

NOTE BY THE PUBLISHER

"The Blue Books are a dust-bin in which pearls are sometimes found", said a journalist, who had been a member of Parliament and who was not too fond of his first occupation.

We have found such a pearl in the *Appendixes to the Journals of the House of Commons*, 1890. It is a *Report on the Constitution of the Dominion of Canada prepared for presentation to the Imperial Parliament by the Honourable Joseph Adolphe Chapleau, Q.C., LL.D., Secretary of State of Canada*, as we read on the title page of a pamphlet printed by the Queen's Printer, in Ottawa, in 1891.

A distinguished professor, to whom we showed that report, said: "It is the most