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No apology is made for the omission from this volume of all reference to many important questions. The size of the book is an all-sufficient excuse for defects of that kind. The election record, which is the principal feature of the work, has never been attempted before in this form, so far as we know. Fault will be found in many cases, no doubt, with the political labels attached to the candidates. If these were intended to describe the political opinions of the candidates, no defence could be found. But this book is designed not for keen politicians, who recognize fine distinctions of opinion, but for the great mass of the people whose interest is centred in the struggle between the great parties. The effort has been to indicate, as well as a few letters can do it, which side was victorious, and which was defeated, and also whether or not either party received any considerable assistance which may fairly be designated an "independent" vote. In many cases, especially in the early elections in the Maritime Provinces, when