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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Standing of pupils in various subjects for the term ending April 9th, 1903.

The standing in various subjects is based upon examinations held during the term and the report in General Proficiency is the result of Easter examinations. Names are in order of merit.

FORM IV.
General Proficiency.—Miss J. Greenwood, J. B. Ferguson, Miss E. Griffiths, Miss F. Marshall, Miss M. B. Macdonnell.

Latin.—Greenwood, Marshall and Griffiths equal, Phillips
French.—Phillips, Greenwood, Marshall
English Literature.—McConnell, Lang, Griffiths.

English Composition.—McConnell, Phillips and Griffiths.
English Grammar.—Greenwood, Griffiths, Macdonnell.

Ancient History.—Marshall, Greenwood and Griffiths equal, McConnell.
Algebra.—Greenwood, Macdonnell, Griffiths.
Geometry.—Marshall, Phillips, McConnell.

Arithmetic.—Macdonnell, Greenwood Griffiths and Lang equal, McConnell.
Chemistry.—Greenwood, Phillips, McConnell.

FORM III.
General Proficiency.—Miss L'Heureux, Miss G. Belyea, B. Kouk, Miss J. Daly, D. Belyea, F. Ap'John, Miss A. Megrund, Miss M. Green.
Latin.—Megrund and D. Belyea equal, Daly, G. Belyea.
French.—G. Belyea, L'Heureux, Daly.

English Grammar.—Kouk, G. Belyea, Daly.
English Literature.—Daly, G. Belyea and Kouk equal, D. Belyea.
English Composition.—L'Heureux, Ap'John and Green equal, G. Belyea, Kouk, Daly.
Ancient History.—Green, L'Heureux, Daly.
Geometry.—L'Heureux, Kouk, G. Belyea.

Algebra.—Ap'John, Megrund and G. Belyea equal, L'Heureux, Daly and Green equal

Arithmetic.—L'Heureux and G. Belyea equal, Ap'John, Kouk and Megrund equal.
Physics Pt. 1.—Kouk, G. Belyea, Booker and D. Belyea.

FORM II.
General Proficiency.—H. Hall, A. Little, C. Pope, J. T. Dalziel, A. Edgar, S. Woods, H. Morrison, F. Nighswander, W. Broley, A. Talbot, Miss K. McPhail, Miss E. Dowsett, C. Jones, D. Kirk.
Latin.—Little, Dalziel, McPhail.
French.—Little, Woods, Talbot.
English Literature.—Little, Woods, Morrison.
English Composition.—McPhail, Morrison, Talbot.
English Grammar.—Edgar and Nighswander equal, McPhail, Pope.
English History.—Edgar and Woods equal, Pope, Morrison.
Algebra.—Dalziel, Woods, Talbot.
Arithmetic.—Edgar, Dalziel, Nighswander, Pope and Talbot equal, Woods, Jones and Broley equal.
Geometry.—Pope and Hall equal, Nighswander, Little.
Physics Pt. 1.—Pope, Edgar, Nighswander.

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General Proficiency.—Miss M. Mitchell, V. Wilson, C. McGimsie, Miss A. McVay, Miss M. Maluish, Miss L. Marshall, Miss E. Daly, Miss L. Hilliard, Miss E. Gamble, Miss E. Green, Miss I. Little, R. Phillips, Miss M. Burton, M. Carmichael, D. Gilbert, H. Parsons.
Latin.—Hughes, Wilson Phillips.
English Literature.—McQuarrie, Little and Hughes.
English Grammar.—Little, Hughes Marshall.
English Composition.—Little, Hughes and Mitchell equal, Maluish.
English History.—Little and McQuarrie equal, Hughes, Marshall.
Geography.—McGimsie, Wilson, Marshall.
Book-keeping.—Mitchell, McVay, Wilson.
Drawing.—Little and Wilson equal, Marshall and McGimsie equal, Carmichael.
Arithmetic.—McGimsie, Gamble, Hughes.
Algebra.—Mitchell and McVay equal, Little and Maluish equal, Green.

A few pupils who have stood in in General Proficiency, were prevented by illness from attending the Easter Examinations.

CHAINED AND WATCHED

Mr. F. C. Poole the Recipient of a Valuable Present Last Night.

The pupils and ex-pupils of the Rat Portage High School had a pleasant re-union in Carmichael's hall last night. It will be a long time perhaps before the new hall contains again such a bright and lively bevy of youth and beauty as were within its walls on this occasion. Mr. F. C. Poole, the departing teacher, in whose honor the festivities were given may well feel gratified at this evidence of his popularity with those with whom he was most intimately connected. A very enjoyable evening was spent with various games, elyced by songs, recitations, etc. Short addresses were also given by Dr. Marshall, representing the school board, and Mr. Nicholson as an ex-member. Both gentlemen referred very kindly to the work of Mr. Poole, and expressed the regret of the community at his leaving. Principal Roberts, who was director of ceremonies, also made a short address referring to the pleasant associations which have existed between himself and Mr. Poole, and as the close requested Mr. Poole to come forward. At the same time Miss Belyea and Mr. Morrison went forward and confronted Mr. Poole, the former reading a nicely worded address and the latter presenting Mr. Poole, on behalf of the pupils and ex-pupils, with a beautiful gold watch and chain. Mr. Poole was surprised, but he replied in a very neatly worded address expressing thanks for the very tangible evidence of esteem. His duties at the school had been pleasant, he said, from the fact that he had ever received kindly consideration from both Principal Roberts and the pupils, and also from the Board of Education.

