

men's rights and regardless of their judgment, and his disregard of general opinion led him to defy openly all restraints of religion and morality. His contempt for the Saints and for omens and his toleration of the Jews might in some eyes seem creditable, but they were only forms in which he showed his contempt and dislike for all that the faith of his contemporaries held dear; while his blasphemous speech came fitly from the mouth of one whose way of life was so utterly foul, as to be something novel to an age which was certainly not strait-laced. As to his mysterious death, Mr. Freeman commits himself to no theory, contenting himself with discussing the various versions with reflections. Another matter of interest which comes out very strongly is the growth of feudalism as a system. We are shown how under the hands of the clever and unscrupulous Randolph Flambard, the law was developed in this direction. In his exactions of the incidents of feudal tenure Flambard probably only pushed to excess customs that were already recognised.

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### AUTHORIZED LIST OF TEXT-BOOKS.\*

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased by Order in Council, dated the 26th of January last, (1882), to approve the books recommended by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, at the sitting of the 23rd February, 1881, for use in Academies, Model and Elementary schools of the Protestant Population of this Province, as set forth in the resolution passed by the said Protestant Committee, to wit:—

#### 1.—ENGLISH READERS.

The Canadian National Series, viz :  
 First Book of Reading Lessons, 1st Part.  
 First Book of Reading Lessons, 2nd Part.  
 Second Book of Reading Lessons.  
 Third Book of Reading Lessons.  
 Fourth Book of Reading Lessons.  
 Fifth Book of Reading Lessons.  
 The Advanced Book of Reading Lessons.  
 Constable's Series of Readers.  
 The Royal Series of Readers.  
 Gage's English Readers.

#### 2.—ELOCUTION.

Andrew's Dramatic Reader.  
 Bell's Elocution.

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