

COMMENTS.

Greenwood (B. C.) *Afiner*, R. E. Gosnell, Editor; G. U. Hay, M.A., Editor of the *Educational Review*, St. John, N. B., a gentleman well-known to all New Brunswickers, is issuing a series of historical studies on Canada. These appear quarterly, and have reached No. Seven in the series. A number of well-known Canadians are contributing, and when completed the series will contain a vast amount of reminiscence concerning the early days of the country now included in the Dominion of Canada.

Halifax Chronicle: The history of Nova Scotia need not make dry reading if the chief incidents are well handled. In the September issue of the *EDUCATIONAL REVIEW* SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS, Mr. Arthur P. Silver, of this city, gives a most interesting account of "The Maroons in Nova Scotia." The closing years of the eighteenth century saw these fierce Jamaican rebels landed at Halifax, and the failure of the experiment, as well as the underlying causes thereof, it has been Mr. Silver's good fortune to set forth most entertainingly. The article is calculated to arouse considerable interest and to lead to some speculation regarding the wisdom and farsightedness of men in authority in the "good old days."

Montreal Gazette. What we said some time ago of the Old South Leaflets as affecting United States readers, is especially applicable to this experiment of Mr. Hay's, as affecting students of our own annals. At a nominal cost (ten cents a number) one is favored with a veritable treasury of tid-bits by our foremost historians, dealing authoritatively with what is most noteworthy in the records of the old regime and the new.

Kingston Whig: A great deal of information, valuable in an educational way and for storing in the literary archives of Canada, is being produced by this series. Canada requires national spirit and historical pride, such as is being coaxed into life.

St. John Telegraph: Mr. G. U. Hay is doing good work by the issue of these supplementary readings, and we congratulate him on their success. * * * The series may now be considered to be well established, and the youth of the Maritime Provinces are to be congratulated on the manner in which history is now being taught through this magazine and similar publications.

Montreal Herald: The series has been planned with the special object of giving interesting sketches on a variety of topics connected with our country's history. The

result cannot fail to be of great benefit to the students of Canadian history.

St. Andrews Beacon: All these gentlemen (the writers for the leaflets) are well qualified by study and experience to write not only intelligibly, but truthfully, upon the subjects they have chosen. The historical accuracy of their contributions may, therefore, be relied upon.

St. John Sun: The whole publication is not only useful for the purpose designed, but contains historical studies of great general value. * * * Love of country is everywhere held to be a virtue in a people, and love of country should be grounded in a knowledge of our country's history.

Charlottetown Patriot: The papers are very interesting and instructive. All who desire to know the history of their country will find the leaflets an up-to-date and delightful means of attaining this object.

Halifax Presbyterian Witness: These papers ought to be placed in the hands of senior pupils in our schools in order to accustom them to the pleasing exercises of looking into the sources of history, and the study of events as narrated at first hand.

Toronto Globe: The object of the publication is obviously to popularize knowledge and build up national sentiment.

S. E. Dawson, LL. D., Ottawa: It seems to me to be a most promising idea.

Quebec Mercury: Number Six is a very interesting issue of a publication which increases in value.

Halifax Herald: These papers have enough in them to interest intelligent pupils, to teach them something of the sources of history and about authorities, and to awaken the spirit of research. That is something like a revolutionary advance, compared with history as it has usually been taught in schools. These readings should be in the hands of all pupils of the two advanced grades in all our public schools, and of some classes at the academies; and if such were the case the sale would be very large and the public benefit great.

Montreal Witness: The series * * * gains in interest as it reaches the sixth of the proposed twelve numbers. The matter contained is of great interest to students of Canadian history and geography. The most stirring incidents in Canadian history have been selected, many of them from original papers and documents not accessible to the general reader.