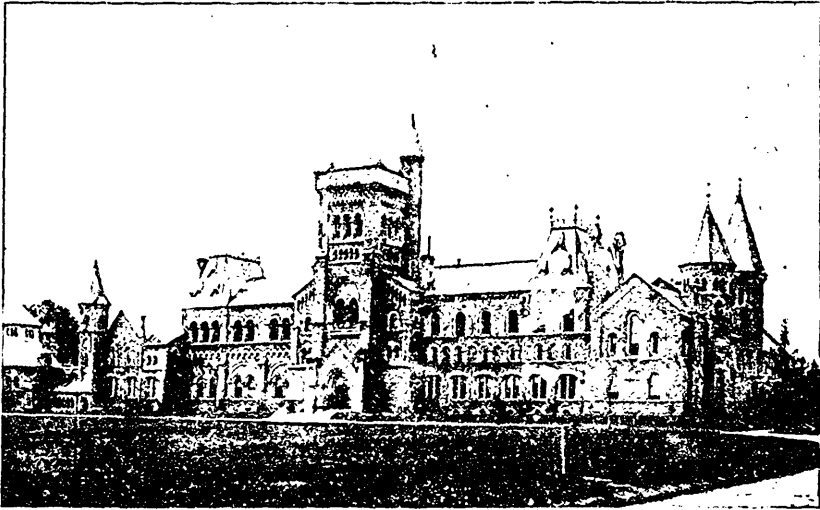


show the rich materials our past annals offer for romance. "Sam Slick the Clockmaker," and other books by Judge Haliburton, a Nova Scotian by birth and education, are still the only noteworthy evidences we have of the existence of humour among a practical people, and his "Wise Saws" and "Sayings" were uttered fully half a century ago. In art we have L. R. O'Brien, George Reid, Bell Smyth, Robert Harris, J. W. L. Forster, W. Brynmner, and Miss Bell, who have done much meritorious work. Yet, on the

stages of its development the Canadian people, composed of two distinct nationalities, will prove that they inherit those literary instincts which naturally belong to the races from which they have sprung.

The political system under which the provinces are now governed is eminently adapted to the circumstances of the whole country.

In the working out of responsible government, won for Canada during the Queen's beneficent reign, there stand out, clear and well-de-



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whole, if great works are wanting nowadays, the intellectual movement is in the right direction, and according as the intellectual soil of Canada becomes enriched with the progress of culture we may eventually look for a more generous fruition. The example of the United States, which has produced Poe, Longfellow, Irving, Hawthorne, Howells, Parkman, Lowell, Holmes, and many others, famous as poets, historians, and novelists the world over, should encourage Canadians to hope that in the later

finer, certain facts and principles which are at once a guarantee of efficient home government and of a harmonious co-operation between the dependency and the central authority of the empire.

1. The misunderstandings that so constantly occurred when the Queen ascended the throne, between the legislative bodies and the imperial authorities, and caused so much discontent throughout the provinces on account of the constant interference of the latter in matters which should have been left