

for amendment by our younger and more scholarly brethren, fresher from the teachings of our excellent universities.

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GENTIS CANADIENSIS CONDITOR VERUS
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DECUS INSIGNE.

We have, in our former notices, stated our appreciation of Dr. Kingsford's qualifications for the great work he has performed so well; his extensive knowledge, indefatigable industry, and deep patriotic interest in his subject; and his honorable impartiality and fairness in the statement of facts, and in the inferences he draws from them; and we hold the same opinion still, and believe that he has faithfully performed his duty as an historian, without fear, favour, or affection, so far as human frailty permits. He is English and takes an English view on points which admit of honest difference of opinion; but we again repeat the conviction expressed in our notice of his first volume, that "No French Canadian can be dissatisfied with the account the book gives of his ancestors, that no English Canadian can refuse to acknowledge the merits of his French precursors, and that no student of Canadian history can afford to be without it."

Before we received our copy of the fourth volume, we saw with great pleasure that Dr. G. M. Grant, Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, had written for *The Week* of the 28th November last, an elaborate and excellent critique on the work now before us, in which he fully confirms the opinion we have expressed respecting it, and from which we quote the following passage: "It is satisfactory that we have in Dr. Kingsford a historian who has, at the cost of enormous labor, sought and consulted original authorities, and who, after sifting evidence and coming to his conclusions, does not allow himself to be biased on one side or the other, by any considerations of so-called