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## LITERATURE

In Canada Was Halifax-Dr. MacMechan Addresses the Canadian Club.

Speaking upon the subject "Canada's Cradle of Literature," before the Kingston Canadian Club in the Frontenac Hotel on Thursday evening, Dr. MacMechan, of Dalhousie University, Halifax, paid a very high tribute to the Nova Scotians who, at a very early period in the history of that province of Canada produced works of great merit, one of them T. C. Halliburton enjoying a popularity that rivalled that of Dickens.

Dr. MacMechan was introduced by the president, J. M. Farrell and in opening his address stated that he desired to direct attention to the need for greater interest in Canadian literature. While he spoke in the interests of Canadian authors he die not wish to be understood as conducting a campaign for the sale of their works, but a campaign in the interof the outstanding problems of Can- I had ever taken." ada today is due to our geography, vast extent between east and west, and differences in races and religion. of the Canadian west are not of British origin, and there is a continual drag to the United States from Canproblem of Canadian nationalism and to secure a degree of unity. There must be brought about an understanding between the east and the west, and between the west and Quebec. Our writers have endeavored to do something along this line.

Bryon Nicholson spent nine years in Quebec and wrote on the Habitant, and his book has had the rare distinction of being translated into French Other writers were Dr. Drummond and William Blake. Their studies on French Canada have been greatly appreciated. The speaker made strong plea for an understanding of French Canadians who have a large place in our national life. He looked for the brilliant French Canadian writers to do the same.

Canadian literature had its first beginning at Halifax. The Nova Scotians have a distinct characteristic of their own that was developed during three centuries of their history. Their maritime situation and the fact that the people are descended from the best class American colonists, the Loyalists, who settled in the province after the American war has been favorable to literary genius, and they have made their mark in Canada. In 1783 Loyalists numbering 25,000 were dumped on the shores of Nova Scotia. They represented the official conservative class and very early established a university, a bishop's see, and a magazine. They had the first organized government and the first newspaper in Canada, published in 1752, also the first provincial history. Since then Halifax has had a new magazine every ten years. The first editor was Dr. Cochrane, later professor of Columbia University. New York. The first number dealt with the history of the first grantee, Sir William Alexander, who named system, should take Lydia E. Pink- the province, Nova Scotia. John Howe, father of Joseph Howe was the first printer of the Nova Scotia magazine. In 1826 another magazine, the Acadian, was published with illustrations, showing the Provincial House, Admiralty House and Dalhousie College Th

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A great figure in Nova Scotia was Joseph Howe, who fought a duel as a result of his stand for the cause of the people. His advisary missed his and he fired into the air. Howe is etill an object of veneration and his personality is still discussed. He was editor of the Nova Scotian and produced most of the articles himself. But Halliburton was the beginner of Canadian literature and his books ran into two hundred editions. An ther genius was James Demill. Though born at St. John he wrote in Halifax, where he was a professor at Dalhousie from 1864 to 1880. He wrote thirty books, including "American Baron," Michael Williams,

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land, a niece of Lord Byng and lady-inwaiting to Princess Mary, to the Earl of Cavan, is announced in London.

Rev. Dr. Bell Discusses Subject Before Queen's Theological Conference.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Bell, D.D., was the speaker before the annual conference of Queen's Theological Alumni Association, on Thursday afternoon. Speaking on the subject "Towards Ke-union," he read extensively from works setting forth the ideas of the Anglican, Congregational and Methodist churches, and showed that there was a universal change in the world since the war that Christianity had to meet. He felt that the churches were conscious of this great change and should unite on the great principle underlying church life.

