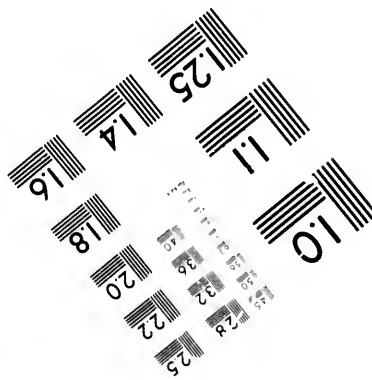
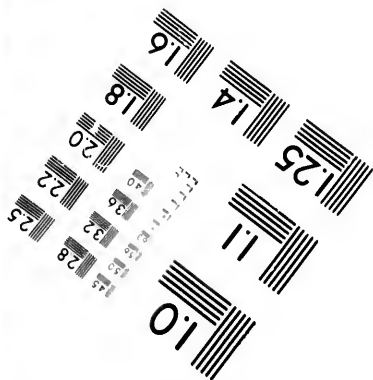
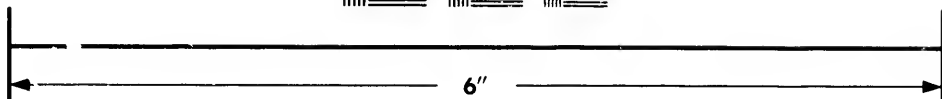
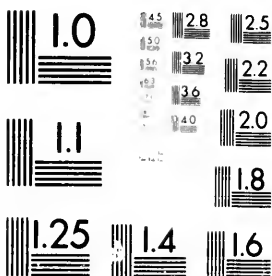