Following is a copy of the address.
Rat Portage, April 13, 1903.
To F. C. Poole, Esq.
Science and Mathematics Master,
Rat Portage High School.
Dear Sir—

It was with the most sincere regret that we, your pupils and ex-pupils, learned of your intention to depart from among us, and we thought it would not be amiss to take this opportunity of expressing to you our appreciation of your efforts to make our school life both fruitful and happy, and our hope that in your future home and future work

Young, police magistrate, all of whom reside in Rat Portage, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and leave this morning for Rainy River to investigate a serious charge of assault. The telegraph message requesting the presence of the officials was very meagre.—Winnipeg Free Press.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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C. C. Delbridge re team of horses for road work.
James Phillips, application for water connections.
D. K. Elliott and others on behalf of Winnipeg campers' Association asking for certain improvements to docks, etc.
E. Hall and Jackson Bros., asking for new sidewalks in front of their premises.
Northern Iron Works asking price

Canada's coal production in 1902, was about 62 million tons. Of this quantity, Cape Breton produced 3,500,000 tons, an increase of 2,500,000 tons in 1902 years. Altogether Nova Scotia last year, produced 4,725,480 tons of coal, which gave employment to 8,500 men and boys. Not only in coal was Nova Scotia making a figure for itself, but last year it produced 214,293 short tons of pig iron, and 101,331 tons of steel of all kinds. It also produced 28,279 ounces of gold, and there were in process of construction a number of large plants for milling and mining on a large scale, so that a considerable increase might be looked forward to in the near future.

MAY REDUCE THE RATES.

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 Since October 1st, 1902, one hundred and forty-two railway accidents have occurred in Canada, involving the loss of 179 lives. In the words of the immortal Stubbins, something ought to be did.
 France is threatened with a revival of the Dreyfus case. Let us hope the world will not again be troubled with the sight of a nation in hysterics, nor an innocent man sentenced to a life of inhuman punishment.
 The British government has offered four battleships to assist at the reception of President Loubet at Algiers. This special compliment to France is a marked illustration of the newly awakened cordiality between the two nations.
 In future officers of the Canadian militia are to carry carbines or rifles. It is just as well to practice with the weapon you might have to use. A sword is ornamental but it isn't much use when the enemy is engaging you at a mile with the modern rifle.
 The inventor of the paper collar outlived the fashion he introduced. The honor of that innovation is due to Mr. Sidney Clark, who died recently at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, at the age of 92 years. Although fortunes were made by those who used his idea, he was in extreme poverty.

BURLOCK BLOOD BITTERS.
 Turns Bad Blood into Rich Red Blood.
 This spring you will need something to take away that tired, listless feeling brought on by the system being clogged with impurities which have accumulated during the winter. Burdock Blood Bitters is the remedy you require.
 It has no equal as a spring medicine. It has been used by thousands for a quarter of a century with unequalled success.
HERE IS PROOF.
 Mrs. J. T. Skine of Shigawake, Que., writes: "I have used Burdock Blood Bitters as a spring medicine for the past four years and don't think there is its equal. When I feel drowsy, tired, and have no desire to eat I get a bottle of B.B.B. It purifies the blood and builds up the constitution better than any other remedy."

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 W. H. Whittside asking for position as constable at Norman.
 Petition from P. L. Heureux and others asking for the appointment of a constable at Norman, Joseph Gauthier being recommended.
 The chairman of Works was authorized to repair docks at the foot of Matheson and Fort streets, and the sanitary inspectors were also instructed to see that the streets, lanes, back yards, etc., were properly cleaned up.
 The appointment of a constable in the West Ward was referred to the committee, with power to act. The committee met after the council meeting and decided to advertise for applicants.
 As per Jas. Phillips proposition the council decided to supply pipe for water and sewer connections. Mr. Phillips to do all excavating.
 The auditor's report was received and adopted.
 The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted, recommending the payment of sums aggregating \$439.63. A grant of \$300 was also recommended for the public library.

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 France is threatened with a revival of the Dreyfus case. Let us hope the world will not again be troubled with the sight of a nation in hysterics, nor an innocent man sentenced to a life of inhuman punishment.
 The British government has offered four battleships to assist at the reception of President Loubet at Algiers. This special compliment to France is a marked illustration of the newly awakened cordiality between the two nations.
 In future officers of the Canadian militia are to carry carbines or rifles. It is just as well to practice with the weapon you might have to use. A sword is ornamental but it isn't much use when the enemy is engaging you at a mile with the modern rifle.
 The inventor of the paper collar outlived the fashion he introduced. The honor of that innovation is due to Mr. Sidney Clark, who died recently at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, at the age of 92 years. Although fortunes were made by those who used his idea, he was in extreme poverty.

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St. John's, Nfld., April 13.—There was a big explosion in the Herald office yesterday caused by the igniting of gas from the street. It is said that the men working were looking for a leak in the street main, and ignited the gas by a spark from a pick, and the gas entered the office through the sewer. The roof is partly blown off the office and much damage is done to type and machinery.
 The firemen had hard work to beat due the flames, which followed the explosion, and the whole place flooded. It is impossible to compute the damage at present, but it is thought it will be about twenty thousand dollars.
 Mr. Maurice Enmons, chief of the provincial police of the Rainy River district, of Ontario, Mr. W. J. Moran crown prosecutor, and Mr. Wm. ...

Mr. R. W. Gardner, of Winnipeg, spent Sunday in town.

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AN ORIGINAL PLAN.

Prof. Shortt, of Kingston, is 'out with a suggestion to overcome the present railway difficulties and to do away with the continual demand for bonuses to the Dominion and local governments. In short, his plan is for the government to purchase the C. P. R. line from Winnipeg to Montreal and make it a trunk line or main road to receive the traffic of any line which desires to make connections with it. He points out that on account of the long gap between Ottawa and Winnipeg, which consists of a country which will never be very productive for railways, the roads of the east are timorous about building through it to reach the productive regions of the west. Hence, although railways in both the east and the prairie country of the west could always pay well, they would nevertheless be at a disadvantage when competing with a through line to duplicate lines north of Lake Superior. Prof. Shortt considers a waste of money. He believes that it would be necessary to provide double track at once and that being long four tracks would be necessary between Winnipeg and Montreal. Any district which desired to have railway connections with the eastern seaboard could build a railway connecting with the government trunk line, secure running privileges as thus send their trains to the east. This system would help to eliminate combinations among railways, and give the people better service.

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the amount of human labor required to produce a bushel of wheat, from beginning to end, is, on an average, only ten minutes, whereas, in 1850 it was three hours. The cost of the human labor required to produce this bushel of wheat has declined from seventeen and three quarter-cents to one and one-third cents. Forty years ago, when men mowed the grass with scythes, spread it, and turned it over for drying with pitchforks, raked it into windrows with a handrake, cocked it with a fork and baled it by hand-press, the time of human labor required per ton of hay was thirty-five and one half hours. Now, with horse-mowers, horse-rakes, and horse-presses, the human labor required per ton is eleven hours and thirty-four minutes; the labor cost has fallen from \$3.00 to \$1.25 per ton.

