

nothing ascetic about it—as old Mr. De Gaspé has shown. Me thinks, I can recal, a bevy of the choice literary spirits of the time, discussing after night-fall, over their mellow old Port or London particular Madeira, the stiving phases of primitive colonial life, on the old rock. There sits, at the head of the social board brimful of science and anecdote, the eloquent and genial city member (1) Andrew Stuart, the father of the late Chief Justice Sir Andrew Stuart—close by, Dr. John Charlton Fisher, an Oxford graduate and a refined gentleman of the old school ; Adam Thom, an elegant writer, who lived to be a Judge ; grave Faribault, witty Vallières de St. Real, Lt. Baddeley, R. E. destined for early promotion as a General ; he is to take charge of the chapter on gealogy, whilst Dr. Fisher will clothe in pure idiomatic english the incidents, which Andrew Stuart will procure from the public librairies and other reliable sources.

For a city with a population of 30,000, in 1834, Quebec could count a fair proportion of cultured men, among whom several bright names in literature or science pleasantly occur.

Capt. (later on admiral) Henry Woolsey Bayfield who had already won laurels as a hydrographer ; Chief Justice Jonathan Sewell above all. One cannot omit recording the presence, in 1834, of the following barristers, politicians, scientists and eminent merchants : Amable Berthelot Dartigny, M. P. P., George B. Faribault, a zealous antiquary ; the patron of popular education Jos. Frs. Perreault ; Col. Joseph Bouchette, the historian and statist, and his genial son, Robert Shore Milne, conspicuous as a patriot in 1837. Hy. Black, Vallières de St. Real, Thomas Cushing Aylwin, Sir N. F. Belleau, George Vanfelson, Jos. N. Bossé, Wm. King McCord, Jean Thomas Taschereau, Hon. F. W. Primrose, R. E. Caron, Pierre Laforce, A. W. Cochrane, Gus. Wicksteed, Louis Gagy, distinguished lawyers and nearly all, later on, wearing the ermine ; Garneau, the historian, Revd Dr. Harkins, Bishop Chs. J. Stuart, Jos. Hamel ; Randolph Routh, Hy. LeMesurier, Sir John Caldwell — eminent merchants : Wm Kemble, Ed. Quebec *Mercury*, Hon. John Neilson, M. P. F., the Nestor of the Canadian press ; Daniel Wilkie, Hon. Dominick Daly, R. d'Estimauville, Judge Burton, Revd. Jerome Demers of the Quebec Seminary, an acute thinker.

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(1 Solicitor-General Andrew Stuart expired, at Quebec, in 1840.