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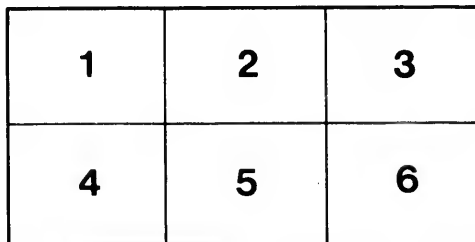
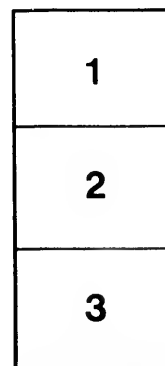
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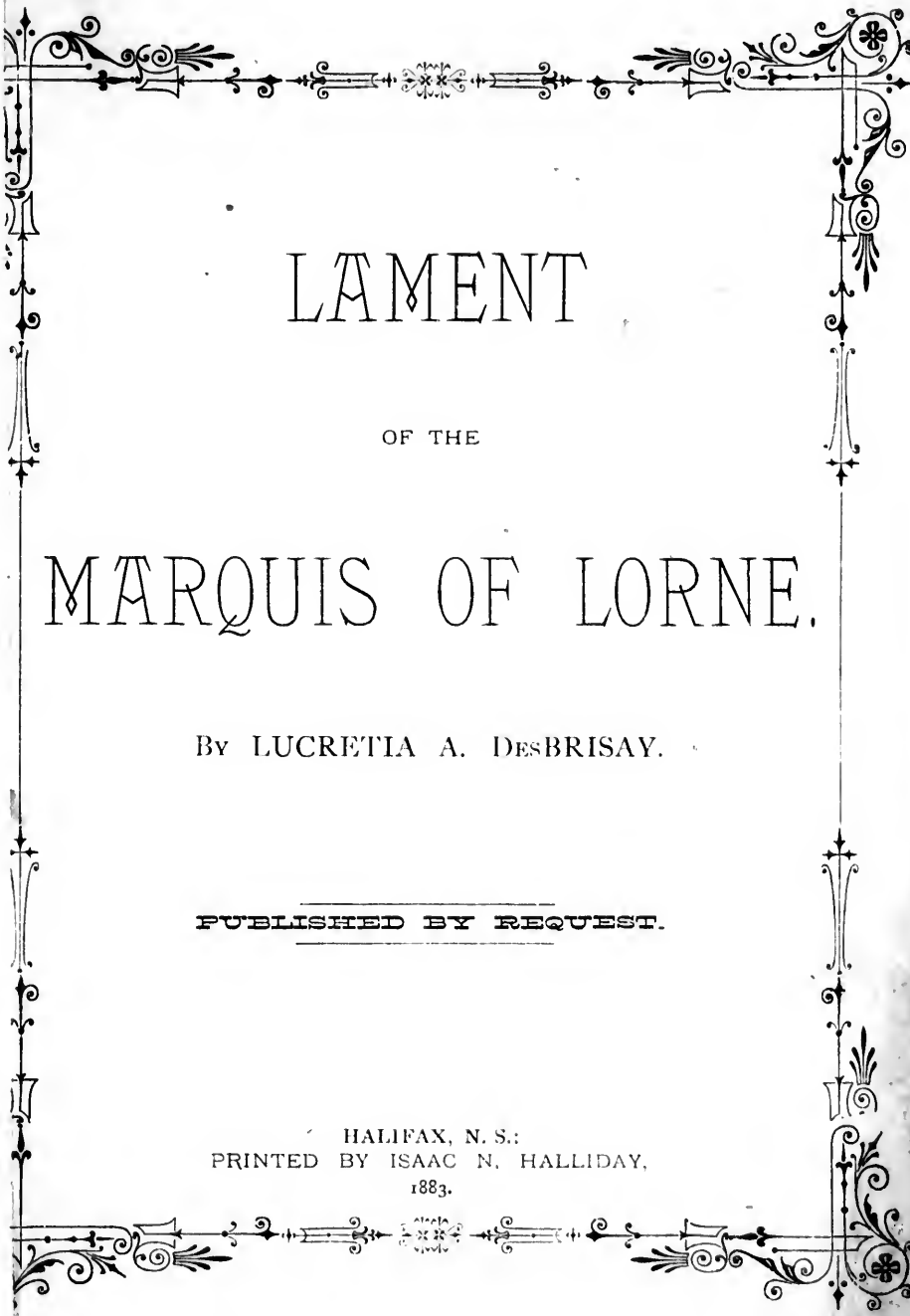
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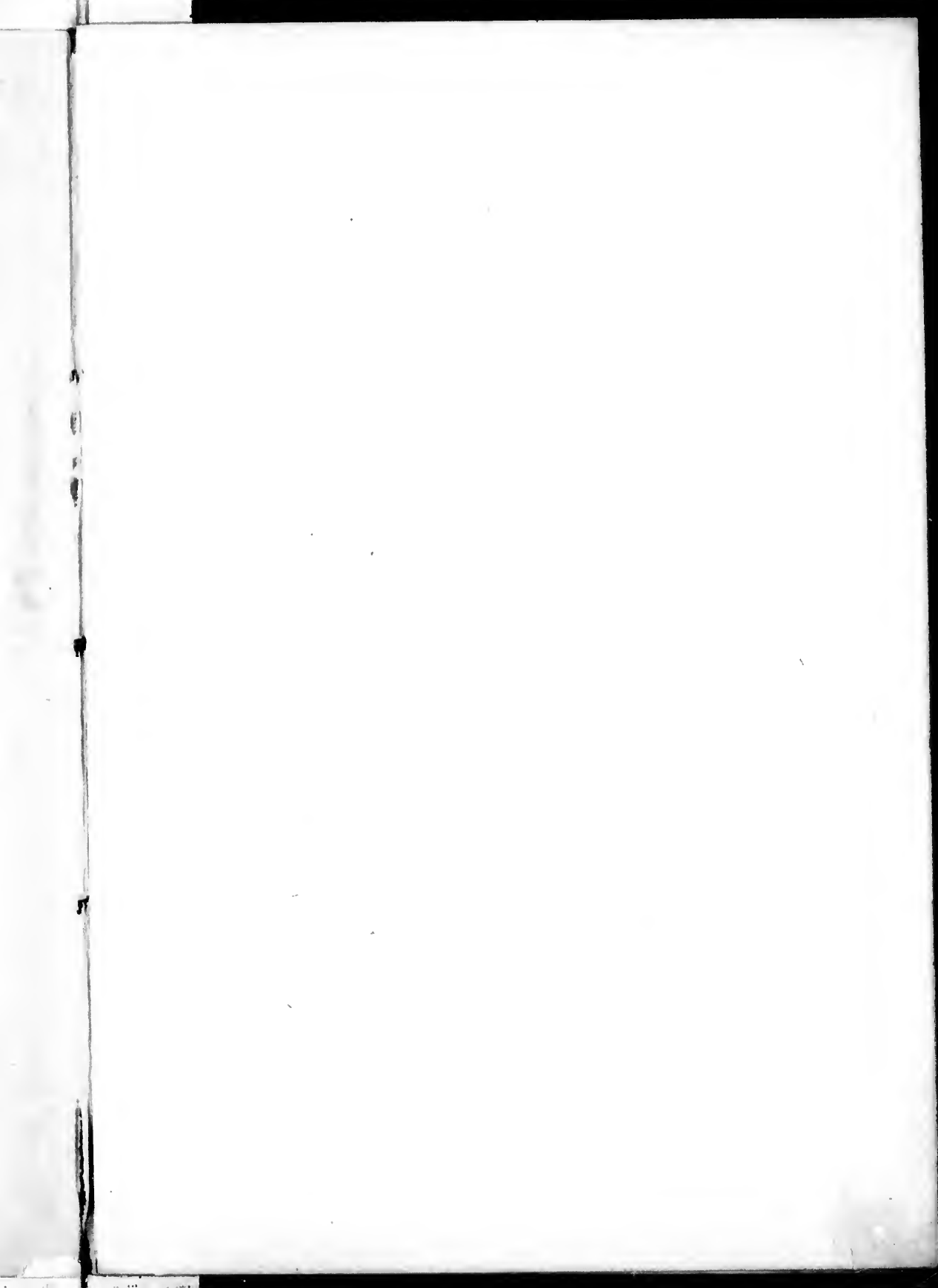
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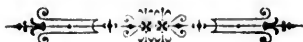
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# LAMENT