Among the Canadian who are members of the Imperial cabinet may be mentioned Ian Malcolm, M. P. for Stowmarket, who was born in Quebec in 1868. His father was an officer in the army. Malcolm was educated at Eton and Oxford, served in the diplomatic corps for a time, and put in several years as assistant private secretary to Lord Salisbury. He is married to a daughter of Mrs. Langtry. He is strongly interested in Imperial affairs, and is a member of the British Empire League.

Dr. Conan Doyle has just entered into a contract by which he will receive the largest sum ever been paid to any author for a work. English and American magazines have jointly agreed to pay him £1,800 (\$9,000) each for twelve stories of ten thousand words each. This payment is at the rate of £150 (\$900) per thousand words. No other author receives more than £50 (\$250) per thousand words.

For the first time since Confederation the Canadian Senate contains a majority of Liberals. There are now 13 Liberals to 38 Conservatives, and of the latter several are ill, and may not attend the present session of Parliament. Senator Masson, of Terrebonne, is one of these, and his seat may be voided by his continued absence, non-attendance during two consecutive sessions causing a Senator to lose his seat.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT

Honor Roll of Pupils for the Easter Term—Names in Order of Merit.

The following report of the standing of pupils in the Rat Portage Public Schools is based upon the term work and the recent Easter examinations—

IV Class.—Ethel Kouk, Marguerite Rose, Percy Campbell, Alex Johnson, Daisy Coleman, Annie Pope, Bell McPhail, Dene Woods, Campton Brydon, Teo Murray, Mary Fitzgerald, Ross Carmichael, Chas. Dowsett, Oscar Martin, Chas. McLaughlin, Jno. A. Hooper, Henry McGuire, Mack Ferguson, Victor Bunn, Edith Pitts, Agnes Pope, Nora Chadwick, Wm. McRae, Leslie Inley, Jas. C. Currie, Ernest Maluish, Lynn Higbee, Jas. McLay, Kate Lang.

Irregular in attendance, but deserving of mention— Mildred Parsons, Mollie Ap'John, Flora Griggs, Ethel Thompson and Isaacs Nure.

MISS McFARLANE'S CLASS.

Senior 3rd.—Herbert Rochester, Mindie Currie, Nellie Turner, Lily Kouk, May Cameron, Wallace Smith, Millie Holtz, Ivan Kendall, Bess Robinson, Kathleen Campbell, Madeleine McPhail, Hazel Daly, Rupert Wilson, Ivan Love, Minnie Young, Bell Pitts, Gladys Page.

MISS I. McFARLANE'S ROOM.

Jr. 3rd.—Ada Turner, Irene Woods, May Philbin, Mervyn Kendall, Nellie Heath, Edna Higbee, Ethel Baker, John Wilson, Ray Smith, Lottie Dalziel, Nellie Hill, Jean Morz, Gerald McMaster, Ross Woods, Norman Morrison, Della Holmes, Marion Robertson, Maud Brinkman, Beatrice Law, Lillie Campbell, Getrude Thompson, Ada Hicks, Jennie Clarke.

MISS EDGAR'S ROOM.

Sr. 2nd.—Joe Maunsell, Beatrice Watson, Mae Tarris, Marguerite Woods, Annie Anderson, Jennie Wallin, Tom Bunn, Mable McCreight, Pearl White, Fred Longe, Kenneth Campbell, Jack Currie, St. v. Howard, Winnie Barnes, Beatrice Eiders, Kenneth, Martae Howard Meyers, Jessie Ferguson, Violet Moore, Maude Foster, Ray Knab; MISS 'DAVIS' ROOM

Jr. 2nd.—Agnes McGeachy, Harvey Rochester, Annie Cameron, Lom Mellich, Lucy William, James Robertson, Winnie White, Norma Law, Robert Spence, Ebba Stendal, Albert Fraser, Ivan Wilson, Beatrice Mellich, Ester Ellasson, Ethel McCreight.

MISS McLEAN'S ROOM

Jr. 2nd.—Edlen Hunting, Dene Anderson, Flossie Shaw, Maud Burton, Rosa Coppard, End Griggs, Olive Gooding, Sydney Preston, Nelson Love, George Carmichael, Her...

MISS EDMONDSTONE'S DEPT.

Part 2, Sr.—Myrtle Lough, Mabel McKenzie, Jean Pickett, Eva Graham, Garnett Humble, Amy Guernsey, Guss Caslake, Fred Parsons, Fred Holt.

Part 2, Jr.—Walter Harper, Olive Dowsett, Vera Creighton, Grace White, Maud Brydges, Jeffrey McCutchan.

Part 1, Sr.—Eva White, Jessie Linklater, Amy Alcock, Pearl Stanton, Stanley Guernsey, George Guernsey.

Part 1, Jr.—Mildred Hembroff, Ernest Butt, Odina Holt, Agnes Bates, Lilian Robinson, Ethel Tranter, Albert Caslake, May McDonald, Eileen Woods, Lorenty Hembroff Russell Alcock.

MISS SING'S DEPT.

Promotions from Senior 2nd to Junior 3rd.—Lindsay Williamson, Alex Fidler, Elmir Fullerton, Nita Kendall, Willie Campbell, Fred Gilhuley, Willie Campbell, Lulu Lamshire, Rhya Neads, Alma McCullough, Donald Binghamhurst, Willie Guernsey, Beatrice Kendall, Peter Stewart, Morris Inley, Herbert Foster.

Honor Roll for Junior 3rd class—

Gordon Hudson, Frank Maunsell, Helen Holtz, Garnett McKinnon, Eva Kay, Bobbie Brydon, Ture Anderson, Robbie McCormick, Archie Cameron, Willie Myles, Ethel Williams, Florence Wilson, Dolly Adams.

MISS DAVIS' DEPT.

