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## CLOSE OF THE FIRST VOLUME OF "THE CANADIAN MONTHLY."

A BRIEF period in the history of "The Canadian Monthly and National Review" has been completed ! With the present number we bring to a close its FIRST volume ! Shall we be able to chronicle the appearance of its twenty-first-thirty-first-fifty-first volume? knows ?-we are yet young ; and we have the good wishes of an English contemporary "that we may fourish as long in Canada as the Gentleman's Magazine has done in England !" But let us ask "have we fulfilled our part of the contract ?" -- in the supply of the material resources, the literary aid, the mechanical execution and the other requisites essential to the existence and success of the Magazine? A simple statement of the financial outlay - which has been at the rate of Ten Thousand Dollars per year-will answer one query : a glance at the Indices of the volume and a review of its interesting pages, will answer the other.

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We have, however, much headway to make ere we shall seek to rest on the cars of our contentment. We Zo want, in the fulness of time, to present an expectant public with our forty-ninth volume !—and to attain a yet gre er age. We want, also, to see a Canadian Pacific Express Co., dropping our successive issues along the thronged highway of the Ottawa, the Red and the Frazer Rivers. Meantime, our field, it must be remembered, is but a limited one, and we lavs many foreign competitors. Hence, there is reason that our friends should stir and help us. May the patrons of our new Volume be more numerous—let the clubs be more active—the trade more interested—the press more helpful—the public more enquiring! In the political world, dual representation may be doomed; but in the publishing world a duality of responsibility exists. Publishers and readers have their mutual obligations. As in the past, we shall continue to do our duty; we trust, that in the future, our readers will more abundantly do theirs.

THE PUBLISHERS.

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The publishers will issue a handsome cloth case for binding the completed volume of "This CANADIAN MONTHIX" during the present month. Its cost will be 30c, or by post free for 40c. City subscribers can have their volumes bound, including case, for 50c. The publishers will issue gratuitously with the July number an elegant tinted duplicate title, page, preserving the emblematic character of the magazine cover. Subscribers had better, therefore, wait receipt of this before binding the volume. – Let our friends help us in extending the circulation with the new volume.

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

LORD DUFFERIN'S YACHT VOYAGE .- It will be well known, 'no doubt, to our readers that the successor to Baron Lisgar in the Governor-Generalship of the Dominion, is an author of no meagre reputation. A man of high culture, varied attainments, and an enthusiastic sportsman and voyageur, Earl Dufferin's coming among us will cause a flutter in the literary centres of our young country, while his Lordship's keen relish for sport and exploration will, no doubt, be amply gratified by a residence in the new world. The work His Excellency is chiefly known by as an author, is the exceedingly intcresting volume on Iceland, entitled "Letters from High Latitudes," which was published in 1857, and a Boston reprint of which was issued shortly after publication in England, and the edition speedily exhausted. Marked by cleverness of narration, great facility and picturesqueness of description, and a quiet deep-flowing humour, the "Letters" have been held in high esteem by critics and litteratcurs. Indeed, so unique are the author's descriptive powers, and so intelligently and vividly does he depict the scenes under recital in these Letters, that we should find it difficult, in all the range of descriptive literature, to equal the graphic narration of scene and incident presented to the reader in the visit to this remarkable region. To those who are yet unfamiliar with the work it will, consequently interest them, to know--besides the fact of the author's approaching connection with the Dominion-that Messrs. Adam, Stovenson & Co: are preparing, with his Lordship's sanction, a handsome edition of "The Letters," which it is hoped will be ready for publication about the end of the month. The size of the volume will be a neat crown 8vo., and its price, in cloih, \$1.00.

MR. MACDONALD ON "BUSINESS SUCCESS."-As a people largely engaged in commercial pursuits, and in an age of much speculation and keen rivalry in trade, it is of some moment to most of us to know "what business success is, and how to secure it." Under the title we quote, Mr. John Macdonald, of Toronto, who, it will be trite to say, is himself a notable example of "business success," recently delivered a lecture before the Young Mens' Christian Association of this city. The lecture was so favourably received, and embodying, as it did, so much sound, pithy and practical advice on the subject of success in business, its publication was heatily called for. This being agreed to, the publishers o' this serial have been entrusted with its issue through the press; and its publication may be looked for mmediately. Those who wish to see sound views current .n the country in respect to the conduct of business will do well to disseminate the work. It will form a neat crown Svo., in handsome cloth case, price forty cents.

WANTED, A PUBLIC LIBRARY.—It is said that about eighty per cent. of the books called for at any of the general Public Libraries of the United States' cities are of works of fiction—forty-five per cent. for adult and thirty-five per cent. for juvenilo readers. The remaining twenty per cent. is composed of works in other departments of literature.

