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DEAR OLD KINGSTON WHERE ST. LAWRENCE WOOS LAKE ONTARIO.

An Old Time Resident. Now in Toronto. Calls Attention to Five of Kingston's Bygone Verse Writers.

Toronto, Aug. 4. (To the Editor): St. Lawrence! Canada's mighty son! With bravery arms uplifted wide To grasp his dearest, fairest one, To make her his beloved bride.

He bids Ontario, from her home, To drift adown the stream of life, With him, in all the years to come, So his worthy and beloved wife.

Though little of limb, though strong of arm, Though winsome he in all his ways, Though delectable his many charms, He cautious of his freakish plays.

His is unstable at times, fair maid, He breaketh out in playful rage, No one dare then him to upbraid, 'Tis the woe birth of his heritage.

Though absent in the flesh memory will ne'er forget thee. This is the parting feeling of a Kingston old boy. Though some live in the future, in my present condition, I am living in the past, Kingston has my attention, because there are some things in connection with it that I cannot forget. The moods in some of us are many-sided! I may count mine, and be satisfied, and yet I may count them and be unsatisfied. In quiet contemplation I think the thoughts of Israel's bard, "We are feebly and wonderfully made."

In one of my moods, I am invited to a "swat" away to the right of me, at a forty-five angle, the high house at the head of Long Island is all ablaze. The moon is tinting the surface of the water with its reflector. The scene beyond is about where the shoulders and the arms of the St. Lawrence are closely related to each other, and which entrances in felicitous words to Lake Ontario.

When seated I am told, "This is the breakerwater." Of course the freshness of the air is very inviting for one to take a seat and a rest, and a few breathings of their freshness into the lungs. To one there is a change hereabout. The rough and rugged old water front has had an impression in some of the more thoughtful Kingstonians, and as a consequence this rough and crooked old water front is straightened up into what, evidently is to become a pleasantly beautiful resort for the pleasure-seeking ones, and for the wearied ones pent up in their super-heated homes and dusty streets of the City of Kingston. Looking back over me up at these two rows of trees "ten years hence" - I was thinking of the additional span of my life. If these trees are strong and vigorous in trunk and limb, and foliage, and then I looked at the water line embankment, where it is properly filled in and sodded, and lives a healthy life ten years hence, how great will be the change.

Notwithstanding the century mark around the corner would be a pleasant event to see the change human thought, human labor, working with healthy nature may, or can, make in a few years in your breakerwater. But your breakerwater, front could afford another row of trees nearer its road frontage to take of the old feeling and the dust of the wicket automobiles.

The old days and the new days will intermingle. The old days of Kingston have their honor marks. Though dead, some yet speak through the memory. Charles Sangster, through his poem, "The St. Lawrence," was one of the first notables that gave me an impression of the wonders of Canada. His later work, "The Saginaw," and other poems, with his first work, "The St. Lawrence," have done much to arouse the attention of pleasure-seekers to these rivers and their resorts, and later to the sublime beauties - meaning the Canada. It is over fifty years that I was interested in Charles's poetry. To-day his work is forgotten. Two years ago I acquired for his books of poem Methodical Book Rooms, Toronto was told that Sangster's work was out of print. Though I am a little old, I have been disengaged English education and English for the little children of the early days in Kingston, gave great an heritage as Canada, early days Canada's wonder sources and sublime beauties v complete blank in Great Brit.

I have before me a big double sized, ordinary, or near hundred pages, called "The Gleanings of Europe," by Thomas M.A., F.R.G.S., that talks of known places of river and in and other scenes throughout the continent of America is more fully described than Canada other countries. Have pages of their services. The noted St. I with its 1,692 islands, with interesting phases of beauty a line wonders. In the only two of reading matter to their eye closing these lines of brevity little attention given by Englishers there is an imagination than an honest love for the of Canada outside of the Falls. "The overhanging scene St. Lawrence reminds an elegant of the happy Islands in "The Of Mirza," a tribute no do the St. Lawrence, but Charles ster deserves the greater tribu what he has written in the int all lovers of scenic beauty it ails. Though other writers ou Kingston may have given thought-work towards the set of the sublime and of the best Canada, my intention is K ward and its notables.

Heavy-segs is another nota whose work "Saul" has left impression of my early days in ston. I remember reading "Sa the Dominion Monthly, of it treat Witness firm, in the sixti somehow at that date I of Heavy-segs and his work with ston. However, it may be my ston has the day and the aut "Saul" resides in my mind at partial personage of Kingston early date.

Evan McCall, the Scottish was a Kingston poet, if len years that he resided there a But he left poor old Kingst



LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

First Lord of the British Admiralty, who comes to Canada for the express purpose of opening the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, on Aug. 28th.

last to end his days in peace from his labors. Unsatisfied becomes the mind When it is so inclined By words from others lips.

I have a book of poems before me that promised well to the then editor of the Canadian Monthly, who in his introduction of the poetess said, "I am bold to claim for these productions of Mrs. MacLean's muse a high place in the national collection and a warm corner in the national heart." Mrs. MacLean is proclaimed Kingston's poetess. Thus another notable personage of interest to Kingstonians as well as to Canada's national heart. Where is she to-day? Though the editor of the Canadian Monthly gave her a worthy send-off, some of her words are ominous of neglect. The poetess is a joyous singer, yet we see a beautiful and sympathetic sadness in some of her notes. She hopes and yet she fears the future.

"Oh poet of our glorious land so fair Whose foot is at the door; Even so my song shall melt into the air, And die and be no more."

I am not ashamed to own myself a journeyman carpenter in Kingston. But that was quite a number of years ago. Andrew Davidson was then living, and Will Earl was my bench mate. But he has gone the way of my old bench mates, including Will Coverdale, who was my first bench mate in Kingston and Thomas Nicholson and Samuel Jenkins and one or two others.

I was sent to look at a job wanted doing in Rev. Dr. Machin's house, the Mansie, corner of Queen and Barris streets. I went in the back entrance on Queen street, knocked, and the door was opened by a young lady dressed, and apparently ready to go

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