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Cooney's History of Part of New Brunswick.

THIS book has been published by subscription, and contains about 280 octavo pages of letter press, price 10s. It is dedicated to Joseph Cunard, Esq. and is divided into eight parts, under the following heads: *Introduction, General Description, County of Northumberland, County of Kent, County of Gloucester, Natural History, Resources, District of Gaspé.*

We propose taking up each chapter in succession, giving a running Epitome of the whole, and venturing a few remarks as we go on. We would be less inclined to attempt this kind of condensation of its matter, did we not understand that every copy struck off has been subscribed for, and taken up; so that, as a second edition is scarcely within the range of possibility, we may make use of the volume for the benefit of our readers without at all injuring the sale of the work. We are induced to this task, because we think such inquiries, however feebly carried on, help to forward public taste; and that silence and neglect are the worst enemies literature can have in a New Country. Discussion provokes examination; beauties or defects of composition are exposed for the benefit of others, the author gets thanks or rebuke as the case may be, while the strictures of the would-be-critic may be retorted if his remarks be not well founded.

Historical writing, like historical painting, is a grave and dignified art. In both a calm and equable tone should be preserved, the flights of fancy and the vulgarities of mediocrity should be guarded against, and the artist should work with that religious enthusiasm which forgets self and despises all low allusions.

As the Introductory chapter, is evidently intended to have a close connection with the body of the book, we commence our brief review with it. And in perusing the first paragraph of page one, we are led to remark, that we at once light on several infractions