

### Canon Smith on Historians.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—The Rev. M. J. Ryan, D. D., Ph. D., is an old and valued friend of mine. He is a Newfoundland of whose acknowledged worth and literary ability every "son of the soil" may well feel proud. All of his writings that come my way and especially the article in the Newfoundland Quarterly are read by me with the greatest interest. They are generally the first things in that publication that I read, well knowing before I read them that the reading will be most attractive and interesting and that the perusal will well repay me for the time spent upon it. I am particularly interested in Father Ryan's last contribution to the Quarterly—especially in that part of it in which he deals with the historian Lord Macaulay, and King James II.

One matter to which Doctor Ryan especially calls public attention, and of which he would have us take notice is the fact that historians are not infallible. That they one and all profess to profess such strong feeling for some one view of the things that they record as to make it impossible for them to be impartial judges therein, or to give any but a one-sided representation of them to the public. This caution is much needed at the present day, and the learned doctor deserves our best thanks for having given it. For this, unfortunately, is an age when most people are in too great a hurry to think, and are therefore apt to "jump" at conclusions without taking time to weigh the pros and cons in connection with the subject brought to their notice. I read at all, they read some favorite author whose views appear on the surface to coincide with their own crude conception of what history ought to be, and they swallow his sayings holus bolus. As to digesting them—they never think of that. I may be rank poison, but they swallow all the same and only find, when perhaps it is too late to take an antidote, that they have been poisoned. Some smart writer pens something that even by the extraordinary manner of its presentation attracts attention, and just because it is smart and nothing better, it is, by the unthinking, received as gospel truth.

I take it what the Rev. Dr. Ryan would have us do is to read all history that is worth reading no matter by whom written. Then to weigh all that we have read and form our own opinion of it, aided by such other information; for instance, from state papers; for instance, from state papers and other reliable documents.

It is true that there are some valiant people who would fain pose as cynics. They think that to be cynical and throw doubt upon everything is to place themselves upon a plane higher and more intellectual than other people. For such people history has no instruction that they think worth having. It is all false and foolish—a pack of lies. That it is only fools who take any interest or place any faith in it. No notice need be taken of such people. In number they are comparatively few; and in mind they are but inflated jack asses—devout believers in their own braying, but in nothing else.

There is another kind of people many in number, who declare themselves to be "utilitarians." Some of these people are cranks. Their utility is only apparent to themselves; the public doesn't believe in its existence. But the greater number of so-called utilitarians are not of this stamp. They are sincere in their profession, and as far as that goes merit our respect. All the same, they are mistaken in their view of things. Their cry is, "Don't talk to us of the 'musty past.' Tell us of something that will meet present day need. Show us how to make two blades of grass grow where one only has hitherto been present, and how a single stalk of wheat can be made to produce a threefold measure of corn." Well, to obtain this information they must apply to a genuinely scientific agriculturist. But a scientist knows well that in order to cure an evil, or to remove a hindrance to progress, he must trace the evil or hindrance right back to its source and origin. In a word—study its history. And that history may be either of brief or lengthened duration. He has to do the same thing, viz., study its history. If he would improve or make more productive that which is already good and in a measure fruitful. He will

not only want to know how the soil has been marred by man's bungling in its cultivation, but also what was its condition as virgin soil; was it covered with trees or was it prairie land. Was it originally mud at the bottom of a great lake or what? Did volcanic upheaval have anything to do with bringing it to the surface? or was the process by which the soil became fit for cultivation gradual, extending throughout ages of time? To obtain this knowledge he must study geology. The geologist is one who studies very ancient history indeed—the oldest that the world knows. If any one digs into the "musty past," the geologist does so to a certainty. Ah! my utilitarian friend, if you would be equal to your title and therefore genuinely utilitarians, you too must study history and dig deeply into the musty past. Otherwise you will find yourself entirely "behind the times," and being so, able to bring no assistance whatever to ministering to present day need. My worthy friend, can you tell me how it was that a hundred—and even as late as eighty—years ago every settlement of importance in Conception Bay, Bell Isld. and Portugal Cove included, was a veritable paradise in reference to the fruitful gardens it contained. Not only did these gardens abound in fruit-bearing currant, gooseberry and raspberry bushes, but they were also well stocked with equally prolific fruit-bearing cherry, apple and plum trees. I remember that all this fertility had not altogether disappeared, though on the decline as late as fifty years ago. Are things so now? If not, are they worth revival?

If during the past forty years Newfoundlanders in general had taken the interest they ought to have done in the history of their native land, and especially in that part of it which deals with Newfoundland trade and fisheries, Newfoundland would have suffered nothing by that.

On the contrary we should have gained much thereby. We should certainly have learned how it was that up to the close of the 18th century the shipping to market from our shore of a cargo of badly cured fish was a thing unknown to Newfoundland history. Further, we should long ere this have realized and taken steps to prevent its recurrence—to physical health, if not actually also to morals, of permitting our women and especially our young girls to work in the fish stage; and more especially of the (to them) horrible cruelty of even permitting, much less compelling, them to "barrow" fish.

