

LOUISBOURG, AN HISTORICAL SKETCH, by Major Joseph Plimoll Edwards, of Londonderry, N. S., read before the Nova Scotia Historical Society, 27th November, 1894, published at Halifax. Pp. 62. Paper.

This valuable sketch was received prior to the publication of our fourth number, but owing to the pressure of other matter, we were unable, much to our regret, to do more than make the briefest mention of its receipt. In this sketch, which contains the description of many episodes, which were both interesting and romantic, in connection with this famous fortress, the writer has followed the lines of historical accuracy with great care, and personal or race feelings seem to have been so carefully eliminated from its pages that it is almost impossible to ascertain, even after a careful perusal of the work, whether his sympathies were with hardy New Englanders, who finally succeeded in destroying the fortress, or with the brave Frenchmen, whose remarkable and gallant defence has long been a matter of history.

THE ACADIANS OF LOUISIANA AND THEIR DIALECT, by Alcée Fortier, Professor of the French Language and Literature in Trilane University, Louisiana, reprinted from the Publications of the Modern Language Association of America.

In this pamphlet of 33 pages, for a copy of which we are indebted to the author, he commences with a bird's-eye view of the history of Acadia, from the settlement of the colony to the dispersion of the inhabitants. This is followed by a description of the settlement of many of their number in Louisiana, more particularly in the vicinity of New Orleans, which had, about two years previous to the arrival of the fugitives, been ceded by the Treaty of Paris to Spain. The Spaniards had not at that time taken possession of the colony, and the unhappy wanderers, some of whom came from the Antilles, while the greater part, in rude boats built by themselves, floated down the streams flowing into the Mississippi reached New Orleans, where they expected to find the white banner of France, but where the French officials, who still remained, received them most kindly. The third part treats of the proverbs, dialects and curious sayings of the French of Louisiana, many examples of which are given.

YEAR BOOK, 1901-2, THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK. Pp. 89, with stiff paper cover.

We are indebted to Mr. Henry C. Hunter, the Secretary of the Society, for a copy of the latest Year Book. The objects of this Society, as the majority of our readers are probably aware, are the fostering of cordial, social relations between Canadians in New York and vicinity, and the keeping alive of the memories of Canada. Any Canadian, by birth or adoption, is eligible for membership in the Society. In glancing through the list of officers we notice the name of Mr. T. S. Hall, who is a well known native of New Brunswick. The honorary members are the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada; the Earl of Aberdeen, and the Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The membership