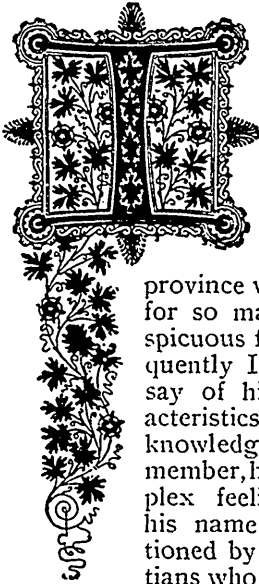


BUILDERS OF NOVA SCOTIA.*

SOME DISTINGUISHED NOVA SCOTIANS.

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III.

Judge Haliburton.

WAS only a boy when I first saw Judge Haliburton, who soon afterwards removed to England from the province where he had been for so many years a conspicuous figure, and consequently I have nothing to say of his personal characteristics from my own knowledge. I can well remember, however, the complex feelings with which his name was once mentioned by many Nova Scotians who were proud of his reputation as an author, and at the same time inclined somewhat to resent his sarcastic allusions to foibles and weaknesses of the Nova Scotian people.

"It's a most curious, unaccountable thing, but it's a fact, said the clockmaker, the blue-noses are so conceited, they think they know everything. . . . They reckon themselves here a chalk above us Yankees, but I guess they have a wrinkle or two to grow afore they progress ahead on us yet. If they ha'nt got a full cargo of conceit here, then I never see'd a load, that's all. They have the hold chock full, deck piled up to the pump-handles, and scuppers under water."

Sam Slick remains still one of the few original creations of American humour, and new editions continue to be printed from time to time. All his other books are readable and full of "spicy" observations, which show his keen knowledge of

human nature, but they are little read nowadays and his reputation must always rest upon the sayings and doings of Sam Slick.

The Hon. William Young.

The Honourable William Young belonged to a Scotch family who came to Nova Scotia in 1815, when he was still a lad, and several members of whom besides himself were conspicuous in the public affairs of the Maritime Provinces. His father was an able member of the assembly for years, and wrote under the pseudonym of "Agricola" a num-



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ber of valuable letters which gave a decided stimulus to agriculture on scientific principles. His brother George was a journalist and literary man of no mean qualifications and a politician of note for many years. William Young's own Scotch shrewdness and tenacity of purpose, his vast store of legal knowledge and experience, made him a power at the bar and in politics. He was a man of ripe