

DR. T. G. RODDICK, of this city is visiting Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. He received a most cordial and gracious welcome from the people of the town which is honoured by being his native place, from which he has been absent about 35 years.

There are few men in the medical, or indeed any profession, more highly esteemed, beloved and honoured than Dr. Roddick. His fame is not limited to this city or Canada. A few years ago he was elected president of the British Medical Association, which honour had not previously been conferred on any one outside the old land. This occasion was marked by a visit of the association to Montreal, being the first time it had held its annual meeting elsewhere than in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Roddick is Dean of the Medical Faculty of McGill University. His talent is not limited to his profession as was shown by his taking a leading part in the proceedings of the Federal Parliament where he most ably and successfully represented an important ward of this city. His constituents heard with the deepest regret that professional duties would prevent him continuing to serve as their member.

Our friend, Dr. Roddick occupies an enviable position in the field of medicine. He has hosts of friends and admirers who are as proud of his eminence and of his fame as those of his native town naturally are.

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THE GARDEN PARTY tendered by the City of Montreal to H. S. H. Prince Louis of Battenberg and officers of the cruiser squadron was an unqualified success. The day was perfect. The panorama seen from the top of the mountain and the magnificent display of flowers in the civic garden made a most beautiful spectacle. Few places in the world can show such lovely, such artistically arranged flower beds as are seen in this city. Here and there in England, as at Chatsworth and Sandwick Park, are fine floral displays, but no richer than those open to the public in this city.

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THE RECEPTION ON THE MOUNTAIN.—The citizens of Montreal turned out on the 23rd inst. to participate in the reception of Prince Louis. Their enthusiastic desire to greet him and be greeted in return subjected our distinguished guest to a very trying ordeal through which he went most gallantly and cheerfully. For over two hours the Prince stood shaking hands with all who desired. His manner was most gracious, for every one the Prince-Admiral had a pleasant smile, and many little children he affectionately greeted.

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THE MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS are still having little differences over the erection of sheds. Press reports of their meetings are so amus-

ing as to relieve the dullness of the season. They meet, they talk, they exchange pleasantries, they adjourn, they meet again and the routine programme is repeated with, occasionally, slight variations.

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THE QUEBEC STOCK TRANSFER TAX is daily proving more burdensome, obstructive, complicated and so embarrassing to the stock exchange business that sooner or later this tax must be abandoned.

Signs are evident that cities are showing hesitancy in accepting Province of Quebec stocks or securities. If the Quebec Government wishes to tax stock brokers, let them do so, but they ought not to destroy their business and injure the financial interests of this city and province as is now done by the stock transfer tax.

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BANK AMALGAMATION SCHEMES are less discussed but not wholly abandoned. It is to be hoped that the natural ambition of a few persons will not lead to measures being consummated for which there is no valid reason, and which are not likely to promote the banking interests of the Dominion, or enlarge facilities for transacting banking business.

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COBALT, ONT.—This new settlement is attracting much attention, and there, as in other speculative ventures, many are making investments. Some will make money, but a larger number will part with it and never again see it, or their money's worth.

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MAYOR DUNNE, CHICAGO, of municipal ownership fame, is kept busy explaining why he changed his mind regarding civic control of city services. He is well advised in not seeking to carry into effect what would prove to be a costly and wasteful experiment.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

THE CANADIAN ANNUAL REVIEW, 1904, BY J. CASTELL HOPKINS, F.S.S.—This is the 4th year of issue of this Review, which we trust is a good omen for its continuance.

The work is illustrated by 30 portraits of the leading public men in Canada, including those of Lord Minto and His Excellency the Governor-General. A list of the "Canadian Books of the year" gives the title, the names of the author, and publishers of 130 books published in Canada last year, 17 being novels and romances, 12 poetry, 30 history, politics and biography, 9 works of reference, 20 monographs and pamphlets, with 6 miscellaneous. Such a list indicates there being a considerable degree of literary talent in Canada and shows no small amount of enterprise on the part of Canadian publishers.

"The Review" comprises a very valuable synopsis