

Book Reviews.

It is rumored that Miss Jones, daughter of Hon. A. G. Jones, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, is preparing for publication another book. Her previous effort, a story entitled the "Night Hawk," was well received, and no doubt the forthcoming work will at least be up to the previous standard.

Mr. W. Albert Hickman, whose "Handbook of New Brunswick" created no little discussion in the New Brunswick Legislature during the session of 1902, has written a novel entitled "The Sacrifice of the Shannon," a story of the Straits of Northumberland. The Shannon is an ice-crushing boat, and the conditions described are quite within the range of possibility in that part of the Acadian waters. Mr. Hickman is gifted with a vivid imagination and an easy style, and it is probable that in the field of realistic novel writing he will be able to do effective and interesting work. William Briggs, Toronto, publisher.

From Mr. John C. Crane have been received two pamphlets of interest. The first is entitled Rev. William Blackstone, "The Pioneer of Boston." The second is entitled "The Nipmucks and their Country," and is about twenty pages in extent.

The Nipmucks, the writer explains, were among the principal tribes of Indians found by the white man upon his advent in New England. The name Nipmuck signifies "Fresh Water." Their territory consisted chiefly of the central part of the old Massachusetts province, and, in consequence of its isolation in early times, it became the hatching-place of many plots against the early English settlers.

The original Nipmucks are described as a well-built, brave and hardy people, capable of great endurance. Previous to the coming of the white man, it would seem that they had been over-governed, and had lost much of their original standing and influence. Later events which are related show that they recovered somewhat their former position, and proved a foe to be feared. The writer further remarks that —

"In the course of many months spent among the red men of our own country, Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, I