

official circles—civil and military. His style is admirable and his technique finished; his powers of observation and description of a high order; his reflections and comments on men, manners and movements capable and pointed.

Concerning the *Letters*, Mr. Thomas O'Leary, Assistant Librarian of the Château de Ramezay, their owner, writes:

"The manuscript of 'Canadian Letters' appearing in this number of the *Canadian Antiquarian* was presented to me by my brother, the late James M. O'Leary, of the P. M. G.'s Dept., Ottawa, some eighteen years ago. For many years he had in his possession a bound volume of manuscript letters descriptive of a tour through Canada in 1792-93, which he valued very highly, and it was only after great persuasion on my part that he transcribed them for me. How, or where he obtained them I never learned, but possessing a strong yearning for antiquarian research, he devoted all his leisure moments to useful delving into the musty records of the past, and so may have come across these Letters. At the time of his death, ten years ago, the original came into my possession."

Desiring some authoritative confirmation of editorial judgment, and relying upon the high literary standing and well-known courtesy of Dr. A. G. Doughty, Deputy Minister and Dominion Archivist, he was written to as follows:

"There has come into our hands a bundle of old MSS. which we should like to use in the *Antiquarian*, but we recoil at the possibility of serving up a 'twice-laid' dish for the fresh viands we and our constituents delight in. We think it 'a find,' and while none of us can connect the story with any of the 'Travels'