I must postpone comment on Macaulay and King James II, until I write again. To speak of those just now would be like introducing King Charles's head to your readers' notice, with no Aunt Betty present, as David Copperfield, to regulate matters, and keep them within due bounds.

Yours faithfully,  
WALTER R. SMITH.  
Portugal Cove, July 20, 1912.

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### On Second Thought.

BY JAY E. HOUSE.

Names elude us so easily. Who was that clever fellow who described the male quartette as a musical organization of three men and a tenor?

A good many men work hard and unremittingly and achieve no distinction other than that of living to be more than 70 year old.

Baseball makes some progress. There was a time when the best shortstop in the world wore side whiskers. If a sixteen-year-old girl attracts you it is all right to eat her. But do not, under any circumstances, marry her.

A credulous man is one who accepts the theory that a boll is worth five dollars to its owner.

If you know a good recipe for making raspberry jam, keep it to yourself. Do not let it be said of you that you held a grudge against the world.

When the man to whom you are telling the story becomes restive, that is no sign it is a poor story. It merely is an indication that he wants to tell a story himself.

The average woman remembers her wedding day for another reason. It was the last time she rode in a hack.

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House Dresses, in Check Gingham, for **\$1.26**, former price \$1.80.

Exquisite White Lawn, all over Embroidery and Voile Dresses, from **\$2.90 to 5.00**, worth from \$4.00 to \$8.50.

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The renting of the third flat of the building has affected the Crockeryware Department, thus we are compelled to CLEAN UP the remains of this department—

### Crockery and Glassware, Etc.,

and other ODDS and ENDS are now thrown out on the counters, to be got rid of in the next two weeks, among these ODDS and ENDS are Very Many Useful Articles.

### Remember These Things Must Go

and to help them out we have made some very deep cuts in prices.

Glassware, etc.	Crockeryware.	Pictures, etc.
During this sale	During this sale	meet their fate
One Third to One Half Off.	One Half Off.	Under Half Price.

**BOOKS, etc., are vanishing at next to nothing prices.**

It will certainly be to your advantage to visit this CLEAN UP SALE, as such Low Prices were never before offered.

Don't think it over too long but jump at this chance of **Saving Big Money.**

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### Solway's Report.

The S. S. Solway arrived at Lewisporte at 1.45 p.m. yesterday. Her report was as follows:—Left Humbermouth at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Thursday and Friday W.S.W. winds and thick fog. Fishery very poor in the Straits except at Blanc Sablon, and Bonne Esperance, where they are doing fair. Saw "Home" crossing Straits from Cook's Hr. to Battle Hr. Saturday at 4 p.m.

### Sagona Sailed.

The S. S. Sagona when the dry dock was dried out yesterday afternoon, was examined by Lloyd's Surveyor. Beyond a slight indentation to one or two plates forward there was nothing wrong with the ship nor were repairs necessary, and she resumed her voyage at 4.30 p.m.

### Oporto Market.

Stocks (Nfld.)	17,450	13,270
Consumption (Nfld.)	2,400	2,650
Stocks (Norg.)	7,250	13,150
Consumption (Norg.)	6,050	5,350
Stocks at Vienna	115	250

Four crews of amateurs are now in training and it promises to be the best race for the day.

## Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram.

TOKIO, July 22. The condition of the Emperor is hopeful. He continues to improve hourly.

Special to Evening Telegram.

PHILADELPHIA, July 22.

A body of a man lashed to a spar, with fingers grasping ropes, was sighted floating in the ocean about seventeen miles from the scene of the Titanic disaster by the British steamship Hudson, which just arrived here. The body was unrecognizable. In addition, the Hudson reported the presence of a great quantity of floe ice in the direct path of the northern steamship lines. When the spar was sighted, two bergs were floating nearby.

Special Evening Telegram.

MEXICO CITY, July 22.

According to reports which have leaked out, the number of passengers in the second class coaches on the train which was attacked by Beha-fistas, between here and Cuernavaca, Saturday, and were burned to death when the rebels set fire to the train, is more than sixty killed and many wounded. In the assault it was reported that 30 second class passengers were shot down, but it is now said that only nine were shot and the rest perished in the flames.

Special Evening Telegram.

LONDON, July 22.

Churchill, in introducing the supplementary naval appropriations for five millions of pounds this afternoon, said the direct cause of the increase of expenditure for the navy would be found in the new German navy law, the main feature of which was to increase in striking force, ships of all classes. The effect of the new German navy law would, he said, be that nearly four-fifths of the entire German navy would be maintained in full and permanent commission, and instantly ready for war. The first lord continued: "Such preparation is remarkable so far as I am aware, and finds no example in previous practice of modern naval powers." Churchill then announced the British shipbuilding programme of the next five years, saying that five battleships were to be constructed next year, and four in each of the following years.

Special to Evening Telegram.

DUBLIN, July 22.