Promotion to Sr. 2nd.—Edythe Reddick, Helen Belyea, Hildur Tegnan, Grant Nairn, Fred Dean, Louie Robinson, Gerda Eliasson, Marguerite Bunn, Norah Johnson, Mabel Myles, Eileen Murphy, Beresford Ferguson, George Goodwin, George Sturtin, Grace Nicholson, Lillie Gauthier, Wilkin Caslake.

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South Ward.

Part 2—Suldra Hansen, Louise Longe, Harman Stendal, Jessie Scott, Henry Hansen, Ebba Lysen and Ethel Kennedy equal; Stephen Todd, Michael Englund, Gerda Stendal.

Part 1, 3rd Division.—Wilma Weir, Victor Lysen, Ester Kroon, Harold Johnson, Agnes Anderson, Grace Cameron, Myrtle Hansen, Marguerite Muckleberry, Louise Englund, Millie Pearcey, Harry Foster, Clifford and Maude Howard equal, Edith Oleson, Eddie Sigurdson.

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The London "Chronicle" says: Canada is the country of grand old men. Besides Senator Wark, who will be a centenarian a few days hence, there is Senator R. B. Dickey, K. C., who is ninety-two. He was called to the Bar in 1881—a date at which very few judges and barristers of to-day were born. Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, is such an active and energetic personality that we are apt to forget that he is eighty-three. His predecessor, Sir Charles Fippen, is a year older, but scarcely looked sixty when he was here participating in the Coronation festivities.

The Toronto News has been looking into the movement of Ontario farmers' sons to the cities or Western Territories, and has come to the conclusion that they are being virtually forced out by labor saving machinery. Our contemporary calculates that forty years ago the time of human labor required, on an average, to produce one bushel of corn, was four hours and thirty-four minutes. To-day it is forty-one minutes. The cost of the human labor to produce this bushel has declined from thirty-five and three-quarter cents to ten and one-half cents. It is one of the marvels of the age that to-day

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Jr. 2nd.—Agnie McGeachy, Harvey Rochester, Annie Cameron, Louis Melish, Lucy Williams, James Robertson, Winnie White, Normal Law, Robert Spence, Ethel Stendal, Albert Fraser, Ivan Wilson, Beatrice Melish, Ester Elhasson, Ethel McCraith.

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Part 2.—Emma Clash, Mandy Grednanson, Jessie Higgins, Maggie Higgins, Willie Dara, George Malush, Dolbe McGuire, Reuben Kendall, Clifford Hudson, Teddy Caucutt, Lizzie Lang, Bessie Nanzika, Gladys Weiss, Mildred Johnson, Willard McDaniel, Howard Thompson, George Folster, John Cameron, Howard McDermid, Vera Whittaker, Harvey Johnson, Martha Dalziel.

MISS McINTYRE'S ROOM.

Part 2 (a)—Gey Ferner, Eva Wilson, Irene Watson, Susan Goodwin, Mary Meyers, Mabel Millard, George Stephen, Russell Bosman, Ester Johnson, Maud Lutz, Willie Heapey, Hazel Morrison.

Part 2 (b)—Jack Bunn, Frank Moore, Eddie Myles, Mame Lamphire, Charlie Lawson, Alva Meyers, Arthur Alverson, Stewart Moore, Manjie Peever, Orville Belback, Magda Anderson.

Part 1.—Ronald Vary, George Lutz, Hattie Kipling, Alber Halverson, Carmela Cox, Reuben Law, Mabel Clark, Arthur Tew.

MISS FOSTER'S ROOM

Part 1 (a)—Mary Robertson, Florence Hill, Helmar, Walton, Norman Currie, Nellie Cameron, Kathleen Campbell, Mabel Poulter, Etta Stephen, Mervyn Ferguson, K.

Part 1 (b)—Don McCullough, Lily Wesgate, Berne Boyce, Mabel Cole, Oswald Burke, Fern Gunnis, Robbie Clark, Arthur Tew.

Part 1 (c)—Harry Duncan, Hazel Vary, Rowena Gaudaur, Arthur Holtz, Alec Fraser, Emily Brinkman, George Towns, Julian Ferguson, Austin Gaudaur, Milford Woods.

MISS JOHNSON'S ROOM.

Part 1 (a)—Olive Johnson, Ernest Rochester, Kathleen Small, Willie West, Carleton Dean, Lester Deacon, Janet McDonald, Wilma Maunsell, Winnie Gooding.

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"Wickets" of Lead.

The Glasgow Lead and Chemical Works provide a series of mineral specimens and several models of wickets before and after the conversion into white lead. To Lord Overton the laboratory is indebted for a complete series of compounds of chromium, including a magnificent mass of crystal of bichromate of potash, in height about a foot and proportionately broad. This crystal was specially grown for Prof. Lang, and is taken from the same furnace as its present big. Messrs. John Broadbent & Sons send a selection of brass and gun-metal alloys, showing fractures, with the breaking strains and analyses attached. Natural dyewoods and extracts are provided by the British Dyewood and Chemical Company, and an exhaustive collection of color-fast materials manufactured at the Ethelred Works are, through the kindness of Mr. J. J. Taylor of Toronto, the gift of the Dominion Dyewood and Chemical Company.

Messrs. Allan of the Allan Line very kindly transported these numerous consignments free of charge from England, and their carriage to Toronto was a pleasure to the Great Northern Railway without further cost. In fact, the specimens number well over five hundred and form in themselves a chemical museum of great educational value.

BERT E. COLLYER'S TALE.

Strange Story of an Ancient and Tarnished Race by Dawson City Editor.

BRITISH SUPERSTITIONS.

Old Fables Which Control Humble Folk
Delusions Which Have In Days Past—
—been the Impressions.

At the approach of midnight on Hallow Eeve the girls in the moorland districts used to go, into the gardens to gather sage leaves, one leaf at each stroke of the clock. Then they said, they would see the face of their future husbands. A common proverb, too, was, "Where the sage thrives the mistress is master." Sage is chopped still, in some parts, and put in the milk cheeses in layers, but only for Christmas use. Parsley is supposed to have some special virtue. It goes, they say, seven times to the devil before coming up. In Anjou, thick collars of green parsley are tied round cats whose kittens have been taken from them, to prevent milk fever. Marsh marigolds—kingcups—used to be hung on either side the outer door to keep out evil spirits, but it was un lucky to take these flowers indoors. A northern blossom was not supposed to bring death to a house, as is said in the southern counties, but to bring fevers. There might be reason in this, in the hermetically sealed rooms of the past. By and by, the best way to make an almond-flavored essence was to take a cream hawthorn blossom into wide-necked bottles, fill up with spirits, and cork tightly.