"There has got to be a vision of the great world and its needs as they exist today and not as they existed in the past. We have to deal with a living situation. Young people are not thinking along denominational FINE FOR CHEST COLDS TOO AND lines. The war has given us a different background. We see as never before the weakness and folly of nations, and traditional divisions are

The Protestant and Roman Catholic conceptions of life were dealt with. The Protestant conception saw soreness of the mucous membrane go its ideal worked out in the life of the and you will feel fine in almost no housewife, the husband and father, by economic teachers and all who ole strength) add to it a little sugar seek by the common duties of life the and enough hot water to make a half fulfillment of the Christian life, edy better than you can buy ready mix- rather than in ecclesiastical institu-Its soothing, healing action on the tions and orders. While the Anglican membrane is the reason so many peo- apostolic claim is a tenacious one, it is an ideal, and the Anglicans and Methodists are close together in

piritual things, Dr. Bell said. The speaker showed that divisions frustrate the church's work and that spiritual unity meant strength. Clergymen of different denominations found it necessary to adapt themselves to new situations and new conditions, and at the present time there are strong grounds for relaxing hold upon what may impede the progress of the people.

Reference was made to the Anglican Lambeth Conference, which regulted in an announcement of the recognition of the validity of Methodist ministry. This was a great step towards unity.



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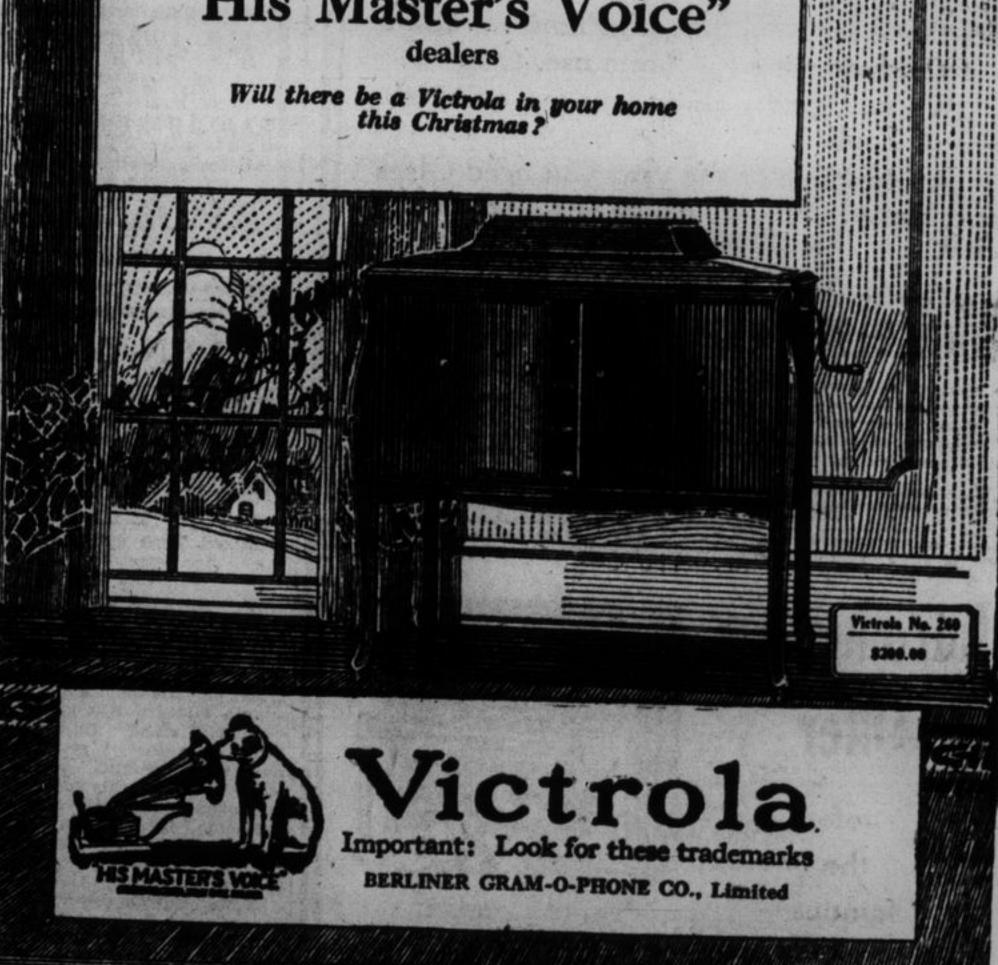
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