

Lecture in the Athenæum.

"HOW TO READ AND WHAT TO READ."

The Lecture, by Rev. R. B. Macdonald, under the auspices of the Reform Club, was rather sparsely attended. Probably the same disposition that prompts people to "dogear" sensational novels instead of reading literature of an instructing nature, caused the absence of many. They prefer something light—nigger minstrels, for example—to the spending of an hour in improving their ideas by reading a lecture.

The reverend gentleman commenced his subject, "How to read and what books to read," by a comparison between the modes of education in the time of the Grecian Republic, and those of the 19th Century. He quoted Lord Macaulay's vivid description of a stranger entering the living city of Athens in the days of the old poets and philosophers; and finished the quotation with Macaulay's idea of the training of a student in that city—"that no modern university had such a course." Probably not fifty of the best men in Greece had read through half a dozen volumes. They were not a reading people, and yet were thoroughly literary. The common people in the streets could understand and enjoy the poetical stories of rhapsodists, the disputes of the philosophers, the orations of the politicians, the tragedy and comedy of the theatres, the grandeur and grace of architecture, and the beauty and power of the sculpture and paintings of that refined city.

A student instead of reading and swelling by the enlightenment of kerosene oil in a little box of air eight feet by six was content to see and hear in the open air and light of day, to remember what he saw and heard, and to think and understand it. If a person wishes to improve his mind by reading or otherwise, application should be his first law. With change of time systems of education have changed since the invention of printing. Books now, instead of men, are the professors and teachers of learning. The old professors now have become commentators, explainers, and conductors of education. Books have been written on every imaginable subject, and the difficulty is to choose what books to read. The best books are those which will direct in the proper course, and strengthen the will, memory, and understanding. Nothing should be read in a hurry or skimmed over. Food for the mind is what the reader should seek; and let him eat it slowly and digest it thoroughly; otherwise he will become an emaciated and diseased dyspeptic, lacking bone, muscle, and energy. Read a few books well is a good rule for those who have not much time for reading. All persons should read and understand books relating to their own profession or business. They should not however be content with this narrow class distinction. A lawyer, doctor, merchant, or mechanic would be but a dull and uninteresting companion if he could talk on no subject but his own particular employment. Such men may acquire large fortunes, but are almost sure to be thought lightly of by people of intelligence and culture.

All who wish to have anything like a literary education should read works on history, science and art. In reading history care should be taken by the reader to understand whether or not the mind of the author was prejudiced in regard to any event of which he has written. A good book, if it is by an author whom you have not read before, should be re-read; for, on the second reading, many interesting ideas will come to you that were unnoticed when reading it the first time. A book should be like a friend. Do not be satisfied until you can understand and sympathise with it. A great deal of unhealthy and poisonous trash is scattered broadcast through the world in the shape of cheap literature. A few years ago the police of New York seized some tons of immoral literature and burned it; and everybody must approve of their action in this matter. The novel may be called the literature of the age, and is a power—and, in some authors hands, a power for good. The popular taste seem to argue the fact that novel reading, instead of being a means of instruction, amusement and insight into real life, is merely a barrier that stays all ideas of literary improvement in the minds of those afflicted with excessive novel reading. The statistics of public libraries shew the popular choice of novels; Addison, Sir Walter Scott, Dickens and Thackeray stand upon their shelves in neat bindings; but the books that treat of noble rakes and charming actresses—that introduce their readers to the delicious vices of courts and duchesses, these are the ones that are dog-eared and falling asunder. These novel readers are too lazy to go through a book unless it has a full per centage of sensation. Surely there is enough sensation in the world in the present century, to supply the mind of any reasonable man with wonder and excitement. Nations are built up, thrones overturned, electricity performs wonders, wars are carried on, and enormous crimes and gigantic swindles perpetrated. What searchings the fold philosopher would make with his lantern, could he but come into this nineteenth century. Novel reading, like the theatre going, should be an instructing relaxation. In one sense it may be said that people were better off when one good book was worth an hundred acres of land than now, when as much immoral literature can be bought for ten cents as will send a soul to destruction.

The People Want Proof.

There is no medicine prescribed by physicians, or sold by Druggists, that carries such evidence of its success and superior virtues as BOSCHER'S GERMAN SYRUP for severe Coughs, Colds settled on the breast, Consumption, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs. A proof of that fact is that any person afflicted, can get a Sample Bottle for 10 cents and try its superior effect before buying the regular size at 75 cents. It has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonderful cures are astonishing everyone that use it. Three doses will relieve any case. Try it. Sold by all Druggists on the Western Continent.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

OTTAWA, Nov. 9.

Sir A. T. Galt, who acted as the Canadian Commissioner at the Halifax award, is in the city with the object, it is understood, of getting information for Lord Salisbury, to enable that gentleman to close his case and reply to Secretary Evarts. The Newfoundlanders claim that their ground of action is correct, and will insist on American fishermen fishing in British waters complying with British rule. Our papers make very light of Secretary Evarts' case, and are quite unanimous in their opinion that the money will be paid and that the dispute will turn out to be a trumpety one.

