

considered an authority on Canadian or American matters, he claims to have written fairly and impartially on all those things which came under his observation ; and in publishing his letters to have no other object or desire than that of imparting such information as he possessed on a subject engaging the serious attention of tens of thousands of his countrymen. There are many reasons why the writer should speak kindly both of Canada and America, and hold his visit to the American continent in happy memory : He received a generous welcome from all with whom he came in contact ; acts of kindness were shewn him by many, and books, documents, and statistics were placed at his service whenever asked for, the only rebuff he met with being from a recently imported Englishman at St. Louis, a Vice President of a railway company having a line running from that city. At Ottawa, and also at Washington, the government authorities afforded him every possible assistance, and to their kindness he is indebted for much of the statistical information contained in the letters. To the Honorable J. H. Pope, Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa, and Dr. Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Washington, his thanks are especially due.

