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DEAR OLD KINGSTON

WHERE ST. LAWRENCE WOOES 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 soul!

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

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

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

Though absent in the flesh memory will never forget thee. This is the parting of the ways, the light of the future, in my present condition, am living in the past, Kingston was my attention, because there are some things in connection with it that I cannot forget.

In one of my moods, I am invited to a "scent" away to the right of me, a forty-mile ramble, the light of the future, in my present condition, am living in the past, Kingston was my attention, because there are some things in connection with it that I cannot forget.

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.

Notwithstanding the century mark would be heaped upon the 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 front, to plant of the old feeling and lick up the dust of the wicked 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.

I have before me a big book of double size, ordinary, or nearly, eight hundred pages, called "The Gallery of Nature," by Rev. Thomas Milner, M.A., F.R.G.S., that talks of every known place of river and mountain, and other scenes throughout the globe, except in Canada. Even the southern continent of America is more thoughtfully described than Canada, whilst other countries have pieces placed to their services. The noted St. Lawrence with its 1,692 islands, with their interesting phases of beauty and sublime wonders, have only twelve lines of reading matter to their credit.

In closing these lines of brevity and of little attention given by English writers there is an intimation rather than an honest love for the beauties of Canada overlooking of the Niagara Falls. "The overhanging scene of the St. Lawrence reminds an elegant writer of the happy Islands in 'The Vision of Mirza,'" a tribute no doubt to the St. Lawrence. But Charles Sangster deserves the greater tribute for what he has written in the interest of all lovers of scenic beauty in Canada.

Heavy verse is another notable in whose work "Saul" has left an impression of my early days in Kingston. I remember reading "Saul" in the Dominion Monthly, of the Montreal Witness firm, in the sixties and somehow at that date I connected "Saul" with his work with Kingston. However, it may be my impression has the day and the author of "Saul" resides in my mind as a notable personage of Kingston at an early date.

Evian McCall, the Scottish bard, was a Kingston poet, of length of years that he resided there counted, but he left poor old Kingston at



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 meet in 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. March's house, the Manager, corner of Queen and Barrie 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 out. She had a leather covered book eight by ten inches which she had fastened in her arms. I had then the impression that it was a music book and she was about going out to take a music lesson. This young lady was Miss Mear, who was then quite a number of years younger than she was when she gained the prize for her story, then offered and given to arouse a national fervor in our Canadianism. On this same subject, Nationalism, she also gained the prize for the best poem. As a poetess Miss Mear is held in high esteem by many Canadians.

Why, it may be asked, have I taken upon myself to ask attention to these five notables in verse-making. Just because they are Kingstonians, who have helped me to love old Kingston, and put it into my head to honor those where honor is due, and who have, in my humble opinion, created an honorable name for Kingston, if not for Canada. With my best wishes I am still AN OLD KINGSTON BOY.

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