While Sir Selby Smyth was in England it was suggested to him that a permanent military force be organized at Ottawa to add certain lustre to the new Court, the home authorities going so far as to offer assistance in the shape of uniforms, etc. The Government have, however, vetoed the matter, on the grounds that the present condition of our finances would not admit of any such expenditure.

MONTREAL, Nov. 10.

The writ for Three Rivers is issued, Mr. Macdougall, the sitting member, having accepted a nominal position from the Government. It is understood that Hon. Mr. Langevin will be elected by acclamation.

One report is that Mr. Macdougall will receive the Judgeship rendered vacant by the resignation of Judge Loranger.

The Allan mail steamer "Sardinian" arrived at Quebec to-day, having made the fastest time on record, by one hour and ten minutes.

Huntington, ex-Postmaster General, assumes the editorship of the Montreal Herald in the spring.

The Windsor Hotel Company will build another wing to the hotel, costing \$50,000.

The Gaspe election returns as far as received indicate that M. Fortin, Liberal-Conservative, is elected by a large majority.

Private advices from London say that there is a rumor at Scotland Yard that one or more of the metropolitan detectives will be sent to Ottawa during the stay of the Marquis of Lorne in this country. What the detectives are to busy themselves about is a mystery; perhaps they are to follow their R. H. S's in their journey throughout the United States and see that they are not molested by the Fenians.

The Dominion notes in circulation are \$10,443,859.27, the excess of specie is \$31,160.29.

Notice is given that the Direct U. S. Cable Company, limited, incorporated 1877, will apply to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, at next session, for an act to extend its corporate character to the said Dominion, to enable it to perform cable communication between Great Britain and the Dominion, and to revoke letters of patent of the said Dominion, issued on the 17th May, 1870, purporting to incorporate certain persons, under the name of "Direct United States Company, Limited."

The City Council meets this evening at 7.30.

REMEMBER the meeting of the manufacturers in the Athenæum, this evening at 8 o'clock.

The market was not so largely attended to-day as formerly. Prices were the same as on Friday.

A FARMER who was last night proceeding homewards, much intoxicated, by way of St. Peter's Road, had a narrow escape from being struck by a passing train.

Hon. J. C. POPE, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, will remain on the Island until about the 23rd inst. He will then proceed to Halifax to attend the reception of the Vice Regal party, which will take place on or about the 24th.

JOHN INGS, Esq., left on exhibition in the market to-day the largest mangal wurtzel ever grown on the Island. It was taken from his garden in this City, and weighs twenty-four pounds and three-quarters.

MR. ALEXANDER MCKINLAY of North River has been for some time past mysteriously losing sheep from his farm. On the 22nd ult. when he lost four fine fat ewes, the total number lost was twenty-nine. These were, without doubt, feloniously taken; but who the thief or thieves were he, up to Tuesday last, could not discover. On that day he was informed that a but or (pro tem) had been carrying on a business in the Royalty under very questionable circumstances, and that he had recently slaughtered a quantity of mutton and offered it for sale by the quarter. Mr. McKinlay visited the place and enquired where he got "that fat mutton" and he replied that he "purchased it from his brother (who lives in the neighborhood of Mr. McKinlay's) who had purchased it from a farmer who also lives in the same vicinity. Mr. McK. determined to get the bottom of it, went immediately to the brother and asked him some questions respecting the sheep. He denied point blank that he had ever sold the butcher any sheep, and the farmer also denied that he had ever sold sheep to the butcher's brother. From this it was evident to Mr. McKinlay that "there was something rotten in Denmark," and to day he issued a warrant against that butcher and a younger brother. The case will be tried to-morrow.

Married.

At the Methodist Parsonage, by Rev. J. Lathern, on the 6th inst., Mr. John Craswell, of Fredericton, P. E. I., to Miss Alice Weeks of the same place.

Merchants Bank Notes

TAKEN AT THEIR FACE in exchange for Boots and Shoes, at E. W. SMITH'S, Mrs. Stamper's Corner. Oct. 11, 1878—

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WE ARE NOW OPENING OUR

LARGE AND CAREFULLY SELECTED STOCK OF

FALL & WINTER GOODS,

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HATS, CAPS, FURS, STRAWS.

Our Representative will visit P. E. Island in January next, with a Splendid Assortment of

HOME MANUFACTURED AND AMERICAN

SOFT HATS, ENGLISH STIFF HATS, Straw Hats, Cloth Caps, Etc.

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Advertisements of Live Stock, Auction Sales of Stock, Implements, etc. Seeds for sale, Exhibitions, etc., inserted at the same rates.

Address Mail, Toronto.

October 31, 1878.

Wants, Lost, Found, &c.

Advertisements under this heading, in space not exceeding half an inch, will be inserted for Ten Cents per day.