The nearly completed consumption sanitarium, under construction at Lagan Village, seven miles west of this city, under the auspices of Lady Aberdeen and the Women's Council Health Association, was demolished to-day by irate dwellers in the vicinity. The mob, armed with ropes and pick-axes, first tore off the roof and then threw down the walls, leaving nothing but debris. The inhabitants displayed hostility to the scheme since its inception.

### The Also Rans.



I doff my hat to the famous men who bask in the sun and thrive; but as I watch them frolicing by I shed a tear and I heave a sigh for the fellows who don't arrive. So many dreamers have dreamed in vain, so many persons are full of pain and grief in this human hive! So many started with hopes sublime;—but the ladder broke when they tried to climb, and the fellows did not arrive. I see great thinkers and gifted bards a-sweating around in the railway yards, and pity them as they strive; they too had dreams of the deathless bays, and they wrote their prose or enchanting lays, but somehow, did not arrive. There are Miltons reaping the farmer's crop, and down in the village blacksmith's shop I've counted some four or five; their souls are full of the singer's fire; they scorn the forge and they love the lyre, but somehow they don't arrive. Alas, alas, for the souls that yearn, for those who must from their visions turn, and into affliction dive! Alas for those who would trot along the glowing peaks of the hills of song, and simply cannot arrive!

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### Storm at Battle Harbor.

A message received from Battle Hr. last evening stated that a strong S.E. gale was prevailing, and, as a result, much damage was wrought. From Battle Harbor to Blanc Sablon all the local fishermen's gear were more or less damaged and fishing operations will be hampered for the next few days. It is said that the extent of the damage will be more serious than at first thought.

## Here and There.

The best variety of post cards in the city at Stafford's Drug Store.—July 18, 11.

A WEDDING.—Mr. Hedley Garland operator at the Postal Telegraph office, is to be married to-night.

NEW SILVERWARE.—Handsome new designs, best makes, just opening, at Trapnell's, 197 Water St.—July 18, 11.

RAINING ACROSS COUNTRY.—Yesterday and last night it rained hard along the railway line, and it was very cold at some places.

SMALLPOX PATIENTS.—The Bennett family who are at the Signal Hill Hospital suffering from smallpox, are doing well and no serious developments are apprehended.

Householders in need of dry kindling can have their wants supplied by calling 'phone 317, Horwood Lumber Co., Ltd., who will furnish it in car load lots, delivered.—June 27, 11.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS.—Mrs. Henry Wells, an old and respected resident of Three Arms, Notre Dame Bay, was stricken with paralysis on Monday, July 16th, and is not expected to recover.

ST. THOMAS'S PICNIC.—On Thursday the St. Thomas's Sunday School picnic will be held at Smithville, where the children will be conveyed by carriage from Canon Wood Hall.

NOTICE.—I am authorized by the St. John's Mechanics Society to inform the public that the Mechanics Club have no connection whatever with the Society, J. A. LAHEY, Hon. Sec.—July 23, 11.

AT GROAIS ISLAND.—Fishermen at work at the Groais Islands writing to firms here say that the fishery for traps has been good there for several weeks past; hook and line men are also doing fairly and a good fishery is assured.

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AT S. A. CITADEL.—Sunday a Memorial Service will be held in the S. A. Citadel for those lost in the Erna and other ships lost during the year. A large attendance is expected and a collection will be taken up for the Marine Disaster Fund.

PLEASURABLE OUTING.—The employees of the Ropewalk yesterday held their annual outing at the Octagon. They left here at 10 a.m., and though the day was wet thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A dance was held at night, and the return was made at 2 a.m. to-day.

NOTICE!—Mr. J. Burnstein, the Pioneer American Ladies' Tailor and Furrier, left by this morning's train to spend a few days fishing up country. He will return at the end of the week, when, with his usual promptness, he will make good for his few days absence.—adv. 11.

FISH STRIKING IN.—The E. N. E. winds which have prevailed of late it would seem are driving the cod shorewards. At Blackhead yesterday the traps did very well, the same applying to Flatrock and other parts of the shore. On the Southern Shore yesterday there was a good sign and traps did very well at Witless Bay.

INTERESTING REGATTA PROJECTIONS.—The Harbor Regatta project, this year promises to be more interesting than its predecessors and it is likely will take place about August 14th on Lady Lake. It will be held under the auspices of the H. G. Volunteer Fire Brigade and a large number of crews will be offered.

LOST IN ERNA.—Mr. Edward Byrne of the West End sustains a serious loss in the loss of his son Edward who went down in the ill-fated Erna. The deceased was a fine able young man, well-known and liked in the city, and was a brother of Messrs. John and Jas. Byrne of the Fire Department. Two sisters also survive him.

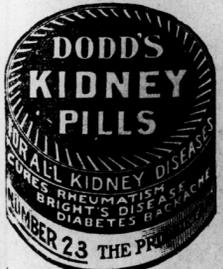
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There are thousands of women with harsh, faded, characterless hair, who do not try to improve it.

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