

HAMILTON SPECTATOR.

Mr. Houston's training as a journalist eminently fits him to edit such a work. His practical eye guides him instinctively to the selection of that which is useful, and the rejection of that which is not, so that instead of filling massive volumes with materials for history, he has condensed his matter into little more than 300 pages, and so condensed his various papers as to give the reader almost a constitutional history of Canada from the landing of Jacques Cartier in 1534 to Confederation in 1867.

LONDON ADVERTISER.

At this stage of the history of the country, and particularly of the Province of Ontario, which embraces the whole of what was known in those early days as Upper Canada, the student of a history so full of interest must gladly welcome this volume of "Constitutional Documents." The aids to the student are most valuable. Without them the documents would be dry; with them they are easy of interpretation, and, in view of recent discussions on the past and future of the country, intensely interesting. The scholastic student of history, as well as public men and writers, will find Mr. Houston's work a valuable compendium.

OTTAWA FREE PRESS.

Mr. Houston has succeeded in collecting and arranging in excellent order all the principal documents upon which the constitution of Canada is based, and his book will prove invaluable not only to students and writers of history, but to politicians and constitutional lawyers as well.

MONTREAL WITNESS.

This is an invaluable volume to the student of the constitution of Canada and its history. Mr. Houston has added to nearly all the constitutional documents a great number of notes giving explanations and lists of decisions affecting certain provisions and their interpretations. This book is one that should be in every library, and especially in every reference library. All writers who have occasion to turn to such documents as are collected in this volume know how difficult it is to lay one's hand upon the most ordinary one of them at the moment it is needed. To have such a collection at hand is, indeed, a boon to all political writers and students.

MONTREAL HERALD.

This work will be an interesting one to all students of Canadian history, and a valuable one to many of our law makers.

MONTREAL GAZETTE.

A work of undoubted value to the student of our history. Though Mr. Houston gratefully acknowledges help and advice received from several gentlemen both in Canada and the States, the plan of the work is essentially his own. He intends it primarily to meet the needs of students of political and legal science in universities and law schools, and in the introduction he gives some pertinent advice as to its use. He has considerably lightened the labor of the enquirer by appending to each chapter historical notes and references to related documents. Lastly, we have to thank Mr. Houston for an index which facilitates the task of consultation.

ST. JOHN TELEGRAPH.

The selections made appear to be quite judicious, and the accuracy of the text is vouched for. It has frequently been urged that greater attention should be given to the study of Canadian history in schools, and Mr. Houston is, from his cast of mind and the value of his researches, well fitted to speak upon that point. In the introduction to the work before us he forcibly points out that the study of Canadian history possesses certain inherent merits of distinctly high value to any student of Canadian history.

QUEBEC CHRONICLE.

A book of very great value to politicians and students of our political history. Mr. Houston's task has been to collect and prepare these papers for publication. He has edited the volume with conspicuous judgment, and his notes and appendices give the collection of state papers especial value. These documents practically illustrate the historical development of the country, and they will be constantly consulted. The introduction is a thoughtful essay on the constitution of Canada, and though brief is clear and to the purpose. The editor is to be congratulated on the thorough way in which he has performed his task. No reference library is complete without this book.

WINNIPEG FREE PRESS.

Mr. Wm. Houston, Librarian to the Ontario Legislature, is the author of a peculiar and interesting work entitled "Documents Illustrative of the Canadian Constitution." Running through it in an unobtrusive manner are a great many notes, and in these are evidences of laborious research and of comprehensive grasp of the subject whose development the documents are selected to illustrate. The purpose of the compilation is to encourage the study of Canadian constitutional history by Canadians. The volume will be accepted as a valuable contribution to the historical literature of our country, and there ought to be little doubt that it will stimulate a too slowly increasing interest in the study of events and influences that have shaped the constitutional structure under which we live.

WINNIPEG TRIBUNE.

It will prove an inestimable boon to the political speaker or writer. There can be no doubt that in gathering together so many important historical documents, and presenting them in such an interesting and "getatable" form, Mr. Houston has performed a service to the student of Canadian history which is simply mealenable. The greatest care has been taken in so arranging the documents that a perusal of them practically furnishes a history in itself. The book cannot fail to become highly popular.