Without enquiring whether this could be true of Canadian readers, or stopping to moralize on the bent of the intellectual appetite that demands so large a proportion of fictitious nutriment, we would ask why will not some one moye in the matter of establishing a Public Library in Toronto, at which even this twenty per cent. of readers may be fed? The eighty per cent. can always get sufficient to gratify their tastes and satisfy their hunger. Novels and Romances are cheap and plentiful. Not so the works of a more solid character; and it is not creditable to the capital of the Province that the city possesses no really accessible and serviceable public reference library. Its want is a reproach to our public spirit and intellectual status. With the growth of the city and the increasing wealth of its public men and merchants, surely the establishment and endowment of a fairly representative Institution would not be a serious undertaking.

The Libraries attached to the Educational and Professional Institutions are, we need not say, from their character and situation practically useless for the wants of the citizens. The Legislative Library, to which a large addition is soon to be made, will be important; but this, too, is out of the way of general resort. No greater desideratum, indeed, exists in Toronto, and no more appreciable boon could be conferred upon the lieges of the city than the founding of a vigorously conducted, well equipped and liberally endowed public library. Let some one move in the matter and he will deserve well of his fallow-citizens.

CANADIAN REPRINTING. - The efforts which have been made on the part of the Dominion authorities and sev eral Canadia 1 publishers to bring the Imperial Govern ment and British owners of Copyrights to accede to the reprinting of English Copyrights in Canada has lately been largely supplemented by the hearty endorsement and active support of Sir Charles Trevelyan, the literary executor of the late Lord Macaulay. In a series of letters to Mr. Thomas Longman, the London publisher, Sir Charles strenously combats the conservative and illiberal views hitherto obtaining among the Paternoster-Row houses and urges the acceptance of the Canadian proposal to republish for the native and American markets on the payment of an excise duty on the edition printed. This arrangement, if effected, our readers do not require to be told, will enable our publishing houses to employ native labour, capital and enterprise for the supply of our own demand as well as to compete for the trade of the neighbouring market; while it will practical ly give the English author, to a large degree, the benefits of an international reciprocal treaty with the United States. The great American markets have been lost to English industry by the extreme conservatism and folly of British publishers. By the Canadian proposal they, in a great measure, will regain it. We trust that sound and sensible views will now prevail, and we shall soon see New York and Boston drawing their literary supplies. from Toronto and Montreal, as the latter cities have drawn from the marts of the scaboard.

SOUTH SEA BUBBLES.—Messre. D. Appleton & Co. issue a cheap reprint of an English bock of travel with this title, "by the Earl and the Doctor," which has reached a fourth edition in a short time in England. The author-peer, we understand, is Earl Pembroke, and his book will delight readers by its fuscinating sketches of Polynesian life and scenery. Glowing descriptions are given of the voluptuous forms of existence in Tahitian circles, but with, perhaps, too much warmth of colour to commend them to our Northern proprieties. The book, however, will be found thoroughly enjoyable.

THE REVISION OF THE SCRIPTTRES goes steadily on in England. The work of the Old Testament Company, provisionally completed, reaches as far as the end of the Book of Numbers; while the New Testament Revisers are still dealing with the Gospel of St. Luke. The labours of both committees are very arduous and the progress of the emendation is necessarily slow, as each verse is submitted to criticism—verbatim et scriatim.

THE ADVANCE ON BRITISH BOOKS.—Owing to the large increase in the cost of production—in paper, printing, wood and die-cutting, binding and all the *matériel* of book manufacture, and the consequent curtaifment of discounts allowel by the British publishers, the Canadian importing trade have found it necessary to increase the pr ces of their importations. Besides the enhanced cost of stock in England an increase in the profits of the wholesule-houses has long baen essential—not only to their continued operations and success in catering for the trade, but to their very existence. Indeed, that books should have been sold, at this distance from the source of supply, after paying duty, freights, insurance, shipping charges and cost of handling, at the same equivalent, in currency, of the sterling price—and the English publication price, in the main, being so reasonable, is an evidence of the slender profits the trade have hitherto been content with. Moreover, with the expansion of the trade, large and varied stocks have had to be maintained; rents and salaries have been increased; risks have been extended, greater intelligence required, and a ceaseless and ever-increasing demand, mental and physical, on the importer has been made—and all this, besides the advance of the Brit.sh publishers, has rendered an increase imperative.

Were it necessary and had we space at disposal, we should like to make an extract from the letter of a very intelligent correspondent (a bookseller in Pembroke, on the Ottawa) supplementing our argument, drawn from the professional requisites and necessity of culture and experience in the bookseller, for a more liberal margin of profit. But we refrain ; and we trust that the public may take no exception to the very reasonable advance which has been decided upon, and the necessity for which, is most vital to all interests. Where practicable, in the case of those books imported in large quantities and of special editions, the price will remain the same as hitherto; but, as a rule, all British books will be sold at the rate of thirty cents to the English shilling; and American books and reprints will be sold at their publication price in gold, or the currency equivalent.

