

entertainment, and the fashions are the same as in England. Dress is fully as much attended to as in London; and many of the fashionable sprigs who exhibit themselves in the streets of Halifax, and indeed in lesser towns in America might even in Bond Street be said to have arrived at the *ne plus ultra* of dandyism."

The year 1828 saw also the most famous of all "dandy" novels, Lord Lytton's "Pelham," so mercilessly chaffed by Carlyle and the wits of Fraser's Magazine. It was the "Age of Dandies." McGregor continues:

"The amusements of Halifax are such as are usual in the other towns in the North American provinces; in all which, assemblies, pic-nics, amateur theatricals, riding, shooting, and fishing form the principal sources of pleasure.

"The markets are abundantly supplied with all kinds of butcher's meat and other eatables;.... The fish market is the best supplied of any in America. I have heard it said, of any in the world. Fishes of different kinds, and of excellent quality, are brought by the boats fresh every morning from the sea, and none else is suffered to be exposed."

II.

For 157 years Halifax has had a garrison of British regulars. Almost every famous regiment on the Army list has lain in Halifax barracks, and many famous officers, from Wolfe and Sir John Moore, the hero of Corunna, to Captain Hedley Vicars. British officers are, in the main, as fine types of manhood as can be found; but there are also curious exceptions. One was Captain Moorsom of the 52nd, which was here in 1830, with the laurels still fresh which it won in the Peninsula and at Waterloo. If Captain Moorsom was not the original of Lord Dundreary, or