

TESTIMONIALS

IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION OF **WILLIAM HOUSTON, M. A.,**

FOR THE

POSITION OF TEACHER OF CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

JAMES B. ANGELL, LL.D., President of the University of Michigan.

I have just received the volume from your publishers, and beg to express my sincere thanks for your courtesy and kindness. I had previously ordered a copy for the University library. I desire to express, first, my high appreciation of works of this class, which collect for historical students original documents in a convenient form. In some study of Canadian history I had found most of the historical works I consulted lacking in original documents, either in notes or appendix. And furthermore, I can most heartily commend the skill, and learning and accuracy with which you have furnished the necessary annotations and explanations. Historical scholars in the United States and in Europe, as well as those in Canada, owe you their gratitude for the service you have rendered.

H. B. ADAMS, Ph.D., Professor of History in John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

When your work first appeared I was particularly impressed with its historical value for students of American institutions and diplomacy. You have endeavored to do for Canada what Bishop Stubbs has done for the illustration of English Constitutional History. Your work is very convenient for reference to the fundamental law and diplomatic history of the Dominion.

MELVILLE DEWEY, M.A., Secretary of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

We, of course, bought your "Canadian Constitutional Documents" promptly on its appearance. I have an opinion of it on a careful examination by our legislative librarian, who reported to me as follows:—"I examined it with some care, and am sure that it is a most careful piece of editing, admirable in every way, and the most useful contribution to Canadian constitutional history that has lately been made. As a work of reference there can be no question of its peculiar value, and as a seminary work in University treatment of history it stands alone in the Canadian field." My knowledge of your admirable work would have enabled me to predict with confidence just such a verdict, and I sincerely hope that we may all be substantial gainers from your continuing your labors in this line, for which you have shown so marked ability.

GEO. D. FERGUSON, Professor of History in Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Your book certainly supplies a want. What Stubbs' "Select Charters" is for English history yours is for Canadian history. I intend using it in my class when reading Canadian history. I am firmly of opinion that for a thorough study of history we must go to the original authorities, and I am glad that your book enables me to direct my students to those of our own history. I am sure it will prove most advantageous.

A. H. MARSH, LL.B., Lecturer in the Law School, Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

I have much pleasure in saying that I have carefully looked through, and to a great extent read through, the "Canadian Constitutional Documents" edited by you, and I look upon the book as a very valuable addition to my library. It will be of great assistance to the practical lawyer, whose business it is to deal with questions of constitutional law (for constitutional law and constitutional history are inextricably interwoven, while to the student of Canadian constitutional law or constitutional history I should deem it to be invaluable. To attempt to teach constitutional history without having at hand the various statutes, treaties, charters, commissions, reports, and other documents forming the skeleton of that history would be like trying to teach law without having at hand the cases wherein that law is expounded. I hope that your work will have such success as will encourage you to again favor us with the fruits of your labors.

E. DOUGLAS ARMOUR, Lecturer in the Law School, Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

In my lectures on constitutional law in the Law School at Osgoode Hall I have made constant reference to your collection of Canadian Constitutional Documents, because it furnishes a handy book of all the statutes affecting our constitution in chronological order, and thus makes a history, without comment, of the growth of our constitution. For any one desiring to pursue the subject further the notes at the end of each division of the subjects are a guide to more extensive enquiry.

WILLIAM KINGSFORD, C.E., Author of the "History of Canada."

There can be no doubt of the value of your work, and to any historical student—in fact to any political writer, or to one engaged in politics—it is indispensable. If I could say anything stronger I would, so, but it appears to me that to advocate the advantages derived from a text book of these Acts and treaties is similar to recommending the purchase of a dictionary to those who are not assured in their spelling. To the class I have named you have performed an important service.