

## Canadian Men and Women of the Time

By Henry J. Morgan, recently published by William Briggs, Toronto, is a valuable contribution to the work of gathering and recording the personal and genealogical history of the Canadian people, furnishing a great mass of information, the collection and arrangement of which has undoubtedly required much patient labour, and has evidently had much painstaking care bestowed upon it. It is not a continuation of Mr. Morgan's former work "Sketches of Celebrated Canadians," published in 1862, as it refers only to living persons. We would be glad to see the author complete matters by a further work giving particulars of prominent persons who have died during the intervening period.

### Royal Descents.

**I**N our last number we made some remarks on the subject of Royal Descents, expressing our opinion that such descents are of no honour or advantage to the persons who may claim them. They are nevertheless matters of genealogical interest and involve much that may be a surprise to many persons. It is said that a lady of one of the great families in New York prided herself greatly on a descent from the Emperor Charlemagne, which she no doubt imagined to be something of a very exceptional character. It is not so at all. There is in Toronto one family of direct descent from Charlemagne, while there are several who can claim among their known ancestors not only Charlemagne but also many other Royal personages of early times, notably Charles Martel of France, Alfred the Great of England, and Malcolm Canmore of Scotland, besides some of the Norman