

tual activity among the students. Public interest and appreciation are shown by the representation of the Town and County Councils on the Lecture Committee, which also includes representatives of the Board of Education, the Literary Society, the Athletic Association and the four forms of the Institute. The season's course began on December 14 with a lecture by Hon. Geo. W. Ross on "Undercurrents in Canadian History." Mrs. S. Frances Harrison (Seranus) has chosen as a subject "Canadian Scenery: Its Influence Upon Nationality." Mr. Benjamin Russell, M.A., D.C.L., of Halifax, will lecture on "The Seamy Side of Democracy," and the course will close with a lecture by Hon. Thos. Chase-Casgrain, of Montreal, on "Law, Lawyers and Law Practice in Quebec." These courses have given the people of Lindsay the advantage of contact with the thinkers of the Dominion and most active participants in our public affairs, and the influence is by no means confined to the Collegiate Institute. The brochure contains portraits and brief biographical sketches of the lecturers, with enlightening dates and other relevant information.

The Right Hon. Sir Donald Alexander Smith, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, High Commissioner for Canada, in London, was born in Morayshire, in Scotland, in 1820. He received his education in a parish school, and entered the service of the Hudson Bay Company in 1839. Promoted step by step he became a Chief Factor. Subsequently he became resident governor of the company, and its chief commissioner, a position he still holds. He came into public notice in connection with the settlement of the Red River Rebellion in 1869,

which he managed with great tact. He represented Manitoba in the local legislature and in the Dominion parliament for many years. He is a Queen's Privy Councillor of Canada, has frequently received the favor of the Queen, has been connected with industrial and railway progress in Canada for a generation, and his gifts to Canadian institutions of charity and learning, with other benefactions, have made his name justly famous.

"The Canadian Pacific Railway would have no existence to-day, notwithstanding all the Government did to support that undertaking, had it not been for the indomitable pluck and energy and determination, both financially and in every other respect, of Sir Donald Smith.—Sir Charles Tupper, 1897.

The latest department of work to be established in Dartmouth College is a teaching agency, to aid Dartmouth alumni in securing suitable positions. The names of all alumni who are teaching will be recorded, and the specific work of the department will be to ascertain their precise qualifications. This will furnish a bureau to which schools may apply, and secure men of the qualifications which are needed to fill their vacancies. Such a department will certainly find a field.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian High Commissioner, was installed December 18 as lord rector of Aberdeen University. He met with a demonstratively cordial greeting from the students. In his rectorial address Lord Strathcona dealt with the unity of the Empire. He referred to the gratifying growth of the Dominion of Canada, the federation of Australia, and the similar federation of South Africa, to follow the war. The speaker did