OF THE

## Marquis of Lorne.



I.

Once I voyaged o'er the ocean, the great Atlantic Ocean,  
To a good Canadian city on the Nova Scotian shore;  
Like the surging of that ocean, there was a great commotion,  
As the people came to greet me and the lady I adore,  
That rare and Royal Princess whom I always will adore  
Every day, yet more and more.

II.

And then our "Royal party," 'mid cheers loud, prolonged and hearty,  
Rode through the decked-out city as we never did before,  
'Mid the floating of the banners, and the waving of bandannas,  
Till we came with the procession to the Province Building door,  
Into which the multitude in a steady stream did pour,  
One by one, yet more and more.

III.

In that Hall of Legislation, where we came with an ovation,  
Where the people like a living tide continued still to pour;  
By oath and letters patent--of the great Canadian nation--  
I stood, a Governor-General!--on the Province Building floor,  
With the magnates all around me and before.  
Was no room for any more.

IV.

Then the chim<sup>ing</sup> of each steeple, and the cheering of the people,  
Filled me with a keener pleasure than I ever felt before; [me,  
With my Princess there to cheer me, and her brother Duke was near  
And the grand old solid citadel thundered more and more,  
Volley after volley, with brazen clang and roar,  
Half a dozen times and more.

## V.

Then we stepped into the carriage, as upon our happy marriage,  
 Passed thro' the handsome arches, read their welcome words all o'er.  
 In the pomp of our new station, we came by invitation,  
 To the Lieutenant-Governor's hospitable door.  
 Met again the little lady who the "welcome bouquet" bore,  
 And many hundreds more.

## VI.

All Halifax addressed me — their kindness quite oppressed me  
 From the City's Corporation, on the Province Building floor,  
 Creeds, Societies, and Factions, one would think that by their actions  
 They would never have a chance to address me any more.  
 E'en the wild and wandering Micmac, master here in days of yore,  
 Came my Princess to adore.

