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SONG OF A VIVANDERE.

(Before the battle of Vittoria.)

Bid the shrilling trumpet rise,
Let the martial haut-boy tell
Our triumph to the wondering skies,
Bid the notes of music swell!

Let Europe's echoing kingdom hear,
From cottage thatch to palace dome,
Sounds of dread and tones of fear;
'Tis Gallia's host, they come! they come!

Moscow stoops, and Prussia yields,
Lusitania crouches low,
Conquest wastes Italia's fields,
Spain has rued the fatal blow.

Britain trembles in her isles,
Trembles at the victor's name—
Vanquish'd nations wait his smiles,
Sing the hero's deeds of fame.

SCENE.

I'll fared the day on Gallia's side,
Her eagle wept his fallen pride,
Ambition heard the fatal knell
That rang o'er her departing spell;
'Twas then, where rose a gilded fame,
She saw but a deserted plain,
Her hand that grasped an empire's chair,
Held nothing but the yielding air,
The song that flattered round the throne
Was drowned in the Frenchman's groan,
And Spain, the crushed, discerned on high
Britannia's star of victory!

W. S. (1813.)

* The writer of the foregoing lines (Capt. Wm. Swabey, R. H. A.) was present with his troop at the taking of Copenhagen in 1807, and subsequently at the battles of Ciudad-Rodrigo, Salamanca, Vittoria, (where he received a bullet in the knee), Toulouse, and Waterloo. He survived the final triumph of the British arms over Napoleon Bonaparte nearly fifty-seven years, and died in England in his eighty-third year, February, 1872.

To the Editors of the WOLLESTOCK GAZETTE:

Sir,—I am sorry to be obliged to say that, in my opinion, the Trustees of "The Grammar School" do not take sufficient interest in the comfort of the present generation of scholars, in regard to the provision of suitable chairs, desks and other furniture for our use. The desks we now occupy are too low for comfort, and are not at all suitable for a senior class. Most of the furniture appears to have been procured second-hand, and is not likely to hold together much longer, in fact every few days some part of it gives way. During a visit I recently paid to the "Girls High School" in the Victoria building, I was surprised at the comparatively handsome furniture used in that department, and I think, Mr. Editor, that it would be only justice to give us as good, for is not the Grammar school supposed to be the "top of the ladder" as regards public schools in St. John.

I think, and I am sure you will agree with me Mr. Editor,

that "The Board" might afford to give us better materials to work with, which would correspond in some degree with the fine rooms we now occupy.

Yours truly,

A SUFFERING STUDENT.

To the Editors of the WOLLESTOCK GAZETTE:

Sir,—Can you tell me what has become of the petition which was to be presented to the Common Council for the purpose of having a hill set aside for sledding. The winter has now passed, and the petition which started out with so much noise, has to all appearances been allowed to drop. However, the sledding has been as good as the average this winter, which must assuredly be some consolation to Chief Marshall, who was said to be favourable to the petition.

C OASTER.

The editors have much pleasure in announcing that at the end of the year, dating from the issue of our first number, they will give to the person who has been most successful in discovering the answers to the Historical Questions a handsomely bound copy of "Hannay's History of Acadia." The answers to be legibly written and sent, together with post office address of solver, to W. G., P. O. Box 578, St. John, N. B.

43. Where was Charles de St. Etienne de La Tour born, and where did he die?
44. Where was the "Coffee House Corner," St. John, N. B.?
45. When was the City of St. John established by Royal Charter?
46. When was St. John made a free port?
47. In what year was Partridge Island Light House destroyed by fire?
48. Into how many lots was the City of St. John originally divided?

AN ARTIFICIAL SUN.—The most powerful artificial light in the world has just been constructed by Messrs. Chance Bros. & Co., at Smethwick, near Birmingham, England, for the South Head Lighthouse, near Sydney, New South Wales. It is a first order dioptric, revolving light, with the electric arc. The lamp has a special arrangement of prisms for securing vertical divergence of the beam. It is over six feet in diameter, and the height is about nine feet, and it is said to be the first time such dimensions have been applied to illuminate by the electric arc. The lamp has a power of about 12,000 candles in the focus of light, and the margin beam has a luminous intensity exceeding 12,000,000 candles. The light will give flashes around half the horizon at intervals of a minute, and will make a complete revolution every 16 minutes. On an average, the light will be visible at a distance of 40 to 50 miles. At an exhibition of its power recently given at Smethwick, the light was so intense that it could hardly be endured by the naked eye.