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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Some day an enterprising editor may find time to glean from the whole field of Canadian literature a representative collection of wit and humour. It would include the productions of such acknowledged humorists as Thomas Chandler Haliburton and George Thomas Lanigan, as well as specimens of characteristic humour from writers who are better remembered by their more serious work. It would also include a great deal of genuine wit and humour, largely anonymous, in such Canadian periodicals as *Grip*, *Punch in Canada*, the *Grumbler*, the *Free Lance*, and *Diogenes*; and characteristic passages from the speeches of such brilliant and witty debaters as Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Joseph Howe, and Nicholas Flood Davin. The present little collection obviously makes no such ambitious claim. It embraces, however, what are believed to be representative examples of the work of some of our better-known writers, many of which will no doubt be quite familiar to Canadian readers, but perhaps none the less welcome on that account.

For permission to reproduce these selections the Editor is indebted to the authors or their representatives, and in the case of the late Dr. Drummond he is also indebted to the publishers, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. The selection from Joseph Howe's work is taken from his *Poems and Essays*; Haliburton's sketches are taken from *The Old Judge*; those of Dr. Drummond from *The Habitant*, *Johnnie Courteau*, and *The Voyageur*; that of Mrs. Cotes from her *Social Departure*; McCarroll's poem from *Madeleine*; Lanigan's Fables from the little volume published under that

title; and DeMille's selection from *The Dodge Club*. Lanigan's humorous verse was never brought together in book form.

Ottawa,

*August, 1910.*

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