## VII.

But nobody had feared, as it afterwards appeared,  
 Of these long and loyal greetings, shewing fine scholastic lore;  
 That they gave me just as many as the arches that they reared  
 In this fair and famous city, (may it be so evermore!)  
 Baptists, Methodists and Catholics my ire and patience spared,  
 And my gratitude they shared.

## VIII.

Then came the day of parting, and with tears of sadness starting  
 From the eyes of my sweet Princess, we went onward to explore,  
 All the new scenes opening o'er us, with a cheering, ringing chorus:  
 From our dear and loyal people, and the deafening cannon's roar;  
 And away we flew like lightning 'round the lovely Bedford shore,  
 With "farewell" and "*adieu*."

## IX.

At Truro they addressed us, at Amherst and at Moncton,  
 From Newcastle to Rimouski, from Richmond on to Gore;  
 The arch bowed flat in Amherst, to do us greater homage  
 Than any town or city had shown us heretofore;  
 Then we came to Montreal, as was all arranged before,  
 And our journey, thus far, o'er.

## X.

Then addresses came on thickly, chasing each other quickly,  
 From Societies and Churches, Convents, Colleges, galore ;  
 And from surrounding cities ; oh, what a thousand pities !  
 There seems to be enough here, a plenteous stock and store ;  
 I hope I'll keep my senses, I shall lose them, I am sure,  
 As I never did before.

## XI.

When the noonday sun is shining, and the weary day declining,  
 They bring on their addresses, all around me, by the score,  
 In the bright and glowing morn' in the dripping rain, for "Lorne,"  
 Till he almost wishes in this world he never had been born,  
 Or sighs for the merry, happy, careless days of yore,  
 On old Caledonia's shore.

## XII.

I perceive with real pain, that they have "Lorne" upon the brain,  
 When they bring on their addresses, as they never did before ;  
 But what can you expect when people are insane !  
 I freely do forgive them, though greatly I deplore  
 Their very sad condition from my heart's deep inmost core,  
 And hope 'twill soon be o'er.

## XIII.

What ! *another* one is coming ! Like bees around me humming,  
 Oh ! why can they not spare me ? oh dear ! what shall I do ?  
 From a Ladies' Association of this great Canadian nation ;  
 Thank all the "Stars," and "Garters," my Princess, 'tis for you !  
 And I know that you can give them the response that is their due,  
 'Twill be nice and clever too.

## XIV.

Went to great St. Andrew's ball, in the town of Montreal ;  
 Our stay must not be lengthened at the "Windsor" any more ;  
 And now, ho ! for Ottawa ! let the multitude hurrah,  
 We shall find our happy home in the far famed Rideau Hall ;  
 Our journey from old England, we find is nearly o'er,  
 And we need rest, I am sure.

XV.

Now I really do believe that these people could not live,  
Did I not keep up the programme since November twenty-four.  
Unless an *unusual* number of addresses I receive,  
I know that there will be a great outcry and uproar :  
But,—here an inundation is beginning now to pour—  
I shall faint !—*shut* that door !

XVI.

Oh, how this way distresses, of bestowing their caresses,  
I cannot help from voting all a nuisance and a bore ;  
My very name a mark is, (Marquis) a target for addresses,  
Addresses on addresses, by the dozen and the score ;  
Before I came to Ottawa, I fifty had and more ;—  
Will it be so evermore ?

XVII.

I have them all before me, English, French, both plain and *ornées*,  
In poetry and prose, and I'll try to count them o'er ;  
I'll stack up my addresses, in my Secretary's presses,  
And I fear they will extend from the ceiling to the floor ;  
Guess how many I have now ? Exactly five and four score ;  
Only these, and nothing more.

XVIII.

Some day I'll cross the ocean, the great Atlantic Ocean,  
To see my Queen and Empress, and the great McCallum Moré ;  
Resigning my commission, stepping from my high position ;  
If they say, "Go to Canada, as once you went before,  
Keep your administration, you'll be received with acclamation,"  
I will answer, "N E V E R M O R E !!!"