The Elder and Witch.

Burning the wood of the elder will bring all manner of evil to the house, in fold-fashioned cottage gardens it is often planted to ward off the influence of witch or wizard. Willow wood is used, in some trades, but it is un lucky to make whipstocks of it. In the Carpathians it has been seen it much used for making ornamental cigar holders. Cabbages, the Staffordshire folks say, will never get hearts if the plant when the moon is on the increase. Also the tubers must be laid north and south. If the eggs of a swallow are taken into a cowhouse the cows will give milk streaked with blood. I have a friend in New Zealand whose farm foreman told him that he had fondled a little dog in his presence just at milking time, a strange evidence of her jealousy.

A Corona of Hairs.

One of the sisters who had care of the bees in the convent garden at Stony told Mr. Wells Bluden that two bees found on the death of their lady foundress in 1868 the bees found their way into the church where she lay in state, and when the sister who was very fond of her bees, went there she saw a beautiful sight. They had swarmed in a circle round the coffin, about a foot and a half above it—some forming a corona round the head. "Oh, forgot to tell the bees, they will go!" she cried. And indeed they all went, she never saw them again. A most comical superstition as that if you are working, take a postcard of local duty—if you pick them and put in of the greatest idiot, you know, it will keep them from busting another one, that if you comb your hair out of doors and the birds eat some of the stray hairs and put them in their nests, you will suffer from headache.

A Bad Bikes Day.

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PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

People get to like a soul, but a satisfactory hat makes an impression at first sight.—John Oliver Hobbes in "The Soul Hunters."

Human confidences must be mutual. It is only to God that man can continue telling, telling, telling and never getting a word in return.—Henry Seton Merriman in "The Vulture."

It is a fundamental law of a happy and useful life that we must keep sweet, for bitterness perverts the judgment and corrodes the heart.—Charles Frederic Goss in "The Loom of Life."

Fortunately, emotions primitively barbarous are not indicated by external labels or walks in the street would be fraught with strange discoveries.—Anthony Hope in "The Intrusions of Peggotty."

There is no corrosive like wounded egotism. It eats into the moral nature, corrupting its victim, destroying all sense of proportion and blinding him to everything save his own passionate longing for reprisal.—James Creelman in "Eagle Blood."

Wasp's Method of Attack.

Belt in his "Naturalist in Nicaragua" draws attention to the methods of attack used by different species of wasps. One, accustomed to animals and not to man, takes care to crawl down the outstanding hairs to the skin before inserting its sting, while others which live in the midst of human dwellings fly straight at a man's face. The first species, true to inherited instinct, when it attacks unfamiliar human beings attaches itself to their hair or their beards. But there must have been a time when the second species discovered that the face was the vulnerable part, and the discovery was the outcome of the action of brain.

Red Color in Battle.

The number of soldiers slain in battle depends a great deal on the color of their uniforms. The more conspicuous the helmet and jacket the better the target, and consequently the greater the mortality. Red attracts the eye most readily, and twelve men wearing that color are killed to seven in rifle green or six in blue or five in either brown, blue-gray or gray.—London Adversers.

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Helpful Hubby.

Wife—"I wish you would let me know what sort of a dinner to have tonight." Husband—"That's a good idea. Well, I shall either not be home at all or else I shall bring three or four friends with me.—Life.

Thoughtlessness.

"When I do anything," said the young man, "I believe in doing it thoroughly." "Yes," answered his father, with a sigh, "especially when it comes to getting into debt."

Nothing Doing.

Carrasser—"I've a book here I'd like to show you."

Busy Man—"I've a buldge in the next room I'd like to show you.—Exchange.

SHADOW RIVER.

By R. Phillips Johnson.
"A stream of tender glances,
Of slimy eels, and opal tailed snakes;
Of warm midsummer air that lightly flows
In mystic gorges,
Where swiftly swings
The music of a thousand wings
That almost cease to address."

"Midway 'twixt earth and heaven,
A bubble in the peary air, I seem
To float above the supple floor, a drap
Of clouds of snow,
Above, below,
Drift with drifting, dim and slow,
The twilight drifts to even."

"The little fern-leaf, bending
Upon the brink, its green reflection greets,
And kisses soft the shadow that it meets
With touch so fine,
The border line
The keenest vision can't define;
So perfect is the blending."

"The far fir trees that cover
The brownish hills with needles green and
Reaptured are
Beauteous not a ripple moves to mar
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"The beauty, strength and power of the land
Will never stir or beat at my command;
But all the shade
The border or made
If I but dip my padded blade;
And it is made alone."

"Oh! pathless world of seeming!
Oh! pathless life of mine, whose deep ideal
Is more my own than ever was the real;
For others
And Love's red flame,
And yellow gold; I only claim
The shadows and the dreaming."

Sketch of Miss Johnson.

No complete collection of Miss Johnson's poems is in existence, I regret to say. The above example of her work is quoted from a small volume published in 1884, entitled "The White Wampum." Since that date, however, many of her best poems have been produced, and it is to be hoped, will be gathered together in book form in the near future. For no living Canadian poet has anything like the interest for us that Miss Johnson has. This is largely on account of her race. She is the daughter of the late G. H. M. Johnson, head chief of the Mohawk Indians, who married an English lady, Miss Howells, a relative of William Dean Howells, the novelist. Pauline was born on the Six Nation Indian Reserve in the County of Brant, and was educated at the Brantford Model School. Her first verse was published in "Genius of Poetry," a New York periodical, and for many years she has been a contributor to the best periodicals in Canada and the United States.

