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## CANADIANA—AMERICANA

A HISTORY OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, by John B. Calkin. *Halifax, N. S., A. & W. MacKinlay*, 1898. 12mo., cloth, XX-448 p., map, portraits and engravings.

This is handy manual of Canadian history, supplied with a well made index.

It is apparent, at the first glance, that the author has compiled from Kingsford elaborated history of Canada, for he has committed the same errors and he apparently stands on the same point of view. It is an error indulged by Kingsford and repeated by Calkin, to place the attack of Quebec by the Americans on New Year's day, of 1776; material facts, and many of them, demonstrate that the attack of Quebec was performed on December 31st, 1775. It is not correct to say that, at the battle of Châteauguay, Colonel de Salaberry was "reinforced by Colonel M'Donnell with six hundred French militia," as Colonel M'Donnell arrived on the battleground after the engagement, when the enemy was in flight after a shameful defeat where seven thousand men had been repulsed by only three hundred volunteers.

Mr. Calkin's account of the ignominious expulsion of the Acadians is not fully right and his conclusion are somewhat risky, the more so now that we have the works of Abbé Casgrain and Édouard Richard, which throw some light in the matter.

However, this abridged history of Canada is recommendable, its plan has been well conceived. It will proved handy to the student when in search of minor information.

It is to be hoped that the author will correct, in a new edition, the errors we have disclosed after a rapid perusal of his work.

PIERRE BÉDARD ET SON TEMPS, par N.-E. Dionne. (*Extrait des Mémoires de la Société Royale du Canada*). In-8, pp. 73 à 118, portrait.

L'époque où vécut Pierre Bédard fut une époque mouvementée de notre histoire politique, et sa vie fut toute une vie de luttes et de dévouements pour la revendication de nos droits. Sur les tribunes aussi bien qu'en chambre et dans les colonnes du *Canadien* dont il fut l'âme, Bédard s'est prodigué.

On lui doit plusieurs réformes importantes dont la principale fut l'exclusion des juges de la législature.

M. Dionne nous trace dans son intéressante étude, avec le talent d'historien impartial qu'on lui connaît, toute cette période mouvementée de notre histoire politique.