

The last administrative and scientific production of the subject of this sketch is the work of "Canadian Statistics," commonly called "The Census," in five volumes, the materials for which were collected under his direction and supervision by many officers and employés, the principals of whom are mentioned in the letter of presentation of the work to the Minister, printed at the head of the first volume. The order, name, economy, arrangement and control of the whole are the idea of M. Taché, whose time, for several years, has been in a great part occupied in bringing it to the result now attained. These volumes contain the returns of the first Census of the Dominion, but, especially, the retrospective statistics of the country; it is, in fact, the numerical History of Canada which forms the matter of the two last volumes of this series. The value of that work can only be fully appreciated by those engaged in, and conversant with such subjects, a surmise of which can, nevertheless, be easily obtained by anyone by the careful perusal of the introduction which begins each volume.

We have restricted ourselves, in this short sketch, to facts, and given only such opinions as have been uttered by critics of standing—certain that such a course will be more acceptable to all concerned, than any eulogy or commentaries which we could here offer.

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