The predominant qualities of her poetry, as we have it in "The White Wampum," are those which have long been recognized as distinguishing her race: eloquence, graceful imagery, picturesque language and dramatic passion. The Iroquois were an intellectual, as well as an imaginative, people and established a confederacy that for years held the balance of power on this continent. This daughter of theirs, it is evident, has inherited race instincts and traditions that one time found expression in such deeds as that of Ojibwa, or such choice as Dawwendine's. Now they inspire a pen. Here and there the "wilderness girl" crops out. In such lines as "Penseroso," for example, the third stanza of which reads:

"Let me but feel stewart my cheek the
Of whirling wind, but hear the torrent
Adown the mountain steep, 'twere more my
choice
Than touch of human hand, that hanna
voice."

Miss Johnson's attitude towards Nature in this volume appears to be

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1. To legalize and confirm all sales of lands for taxes by the said municipality, made pursuant to section 184, Chapter 224, R. S. O., 1887, and all proceedings in connection therewith.

2. To legalize, confirm and validate the several assessments and collector's rolls of the town of Rat Portage, for the years 1898 to 1902, inclusive, and to legalize and confirm the return of the several statements of unpaid taxes for the several years, as required by section 152 of "The Assessment Act," to enable the treasurer of the town of Rat Portage to set for unpaid taxes, for any of the said years, the lands liable for the same.

3. To legalize, ratify and confirm an agreement made between the said Corporation of the town of Rat Portage, and the Citizens Telephone and Electric Light Company, Limited, dated the 7th day of April, 1902, providing for the purchase and acquiring by the said corporation of the town of Rat Portage, of all the electric Light, telephone and fire alarm plant system and works of the said Citizens Telephone & Electric Company, and to legalize and confirm By-law number 23 of the said corporation of the town of Rat Portage, for the issue of debentures to carry out the terms of the said agreement.

4. For authority to exercise all the rights and powers mentioned and set out in Chapter 98 of 2 Edward VII.

5. For power and authority to acquire by purchase, expropriation proceedings or otherwise, and to hold, develop and improve water power or water powers within the municipality together with such lands as may be necessary and desirable for the purposes and objects of the said act, chapter 98 of 2 Edward VII, and more particularly set forth in the said act, and also without the assent of the electors to pass By-Laws and issue debentures for the purpose of raising money for the purposes aforesaid, or any of them.

Dated at Rat Portage, Feb. 17th, 1903.

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BERT E. COLLIVER'S TALE.
 An interesting story of an Ancient and Vanished City by Dawson City Editor.
 Bert E. Colliver of Dawson City, the editor and proprietor of the Yukon, was in Toronto during the first week of 1903 in January, on a holiday trip, which will embrace the West Indies, and the Florida Land. He states that not only the gold-producing area being richly supplied with coal, but also that the coal and iron industry is being mined. At present in Dawson steam is generated by Yukon coal is distributed in pipes by a company just as is gas in the City of Toronto. He also alleges that the remains of a prehistoric civilization has also been discovered in the Yukon. It must have been of a very high order, for coins have been unearthed at a depth of over two hundred feet, which indicate great skill in craftsmanship. These coins have been examined by numismatic experts who have been utterly unable to decipher the hieroglyphs stamped on them. They have been able to decipher, however, that the coins were struck in those ancient coins of to-day and that whoever made them must have been a fully fledged civilization, with tools that would indicate an advanced state of civilization. The coins are made of an alloy of gold and bronze. Besides this a confirmation has been dug up from a depth of almost intact, so that it is certain that the present miners on the borders of the district, that its gold resources were known and worked in prehistoric times.

Sir A. J. Douglas, K.C.B.
 The Admiral Sir Archibald Lucius Douglas, K.C.B., is a native of Quebec. He was a member of the North West Company and Chief Indian Stationer at Fort Chipewyan and is now in command of the steamer "Sir Archibald Douglas" in the St. Lawrence. He was a member of the Squadron of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He was a member of the Squadron of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He was a member of the Squadron of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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A Quaint Christmas Song of the Medians runs.
 The first day of Christmas,
 My true love sent me
 Three French hens,
 Two turtle doves,
 Part of it, I think that June
 part must originally have been Juniper—Full Mall Gazette.

A Kiss Tax.
 The ancient town of Hungerford, in England, is the scene of a curious fete each year on the first Tuesday after Easter. Under a primeval and time honored arrangement the authorities exact a toll from every male and female inhabitant within certain boundaries, the maximum being five pence and the female levy a shilling. Two bulky benches, carrying massive wands of iron, proceed from house to house levying these quaint taxes, and it is recognized on the day in question any youth may with impunity embrace any maiden whom he encounters.

The Result is that a veritable carnival of association takes place yearly in Hungerford, and attracts various sports to the quaint little town, many of whom participate, though not entitled to do so, in the delights of the day.

Jersey Lily's Turn at Criticism.
 Mrs. Langtry was discussing the other day the recent marriage of the octogenarian Marquis of Boregas with a young Canadian girl. She said it reminded her of an incident in the life of her father. Her father was a Quaker, and these came to him to be married, one day a man of 70 and a girl of 18. The minister who presided, when this ill-assorted couple came to stand before him, said: "The font is at the other end of the church."
 "What do we want with the font? It is here to be married," said the old man.
 "Oh, I beg your pardon," the clerk must rejoined, "I thought you had brought this young girl here to stand at the font."

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 Busy Man—I've a bulldog in the next room I'd like to show you.—Exchange.

A Costly Draft.
 Cleopatra at an entertainment gave Antony, who swallowed it, dissolved in vinegar a pearl worth \$40,000.

Power of a Philosopher.
 Regereppus, the great philosopher, discoursed so eloquently on the peace of death as compared with the worry of life that many of his auditors killed themselves, and to stop the epidemic Ptolemy ordered him to teach no more in public.

No Quails in Ireland.
 Quails are now said to be extinct in Ireland, where they were formerly to be found in great numbers.

Cleaning Brass.
 The best method for cleaning old brass is to pour very strong ammonia over it and then scrub it thoroughly with a brush, rinsing in clean water before drying. Indian brass may be cleaned with very fine brick dust moistened with lemon juice.

Steel Buildings.
 With the modern steel framing a building can with safety be carried to seven and a half times the diameter of its base. Thus an ordinary business building could be erected to a height of 1500 feet.

