

sity was not unexpected, for it has been known for some time that he was likely to receive the appointment. Hosts of Dalhousians throughout Canada will congratulate Prof. MacGregor on his appointment, but will also regret the severe loss Dalhousie will suffer in his removal. The Edinburgh chair carries with it a salary of £2,000.

Nearly all the asphalt which is used in the streets of our great cities comes up from Venezuela. There are other deposits in Judaea in Siberia, and in Mexico, but nowhere is the asphalt so easily accessible as in the wonderful asphalt lakes of Venezuela and Trinidad. The lake on the mainland is about 1,000 acres in extent, that in Trinidad about 115 acres. Both are in a semi-fluid state. They may be walked upon, but it does not do to stand still in one place. If a man went to sleep on the surface he would be swallowed up during the night. Carloads of the material are taken out every day, but as fast as a hole is made a fresh supply oozes in, so that the surface of the lakes is always fairly even. Soundings have been made to the depth of 200 feet and no bottom reached. The pure asphalt is too soft to be used as paving. It appears in our streets mixed with sand and powdered limestone.

The monument to the memory of Laura Secord consists of a shapely shaft of granite, rectangular in shape, some seven feet in height, resting upon a base of the same material. Upon three sides of the shaft are polished shields bearing inscriptions cut into the

stone, that on the front, which faces the Lundy Lane monument, being as follows :

"To perpetuate the name and fame of Laura Secord who (on June 23, 1813) walked alone nearly twenty miles by a circuitous, difficult, and perilous 'route to warn a British outpost at De Cew's Falls of an intended attack, and thereby enabled Lieut. Fitz-Gibbon, on the 24th of June, 1813, with 49 men of H. M. 49th Regiment, about 15 militiamen and a small force of Six Nation and other Indians, under Captains Dominique Ducharme and William Johnson Kerr, to surprise and attack the enemy at Beechwoods (or Beaver Dams), and after a short engagement, to capture Col. Boerstler, of the United States army, and his whole force of 542 men, with two field-pieces. This monument, erected by the Ontario Historical Society from contributions of societies, the 49th Regiment, military organizations, schools, and private individuals, was unveiled 22nd of June, 1901."

This is the first public monument erected in Canada to the memory of a woman. The occasion of its unveiling was made all the more interesting by the presence of several relatives of the heroine of Beaver Dams.

At the meeting of the Eastern Teachers' Assn. at Souris, F.E.I., Inspector McCormac announced that he had received a cheque for \$250 from Lord Strathcona to purchase flags for the schools in the eastern inspectorate. He also made the pleasing announcement that a manual training school would be established in the inspectorate before the close of the