

medley of multifarious lore on the physical geography, early inhabitants, discovery and colonization of the American continent, rather than a simple account of the closing struggle. "Le Canada sous la Domination Française," by L. Dussieux (Paris: Victor Lecoffre, 3rd ed., 1883), is of value for the abundance of *Pièces justificatives*, laboriously collected in the French departments of War and Marine. It should be studied by all who would have an intimate knowledge of the policy and aims of that corrupt administration which hastened the downfall of New France. An important work now in course of publication—the "History of Canada," by William Kingsford—deserves an honorable place in the list of authorities for the Old Régime. Mr. Kingsford's second volume, just issued, brings the record down to Gov. Vaudreuil's death in the year 1725. The task carried thus far towards completion is the most comprehensive treatise on the French period that any English writer, dealing with it consecutively as a single subject, has yet composed. Mr. Kingsford is earnest in the search for truth, fearlessly independent in expressing his opinions,—and the wealth of testimony with which, at much trouble and expense, he has supported his views and illustrated his theories, is worthy of all commendation.

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THE MONTREAL WATERWORKS;

The present appearance of Dalhousie Square would not lead anyone to believe that at one time it was considered so elevated as to serve for the protection of the town from fire by means of gravitation from a reservoir placed there. The following documents will show, not only the first cor-