Leaves on a Tree.
 The number of leaves on a large sixty foot high oak tree has been counted and found to exceed 6,000,000.

The Fan.
 The antiquity of the fan in the east, particularly in Asia, extends far back beyond the possibility of ascertaining its date. In China and India the original model of the fan was the wing of a bird and at one time was part of the emblems of Imperial authority.

Saul.
 Saul, the first king of Israel, killed himself rather than be slain by the Philistines. Defeated in battle and his kingdom gone, he had nothing to live for.

Fish.
 Freshness is the prime quality of fish. The sooner a fish is cleaned and drawn the better. After this is done it should be washed quickly in cold water and wiped with a dry napkin. Never let fish stand in water after they are cleaned.

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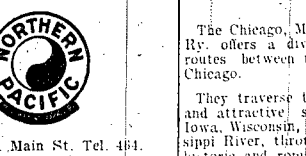
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LOCAL ITEMS

Capt. Harvey Cann, of Vermillion, is registered at the Shaw House.
Mr. J. Robinson, of Vermillion Bay, visiting friends in town.
Miss Ber. Morris has returned from visit to her home in Winnipeg.
Dr. S. S. Scovil and Mr. George Dewey left on a hunting expedition Monday morning.
Mr. W. J. Rowley returned from his trip west on Sunday.
Mr. F. C. Dynes, of Winnipeg, registered at the Hilliard yesterday.
Mr. Geo. Moore, of London, spent food Friday in town.
Mr. John Seminolet, of Whitefish, is in town.

Mr. Jack Warren, of the 2^d Century mine, Goldrock, arrived in town Sunday on a visit to friends.
Mr. Jos. Derry, of the Gardner, Hie-Leed Co., left for Winnipeg on business trip this morning.

There was a special meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society, held at Mrs. Pitter's last night.

Mr. G. M. Birch rowed over from his home on Tunnel Island to Kewall's dock yesterday, making the first trip of the season.

Mrs. M. Heap left this morning on visit to Winnipeg.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid Society completed arrangements, last evening, for a most enjoyable and profitable entertainment to be held on Thursday, April 30th, keep this date in mind. Full particulars next week.

Mr. W. A. McKay assistant manager of the Royal Insurance Co., was in town yesterday leaving for the east last night.

An entertainment will be given in the Baptist Tabernacle on Thursday evening, 16th inst., under the auspices of the Scandinavian Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Erickson has arranged a very attractive programme.

Fort Frances Times—Harry J. Scott of Illinois, starting on a bicycle



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EARTH ONCE LIKE A PEAR.

Theory That Globe Was Formerly of Different Shape.
J. H. Jeans, one of the greatest mathematicians that Cambridge University has produced in recent years, communicated a paper at the last meeting of the Royal Society, in which he made novel suggestions in regard to the figure of the earth. He said there was probably a time when the sphericity of the planet was so small, that the configuration was

NOVA SCOTIA'S GREAT SON

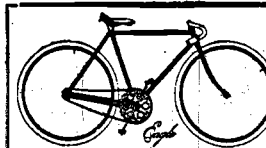
Joseph Howe at last Remembered—an Enduring Monument.

"I shall depend upon the sober second thought of my countrymen to come right at last, and do me justice, and I hope that justice will be done me by-and-by," said Joseph Howe. After the neglect of 30 years the province which he loved so well is about to erect an enduring monument to his memory. Nova Scotia, boastful that she has been the birthplace of more great men than any other province, has proven singularly callous to her famous son. Worshipping him at first, some men turned their backs on him, and heard his name with hisses. The act which would be considered by Canadians today the wisest in the career of Howe was the sin which his enemies could not forgive. Howe opposed Confederation, therefore Canadians are unkind of his claims upon their respect and honor. Howe accepted Confederation, so a faction in Nova Scotia hated him.

GREATEST CANADIAN ORATOR
Joseph Howe was undoubtedly one of the most characters this country has produced. As an orator the only man who can be compared with him, is D. A. McGehee, and the Irishman was not a Canadian in the sense that Howe was. Mr. Joseph Pope says of him in his "Life of Sir John Macdonald," he was incomparably the greatest orator that British North America has produced. The most eloquent appeal ever made by a Canadian was that of Joseph Howe at Detroit at the International Commercial Convention. On that occasion Howe's oratory was such that the United States delegates would have decided in favor of the continuance of the Reciprocity Treaty had he not been taken on that day. And yet in this magnificent orator Howe repudiated annexation, being back in the faces of the Americans yet hung spellbound on his words. Despite the fact that he was an Imperialist of the Empire, Howe was pronounced a patriot in New England. He is a part of Canada's history.

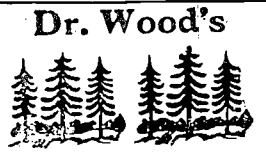
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The merchants who profess the belief that "advertising doesn't pay" usually adopt the best methods in their power to prove the correctness of their contention. They positively refuse to advertise in newspapers, for such a course would probably prove their own belief to be wrong, but on the other hand they almost invariably are easy marks for the promoters of fake advertising. Their "smartness" leads them to reject the advertising methods which the most successful merchants have proved to be profitable, but it does not prevent them from adopting schemes which anyone of average intelligence should be able to see are positively worthless. — The Retailer and Advertiser.

HORSWILL About One-Price Cash Store

We notice much quoting of "prices for cash" lately, and though we don't follow suit, would like our custom-

There was a special meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society held at Mrs. Pither's last night.

Mr. G. M. Ruch rowed over from his home on Tunnel Island to Kendall's dock yesterday, making his first trip of the season.

Mrs. M. Head left this morning on a visit to Winnipeg.

The Ladies' Hospital Aid Society completed arrangements last evening for a most enjoyable and profitable entertainment to be held on Thursday, April 30th. Keep this date in mind. Full particulars next week.

Mr. Wm. McKay, assistant manager of the Royal Insurance Co., was in town yesterday leaving for the east last night.

An entertainment will be given in the Baptist Tabernacle on Thursday evening, 16th inst., under the auspices of the Scandinavian Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Erickson has arranged a very attractive programme.