MR. MATHEWS ON IMPERIAL RELATIONS. — Mr. Mathews of the *Mail* staff, of this city, has had published, with the joint imprimatur of Messrs. Longman & Co., London, and Adam, Stevenson & Co., Toronto, an earnest and thoughtful work on the connection and value of the colonies to the mother country. The work is entitled, "A Colonist on the Colonial Question," and a review of its pages will win for the author the credit of pains-taking industry, hearty patriotism, and if not farreaching thought, —an amount of serious reflection which the importance of the subject under discussion and its prospective, if not immediate, interest to every Canadian, demands.

## ITEMS. NATIVE.

Mr. Johnston, C. E., of Ottawa, has issued the prospectus of his forth-coming map of the whole Dominion of Canada, from Newfoundiand to Vancouver Island and the Northern and Western States. It is said to be compiled from the best data to be found in the Government Department, having its accuracy and completeness certified by the most competent authorities. Its size, we learn, is to be about 7 ft.  $x \le ft$ ; and its price, \$0,

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Messrs. E. A. Taylor & Co., of London, Ont., have ready their cheap reprint of Mr. T. S. Arthur's new temperance volume, "Three Years in a Man-Trap." The author of "Ten Nights in a Bar-room," is equally earnest and effective in this new work, which promises to have a large and wide sale. Mr. D. W. Beadle, of the "Canada Farmer" staff,

Mr. D. W. Beadle, of the "Canada Farmer" staff, has brought out an important work on the cultivation of Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables and their value for cultivation in our own climate. The work is entitled, "The Canadian Fruit, Flower and Kitchen Gardener," and it will be found a valuable contribution to native Horticultural literature, by an able and practical fruit-grower. The volume seems thorough in its treatment and has the advantage of a number of wood-cuts and coloured drawings. We commend it heartily to the attention of practical men, and with this volume we would direct the attention of farmers and grain-growers to the admirable pamphlet of Dr. Hurlbert on "the Climates, Productions and Resources of Canada," illustrated with coloured maps, showing the chief zones of the Grains and Grasses. The latter is published by Mr. Lovell, Montreal; the former by the author.

Messrs, Copp, Clark & Co. issue the first instalment of the Hon. Col. Gray's work on "Confederation; or, the Parliamentary History of Canada, from the Conference at Quebec in 1864, to the admission of British Columbia in 1871." The work is largely a compilation of the labours of the various Conferring Commissioners, speeches, debates, & c., which preceded Confederation; but even of this character, the work has its value to the future historian and fact-hunter.

Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co., it will be seen from other paragraphs, are issuing in book shape the recent lecture of Mr. John Macdonald on "Business Success:" and a reprint of Earl Dufferin's "Letters from High Latitudes." They are preparing, for the next educational term, a text book on Algebra, from the pen of Mr. Jas. Loudon, Dean of University College, which it is expected will be placed on the curriculum of the University and be authorized for use in the Common and High Schools of the Province.

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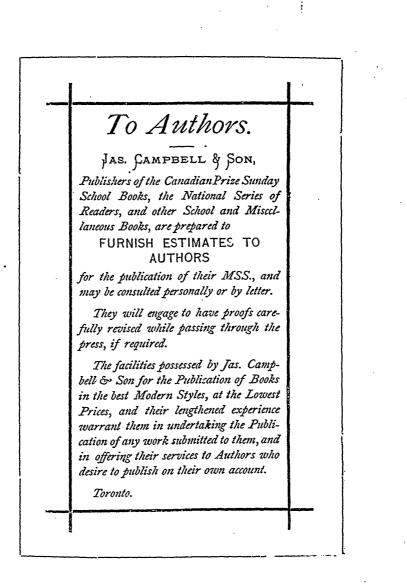
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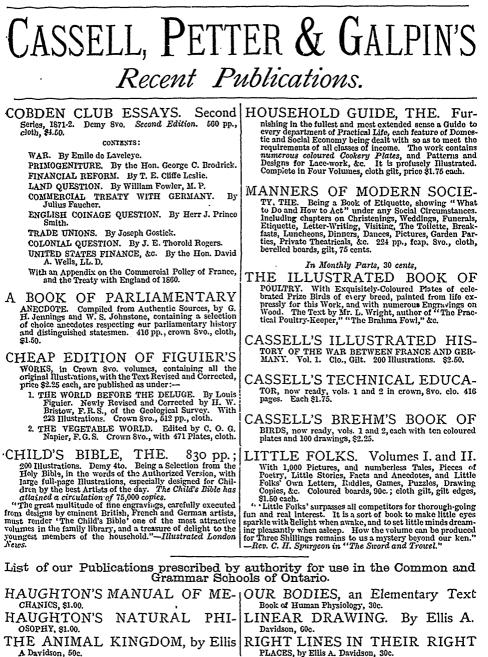
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