picklers, but so far as we know, the packing is confined to the regions of their digestive organs, where neither beef or pork are warranted to keep very long.

This marvellous business (?) Directory, describes a "Dayton, Wm. and Bros. Coopers," and a "Payton Brothers, lumber merchants," but what passing stranger would understand these two several firms to represent the well-known establishment of Paxton and Brothers. Then there is Mr. Higgins the largest Axe Manufacturer in Canada. He is represented as a village councillor, which he is not, also, a livery stable keeper. The latter appellation must surely be intended as a bit of satire on the famed Axe maker, who does not happen to display any pride in horse flesh, but contents himself with the ownership of an old screw, which would be all the better if anyone of his four legs were sound, and a little repairs could be done to his wind-pipes. As for his "livery stable keeper," a honester and better-hearted fellow than "John" never draw breath, but the universal regret is, that he lacks an arm and a limb.

For a business Directory to describe Mr. Higgins as a village councillor and livery stable keeper, instead of an axe maker is simply ridiculous. Mr. John Gilmore, of the augur factory is represented as an "edge tool maker." Mr.

P. Dunn is described as a "J.P. and village councillor," but not a word is said concerning his extensive Nail Factory. We always thought that we had considerable Shovel and Scythe Factories, also rather a noted Bell Factory, but of course these are little matters beneath the notice of this business (?) directory. Amongst the oldest and most respectable inhabitants we have a Mr. Grant, whose name, together with a few others, that appeared in Lovell's Directory of 1857 are dropped in this new enrolment, but these gentlemen are neither dead nor sleeping, notwithstanding the fact that their names are blotted out of the book of this said Mr. Mitchell's remembrance.

The name of the Landed Proprietor of the greater portion of this important village, is all but ignored, some of his day-labourers being placed on an equal footing.

Then, out of these 26 names furnished to the public some are "bogus" firms conjured up in the imagination;—for instance, we have the firm of "Hache, Pelles, Fay and Cloy," "founders and machinists." In reference to this said firm of Hache and Co. we beg to say that the old Toronto hen will have to sit a long while on her eggs before this firm is hatched, for we are quite sure that all the four eggs are as saddle as the pate of the party who furnished this description of Cote St. Paul.

But last though not least, the veritable writer, has in his wisdom fixed one Rev. Lacanux Marcilin a Roman Catholic priest, as a resident amongst them, although neither he or any other priest resides in Cote St. Paul, and the gentleman named is located several miles distant.

It is quite clear that the person furnishing the above details must have drawn his inspiration from some of the six Ram Holes which he places in such bold relief, and that one of the Cote St. Paul wags must be enjoying a practical joke thus played off upon his neighbors and so well carried out under the influence of the whisky bottle.

Canada was presented with a reliable Directory, published some seven years back, and notwithstanding all the changes which have since occurred, in the main it is almost as accurate for the present year, as the one before us.

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BY EDWARD HARTLEY DEWART.

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