

graceful word pictures and life-like sketches of our history, no book we know of, would be more acceptable. In imitation of Mr. Parkman's happy method of treating history, the annals of the Ancient Capital, from its foundation in 1608 to 1876, are divided into ten epochs—each headed and typified by the engrossing event or the leading aim of the epoch. Thus the rude beginnings of the Colony are aptly described as "The Era of Champlain, 1608-1635." The next detailing the incessant struggles of the misruled settlement, a prey to selfish trading companies, until a Royal Government is granted in 1663,—is entitled, "Quebec Assaulted," &c. With the dashing Carignan Regiment, spreading death amidst the merciless savages, and old Frontenac replying by the mouth of his cannon to Admiral Phipps' peremptory summons, whilst measures are concocted in the Fort St. Louis to conquer New York, a new era begins: it is "Quebec aggressive—defiant." Look out for the roving French *Gentleman*, murdering in cold blood the New England settlers, and so on until the end of the annals in 1876—a year crowned by the memorable centennial of the victorious Canadians over Montgomery and Arnold. We particularly like Mr. LeMoine's graphic account of the infamies of the Bigot *regime*: he comes down unsparingly on this merciless ring of vampires—Bigot, Estebe, Maurin, Corpron, Peau, &c. Instead of broaching politics and religion at each page, as is now the fashion with some historians, the writer gives us facts, stubborn facts in all their eloquent nakedness, and does not apparently seem to care a straw where praise or blame falls, provided it is merited. The first part of the book contains the general history of Quebec; the second a graphic and full history of Institutions, civil, religious and educational,—data, entirely new, about governors, mayors, monuments, cemeteries, ships, &c., the whole rendered spicy by dainty bits of antiquarian lore. We can now have no trouble in understanding the encouragement the work has obtained on all sides, and are not surprised to hear that the edition has been disposed of—the two-thirds, during the first week it appeared. The book is offered for sale by Messrs. Dawson Bros., St. James Street, Montreal.