Fort Frances Times—Harry I. Frost, of Mine Centre, has taken up his abode in the Fort and will take charge of the Rainy River Navigation Company's office here during the coming summer.

Chief Wapagonk of Manitowishongee, Rainy River, is offering a reward of \$20 for the recovery of the body of his son, who was drowned at Pither Point last fall along with another Indian.

Opinion of the greatest musical authority in Canada, after using the Mason & Risch pianos for over 20 years. From F. H. Torrington, Esq., principal of the Toronto College of Music, organist of the Metropolitan church and conductor of the festival chorus: "It gives me great pleasure to add my testimony to the excellence and worth of the Mason & Risch pianos—both organs and upright. They have been used by me for over twenty years and I can testify as to durability under severe tests. In schools, colleges and private circles. Their merits need commend them to all impartial judges of a thorough good pianoforte."

The Bark "Adonis" to the number of about 2,000 will likely pass through Rat Portage tomorrow on their way to Saskatchewan.

Mr. G. P. Phillips was in Winnipeg Monday.

Mr. C. N. Sterling says the boat and canoe business is booming. He looks for a prosperous summer's business.

The fixtures and furniture for the new King Edward Hotel have arrived, and Messrs. McVeigh & Walsh have a forced men putting everything in position. The hotel will be fitted up with modern furniture throughout. It is expected everything will be in readiness to open out about May 1st.

Mr. Jesse Bingham, of Wilmington, Del., accompanied by Mr. N. Higley, visited the Eagle Lake district this week.

Just Next Door. — Sung by the Garrison author of "Hello Central" (four COPIES of the latest sheet music to choose from. Prompt attention given to special orders.

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WAREHOUSES—Port street, Rat Portage and Fort Arthur, Ont.
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EARTH ONCE LIKE A PEAR.

Theory That Globe Was Formerly of Different Shape.

J. H. Jeans, one of the greatest mathematicians that Cambridge University has produced in recent years, communicated a paper at the last meeting of the Royal Society, in which he made bold suggestions in regard to the figure of the earth. He said there was probably a time when the stability of the planet was so small that the collision of a comet with it would have produced a great change. The transition from a pear shaped globe to a sphere took place through a series of adjustments. Nevertheless, traces of the pear shaped configuration were still discernible. England, he said, is the centre of a hemisphere which is practically all land. This hemisphere represents a blunted pear. It follows the boundary of the hemisphere that "with the exception of the re-arrangement of form are and were most frequent."

Tracing a circle about the globe," he said, "a greater distance from England as the centre we pass over a region of the deserts of the Pacific, southern Atlantic, and Indian oceans. Along this line there is the remains of the earth's old axis. It is as though the axis of the earth were still there, the existence of a large tract of land about the South pole becomes more doubtful than ever."

William Morris Home Sold.

"More a poem than a house," was pointed out by the description of the Red House, Bexley Heath, the home of the late William Morris, which was sold by auction at Tokington yard on Dec. 16, 1903. The house, with its old-world simplicity of design, is hawed in trees and surrounded by an old English garden, while the interior has attractions in the shape of fittings decorated by Morris himself and walls decorated by Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

The bidding began at £2,300, and a number reached £2,850, at which was the property, of a acre and a half, was bought by Mr. Henry Muff of Yorkshire, gentleman.

Irish Emigration.

The capacity of Ireland for sending out emigrants has been one of the subjects of the world. During 1901 the island sent out 39,870 emigrants, or an average of 1,000 of population, of which 25,000 were between the ages of 15 and 35. This year the total is some 7,000 smaller than that of 1900.

Unprecedented.

"Water. I've found an oyster in the water-supply." "It ain't happened again, sir."—Comic Cuts.

A Phenomenon.

Phenomenon. What is a phenomenon, my dear Uncle? A phenomenon is a small boy under your nose who never blows anyone.—Punchy Cuts.

Conventional. On that occasion Joseph Howe's oratory was such that the United States delegates would have decided in favor of the continuation of the Reciprocity Treaty had it not been taken on that day. And yet in this magnificent orator Howe repudiated annexation, flung it back in the faces of the Americans who yet hung spellbound on his words. Despite the fact that he was in Imperialist of the Impenitentists, Howe was probably more popular in New England than in any part of Canada outside his native province. No man of his day was in greater demand at large gatherings in the Eastern States. He did not think of the most pleasant things he could say to Americans, and his Boston speeches, much have been delivered in Halifax. No characteristic of Joseph Howe was more marked than his hardness. "The people of the United States have never failed to love and respect this quality. Enslaved by the glare of party politics, they formed a truer estimate of the great Canadian than the mass of his own countrymen."

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HOWE, THE PRINTER'S DEATH.

"In the time of persecution," says one of his biographers rather vaguely by express, "four Howes fled England and settled in the United States. Their descendants spread from Maine to California, and numbered not fewer than a thousand at the time of the American Revolution. Only one of them, Joseph's father, chose the King's side and he was forced to seek a new home in Nova Scotia. A quietly educated gentleman, his worth was appreciated, and he was everywhere respected. Never an active politician, he yet was honored by those who were, and was made King's Printer and Postmaster General of Nova Scotia. His son Joseph was born in 1803, and received a fine regular education. At the age of 14 he went into the office of the Halifax Gazette as printer's devil. For 31 years he set type, wrote poems and sketches, and mastered the somewhat varied accomplishments of a journalist of the time. In 1834 he entered into partnership in another newspaper, but sold out his share within the year and secured the Nova Scotian for \$5,250. He reported the debates in the local Assembly himself, travelled about forming opinions, and indulged in the verse. The Lamp of Truth was said to have been one of his contributions at the time."

A FAMOUS LIBEL.

Until 1835 Howe never spoke in public. A libel suit was brought against him in that year, and attorney for the prosecution was able to get talent. Howe defended himself, and it took the jury ten minutes to acquit him. At this time there was not an incorporated city in Canada. Towns were governed by magistrates appointed by the Crown, and in no sense responsible to the people. Howe's attack on the system, landed him in prison, and brought against him the charge of libel. His speech destroyed the reign of the magistrates, inaugurated responsible government in the Lower Provinces, and established the freedom of the press. The

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DESPISED BY COUNTRYMEN.

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