

land, &c. As soon as it was proved that the *garentoguen* was the *gin-seng*, they hastened to collect it. The India company paid the Canadians as high as 96 livres the pound, to take to China. It then fell to four livres, and finally into discredit entirely, from reasons given by the Abbé Raynal, in his *Hist. Phil. & Pol. des Etab. des Européens*, &c.

This plant is the *Panax quinquefolia* of botanists. It is still an article of trade with China, but of very uncertain price. Its medicinal virtues have been altogether overrated.

HISTORY OF ACADIA.*



THE publication of a "History of Acadia," is an event in the literary world of New Brunswick, and we believe that Mr. Hannay's book will at once take a place in Canadian literature as a standard work. It is the product of a resolve made fifteen years ago by the author, that he would write a History of Acadia during its occupancy by the French. He says himself, that he was not aware of the magnitude of the undertaking when he entered upon it; but as he proceeded he became aware how difficult it was to procure access to reliable authorities, and of how little real value were most of the New England histories which might be supposed to be valuable authorities for such a work as his.

To trace back relations and circumstances to their original source, or to authorities equally reliable as the original, is always a laborious and rarely a pleasant task. But it is one from which no true historian would shrink, and Mr. Hannay has not done so.

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