FOUND—To-day, on King Street, a Gold LOCKET and Chain. The owner can have the same by calling at this Office, proving property and paying for this advertisement. Nov. 9—

BOARDERS—A few permanent and transient Boarders can be accommodated at reasonable terms at the Quincey House, next to Mr. John Seller's Grocery Store. Good Stable accommodation can also be had in connection with this Hotel. Oct. 14—2i law*

RECEIVED TO-DAY

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Worsted Coatings

(CHOICE PATTERNS)

KING SQUARE HOUSE Tailoring Department

BEER & SONS.

Ch'town, June 18, 1878.

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THE Subscribers would respectfully announce that they have removed to that new studio in the new building south of Mr. Fraser's Drug Store, where they are prepared to furnish their patrons with

PHOTOGRAPHS

of every style, the quality and finish of which cannot be surpassed in America. Having had a long experience in some of the leading Photographic Studios in the United States, they are confident that they can guarantee satisfaction to their patrons.

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which cannot be surpassed for its softness and delicacy. Old Pictures copied and enlarged. Faded Daguerotypes restored.

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INSURANCE effected on all kinds of Buildings, Merchandise and Produce. Also, on Vessels on the stocks.

Special rates for isolated residences. Losses settled promptly.

GEORGE MACLEOD (Union Bank), Agent for Prince Edward Island June, 1877—

AUCTION SALES.

APPLES.

BY AUCTION,

On Wednesday, Nov. the 13th,

AT HALF-PAST TEN O'CLOCK,

100 BBLs. American Baldwins—a Consignment which must be closed out AT ANY PRICE.

B. BALDERSTON.

No. 11 Queen St., Nov. 12, 1878—1i

APPLES BY AUCTION.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th inst., at 11 o'clock, in front of A. A. Baldwin & Co's Store, Queen Street—

75 Barrels Choice Hand-Picked Baldwin Apples.

F. S. HANFORD & CO., Auctioneer. Nov. 11—pat 2i

By Auction,

WILL BE SOLD,

On Wednesday next, 13th inst.,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK,

At my Store, to Close Consignments, 15 PUNCHEONS Pure MOLASSES,

10 Chests Congou TEA,

10 Half Chests "

20 Boxes PIPES,

10 Boxes SOAP, &c., &c.

B. WILSON HIGGS,

Auctioneer.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 9, '78—pat 2i

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I will Sell for Cash or Good Paper, at Lowest Market Rates,

100 BBLs. of that favorite brand FLOUR

—"Hiawatha,"

100 bbls. Choice Superior Extra "

200 " " " American "

100 " " Kiln-dried Cornmeal,

100 " " Am. Kerosene Oil, 120° test,

200 sides No. 1 Sole Leather,

75 chests good Congou Tea,

75 half-chests Choice Souchong do.,

50 boxes Tea, 5 and 8 pounds each,

5 qr. casks Sherry Wine,

10 cases pure Jamaica Lime Juice,

20 boxes Soap,

6 handsome Wolf Robes,

20 Buffalo Robes.

WILLIAM DODD,

Auctioneer.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

In Chancery.

SAMUEL NELSON ROBINSON,

JOSEPH ROBINSON and

GEORGE FREDERICK ROBINSON,—

Complainants

AND

MARGARET McCRAITH

JAMES REDDIN,

PIERCE GAUL,

MARGARET McCRAITH, Guardian of

James Barry McCraith, Arthur Edgworth

McCraith, Mary Louisa McCraith, August

McCraith, Margaret McCraith, Ellen

McCraith and Beatrice Marion McCraith,

Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree made in this suit

by His Honor the Vice Chancellor,

bearing date the twenty-ninth day of

August, instant, A. D. 1878, there will

be sold by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, the eleventh day of

December next, ensuing, at twelve

o'clock, noon, in the Supreme Court

House, in Charlottetown, in Queen's

County,—

ALL that Tract or Piece of Land situate,

lying and being in Charlottetown,

aforsaid, being part or parcel of Town Lots

Number Four and Five, in the second

hundred of Town Lots in the said Town, bound

ed and described as follows, that is to say:

Commencing at the southeastern corner of

the dwelling-house and store now occupied

by Henry J. Calbeck, in the northern edge

or side of Sydney Street, and running thence

along the edge or side of Sidney Street,

parallel with the line of said Street for the

distance of forty feet; thence at right

angles to said Street, northwardly, for the

distance of seventy-nine feet; thence at

right angles westwardly, along the boundary

line of the late John McGill's land,

forty (40) feet, or until it meets the boundary

line of land occupied by the said Henry

J. Calbeck; thence at right angles south-

wardly along the said last mentioned line

seventy-nine (79) feet, to the place of com-

encement, together with the buildings

and improvements thereon, and the appur-

tenances thereto belonging.

Dated this 31st day of August, A. D. 1878.

J. LONGWORTH,

Master in Chancery.

E. J. HODGSON, Solicitor for Complainants. Au3

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November 6, 1878.

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Oct. 17, 1878.