

simply to note the inexactness of the following answer given by Hermes to question 23 :—"The Royal William sailed from Quebec 18 Aug. 1833, touched at Pictou, N. S., and arrived at Gravesend Sept. 11th, and was commanded by Captain McDonald." I am aware that the Canadian Antiquarian, (vol. IV, p. 79,) might be cited in corroboration of this statement ; but, as a matter of fact, the Royal William left Quebec for London at 6 A. M. on the 5th August, and not on the 18th which was the date of her leaving Pictou. Further, the Captain's name was not McDonald, but John McDougall.—See *Christie's History of Canada*, vol. V, p. 362, and the *Quebec Gazette* of Aug. 5, 1833.

SLAVERY IN CANADA.

Slavery appears to have been introduced into Canada about 1689, and its existence was recognized during more than a hundred years. The Spectator put the question (No. 27) : "When was the last negro slave publicly sold in Montreal," and Hermes answers that "the last slave publicly sold in Montreal was in 1797. The deed was passed by Mr. Gray and his partner, notaries. Manuel was the name of the slave." This sale gave rise to a lawsuit, the particulars of which, as well as of the deed of sale, are related in the essay on slavery in Canada, published by *La Société Historique de Montréal* in 1859 ; but I can find nothing whatever to justify the assertion that it was a