

with the assumed authority of a judge in the matter, decided to be the right ones.

Additional prestige arises from the fact that he is the son of a well-known writer of Canadian History, whose works are used as text-books in many of our schools; and, moreover, the statement has been made in the public prints, and has not been contradicted, that the numerous notes and comments, forming part of the appendix, are from the pen of Mr. Miles' father. In these notes, only two or three of the answers are declared to be "not altogether faultless," and it may therefore fairly be inferred that, in the majority of instances, the assertions of Hermes have the sanction of his father's approval.

These circumstances are of a nature to induce the public to consider the information furnished by Hermes as particularly trustworthy, and to accept his evidence as decisive; but it would be desirable to know whether this confidence is really well-founded, and whether the contents of the pamphlet in question are suited to be, according to the publisher's intention, "generally useful and interesting to those who may be in any way connected with the promotion and diffusion of the knowledge of our local history."

Now the truth is that not only are the answers given by Hermes not "correct in ninety-nine cases out of the hundred," but that, on the contrary, more than twenty of them are incorrect. Most of these are completely wrong; a few are inexact as to dates and other particulars; and in some ins-