

the house that sympathetic tears coursed down the countenances of the assembled legislators and fell with spasmodic plunks into the ink-bottles on the desks. It was too much of an excitant for those emotional sou's, and when the speaker arose from the depths of his chair to avoid an attack of asphyxia, the whole chamber gladly accepted this as a signal for adjournment and rushed violently down a steep plane to drown their perturbation in the soothing waters that flow during the legislative season in the cavernous depths of the Commons' basement. Mr. Nye, having found his *metier* in furnishing statistics for the Canadian Parliament, should now abandon the profitless and dreary field of newspaper humor.

Nova Scotia readers of THE CRITIC are, of course, familiar with the very wide distinction their fellow-countryman, Dr. J. G. Bourinot C. M. G., clerk of the House of Commons, has for some time enjoyed as a commentator upon constitutional and parliamentary questions on this side of the Atlantic, and they will be pleased to know that he is now winning favorable recognition from the august tribunal of English reviewers. It is rare that any author, certainly any Colonial author, secures the commendation of so influential and conservative a journal as *The Law Quarterly Review* unless his work merits it in a high degree. Yet the January number of that periodical, in reviewing together Professor Munro's "Constitution of Canada" and Dr. Bourinot's four lectures on "Federal Government in Canada" which form part of the seventh series of the John Hopkins University Studies in Historical and Political Science, speaks in the following terms:

"These books are a sign of the times. When an English author publishes for Englishmen an elaborate account of the Canadian Constitution, and a Canadian author contributes to an American series of works of historical and political science a masterly disquisition on Federal Government in Canada, we may safely conclude that the whole English people on both sides of the Atlantic are interested in constitutional problems. Oddly enough it is the Canadian, rather than the English writer, who meets the wants of the English public. * * * Bourinot's Federal Government gives the English student exactly what he does not find in the treatise of the English professor; for Mr. Bourinot's four lectures are each of them devoted to giving a general view of a different side of Canadian federalism. * * * Whoever wishes to form a fair estimate of the value of the author's work will do well to study with care the second lecture. It is an admirable specimen of good workmanship, and may be read with great profit as well by those who over-rate, as by those who under-estimate, the practical difficulties of establishing a good working federal system."

These are pleasant words of encouragement, from a source whose judgment and authority are beyond question, to one of the foremost in that brilliantly-endowed company of Nova Scotians who have done the lion's share in placing Canada in the very promising position she holds to-day amongst the nations of the world.

DIXIE.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

Messrs. C. C. Richards & Co., druggists, etc., of Yarmouth are just putting into their convenient store an \$800 soda apparatus. Their laboratory for the manufacture of Minard's Liniment is a building 60x30 ft. They employ 12 hands continually in this branch of their business, and keep two double teams on the road all the year. Their weekly output is stated to be about 10,000 bottles, including an Ontario business they began last year.

Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison desire us to correct an error in our last week's notice of their large establishment—that their gentleman's furnishing department includes tailoring. They, however, import every description of clothes and trimmings for tailors, and supply very many houses in the Lower Provinces. We may further mention that Messrs. M. R. & A. have, in addition to their straw hat manufactory, a shirt and underwear factory from which they turn out every description of men's shirts and women's underclothing; also a woollen mill for the manufacture of Blanketing, Camp-spreads, Horse-clothing, Flannels and Yarns.

Messrs. S. R. Foster & Son are adding a five ton spike machine and several wire-nail machines to the plant of their Nail and Tack Factory, St. John, N. B. This firm runs 45 machines and employs some 60 hands.

We are in receipt of the prospectus of Nova Scotia Steel and Iron Company, (Limited,) incorporated under an act of the recent session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia. Capital \$2,000,000, divided into 10,000 ordinary and 10,000 preference shares of \$100 each, and a debenture Capital of \$600,000. The Company is now employing about 450 men, and look to increasing the number as soon as they get to work building their blast-furnace, &c., which will be immediately. This will be a great industry.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Maritime Stove Foundry Association, lately held in Halifax, a general re-adjustment of prices was made, and it was resolved to make an advance in prices of stoves of from 5 to 10 per cent.

The foreman and a number of men have arrived and work on the Post Office is already begun. There is every prospect that the building may be finished early in the autumn.—*Annapolis Spectator*.

Over 200 head of cattle passed through by rail on Sunday en route for Halifax, where they are to be shipped to England. A large number also passed through on Saturday night.—*Amherst Weekly Press*.

The shipyards of Parrsboro are bristling with timber; five vessels are set up in the corporation and some eighteen along shore to Alvoate Harbor, which will add to the fleet of 101 vessels already owned in Parrsboro.

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