

siderable portion of the human race. That this is no Utopian dream may be inferred from the following description of the elements of prosperity existing in the provinces as given by the author:—"A healthy climate: an excellent soil for agricultural purposes; inexhaustible forests of valuable timber, accessible by an extensive seaboard, and by navigable rivers; immense mineral resources, and an unparalleled coast and river fishery."

We say nothing of the style or literary merits of the author. A work whose chief object is the accuracy of its statistics is not of course quite so entertaining as a romance, or "the last new poem"—as poems used to be. Mr. Munro has bestowed more pains upon the facts than his ornaments.—This renders his work less showy but more valuable than it might otherwise have been. Like the wound of Mercurio, it is not so wide as a church-door nor so deep as a well, but—"it will do."

The typography is creditable to the Nova Scotian press, and in addition to a geographical map of the country there is a supplementary one showing the roads, railroads, and minerals.

Bell's Weekly Messenger says:—

"NEW BRUNSWICK; WITH A BRIEF OUTLINE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.—By Alexander Munro, Esq. In this goodly volume, extending to nearly 400 pages, and which we have received from Halifax (N.S.), the reader is presented with a copious account of the history, civil divisions, geography, and productions of the above named portions of British North America. The work is evidently the production of one who has had a passion for his object, and who, by an almost incredible amount of industry, has collected together, and ar-

ranged in a most lucid manner, a large mass of facts on every subject calculated to throw light upon the past history, the present condition, and the future prospects of one of the most important and valuable portions of our immense colonial empire. The space at our command will not allow us to enter into a detailed account of the contents of this volume; but we can honestly assure those of our readers who wish to become acquainted with the resources of the provinces above named, and which, though, comparatively speaking, close to our very doors, are a *terra incognita* to Englishmen generally, that they cannot consult any book, so full of information, and thoroughly trustworthy, as the one now before us. Had the nature of the climate of these provinces, their agricultural capabilities, their inexhaustible forests, their mineral wealth, and their unparalleled coast and river fisheries, been better known, we should not, year after year, have seen the tide of emigration flowing almost exclusively towards Australia, or even the Far West; but multitudes of our countrymen, who have either perished at the gold diggings, or are wending their way home from the so-called land of freedom, shattered in health and ruined in pocket, would have been living in comfort and comparative wealth, in our North American colonies, helping to lay deep, under the *Ægis* of their fatherland, the foundations of an empire that promises to perpetuate to the remotest ages the greatness and glory of England, without its faults and weaknesses."

The edition of the above work is nearly disposed of. A few copies are for sale at W. L. Avery's and Messrs. Barnes' Book Stores, St. John, N. B.

Education in Newfoundland.

The following brief outline of the state of Education in this Island, is condensed from the correspondence of

The Journal of Education, etc., Nova Scotia:—

The population of Newfoundland,