

DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

Men and Women from the Maritime Provinces,

Whose Achievements Shed Lustre on the Land of Their Birth.

NO. 10.—FICTION.

Canada is still too young to aspire to the dignity of the possession of a distinctive national literature of any proportions. Canadian literature is still in its infancy, but no doubt the seed is being sown that will have its fruition in productions that will find their place among the world's choicest literary creations.

It is a matter of gratification for the people of the lower provinces to know that much of the most notable work by Canadians has been the product of the minds of their brothers of these provinces. This statement can be made with all truth and modesty, and it only requires a glance at the names of some of our literati to see that they embrace many of the most prominent Canadian authors of the past and present.

No Canadian has been identified to address so large an audience through the medium of the art preservative as Judge Halliburton, the inimitable "Sam Slick."

Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts is known chiefly as the poet laureate of Canada, but he is a writer of rich versatility, and whatever he touches blossoms into the full bloom of the most ornate and eloquent expression.

Mr. J. MacDonald Oxley, a Halifaxian, is able to satisfy the taste for adventure of tens of thousands of young Americans with many a story of stirring deeds and times.

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caught the popular fancy and then other Sam Slick books followed. "The Attache," "Wise Saws," and "Nature and Human Nature." His other works include "The Letter Bag of the Great Western," "The Battles of Canada," "The Old Judge," "The Season Ticket," "American Humor," "Americans at Home," and "Rule and Mistle of the English in America."

Another Canadian whose popularity as a writer of fiction was not circumscribed by the limits of his own country was Prof. James De Mille. He wrote quite a number of novels, and though they are now numbered among the thousand creatures of a day that are written to order, read by many thousands, laughed and cried over for the minute, and then cast aside and forgotten, yet they displayed qualities that betokened the ability to produce something of more permanent value.

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on many subjects to leading reviews and magazines. Mr. Oxley resides in Montreal and is manager of the Sun Life Assurance company.

Miss Marshall Saunders, daughter of Rev. Dr. Saunders of Halifax, has written the most widely read and talked of book probably ever produced by a Canadian. "Beautiful Joe" has attained a circulation of over 200,000, and in a minor way has a reputation akin to that of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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of New Brunswick, wrote a life of Sir John Macdonald, and an exhaustive work entitled Canada Under the Administration of Lord Lorne. He also wrote other lesser works, and contributed to the magazines historical articles, sketches and stories. George Stewart, the distinguished Canadian litterateur, who spent his youth in St. John, has written a history of Canada under the administration of the Earl of Dufferin, and contributed to Justin Winsor's "Narration and Critical History of America" a valuable monograph on Frontenac and His Times. Robert Christie, a native of Windsor, N. S., who was prominent in public life in Lower Canada in the crisis of 1837 and later, and was an adherent of the conservative cause, wrote several works on the history of Lower Canada, including a history of the province from 1791 to 1841, in six large volumes.

Among others who have made important contributions to historic knowledge in the past may be mentioned Beaumont Murdoch, Judge Halliburton, T. B. Akins, J. W. Lawrence, Dr. Geo. Patterson, and others. Of fields may be mentioned His Grace Archbishop O'Brien, Rev. G. W. Hill, Rev. T. Watson Smith, D. D., Judge Savery, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Dr. W. F. Ganong, Jonas Howe, Clarence Ward, Lt. Col. Baird and others.

The study of economics and government is allied with that of history. The one interprets the other and the two go hand in hand. Sir John G. Bourinot stands pre-eminent among Canadian writers on the science of government. His work on Parliamentary Procedure and Practice is a recognized authority on the subject, and is at the elbow of every commoner in England as well as Canada. His Manual of the Constitutional History of Canada is a standard college text book. His Local Government in Canada was published in the Johns Hopkins University studies in Historical and Political Science. He has also contributed valuable historical and politico-economic monographs and all characterized by great research and brilliancy of treatment. The most distinguished critics have pronounced him to be the leading authority on Canadian constitutional questions from their historic point of view. He has in preparation an elaborate essay on the Loyalists. For his distinguished services as a constitutionalist and publicist, he was knighted in 1898 by Her Majesty.

Sir John Bourinot is a native of Sydney, Cape Breton, where he was born 62 years ago. He was educated at the University of Trinity College, Toronto, was parliamentary reporter for a while, editor of the Halifax Reporter, shorthand writer in the senate, second clerk assistant in the house of commons, first clerk assistant, and in 1880 was appointed chief clerk in the house of commons, which position he now fills. He had been previously identified with the Royal Society of Canada, Royal Colonial Institute, and Statistical Society of London.

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Simon Newcomb, the celebrated astronomer, a native of Nova Scotia, devoted himself somewhat to political economy. His works on this department of knowledge include "A Critical Examination of our Financial Policy during the Rebellion," "The A. B. C. of Finance," "A Plain Man's Talk on the Labor Question," and "Principles of Political Economy."

Rev. B. L. Whitman, president of Columbian University, Washington, a native of Wilmet, N. S., is the author of a syllabus of the principles of ethics and a syllabus of sociology.

The late Hon. John H. Gray, some time premier of New Brunswick and afterwards chief justice of British Columbia, wrote a valuable two volume history of confederation, dealing with the period from 1864 to 1871.

John MacGregor, a prominent British political economist, was of Scotch birth, but was brought up in Prince Edward Island. When a young man he was sent out to the colonies and entered a commercial house in Charlottetown. He became prominent in the affairs of the island and sat in the legislature for some years. He returned home, and in 1847 was elected to the commons from Glasgow. Among his writings are: "Historical and Descriptive Sketches of the Maritime Colonies of British North America," "Emigration to British America," "Commercial and Financial Legislation of Europe and America," "American Discovery from the Times of Columbus," "Germany and Her Resources," and an uncompleted "History of the British Empire from the Accession of James I." He took an active part in the free trade controversy and was a prominent Cobdenite.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. THE GUN WAS LOADED.

DAUPHIN, Man., Jan. 3.—Wm. Hubbell of Havelock, Ont., was instantly killed by Harry Cole on Monday night at Sifton's lumber camp, near Carleton Place. Cole pointed a loaded gun at Hubbell in fun, the gun went off and the charge passed through Hubbell's heart. Cole is only nineteen years of age. Hubbell leaves a wife.

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