

Union, the building of the Pacific Railway, the land policy of the Dominion, the history of divorce in Canada, etc.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

This is a second volume of a work calculated to be thoroughly useful. The editor has gathered around him a number of able contributors who have discharged their duties well. The volume is divided into sections, as follows:—(1) Political History; (2) a journal of remarkable occurrences; (3) a review of literature, science and art; (4) the progress of education in the Dominion during 1878 and 1879; (5) a financial and commercial review; (6) an account of the militia of Canada; (7) promotions and appointments in the public service; (8) remarkable trials, and (9) obituary notices of the principal Canadians who died during the year. The book is more than a mere chronicle of facts. The first part, the political history, aims at being to some extent what its name implies, and it is creditably free from bias. Such a review when well written cannot fail to be of immense use to all who have occasion to refer to the events of previous years. The book as a whole is neatly arranged and well executed, and should find ready patronage.—*Toronto Globe*.

Nous venons de transcrire le titre d'un ouvrage d'environ 500 pages que l'on devrait trouver sur la table de tous ceux qui ont besoin de renseignements sur les événements qui forment l'histoire de chaque année. Au point des renseignements, le REGISTER n'a pas son égal dans le pays. C'est un historique clair, concis et très méthodique des faits quotidiens, relevés jour par jour. C'est comme l'analyse de tous les journaux du pays pendant une année. On trouve dans le REGISTER:

"1o. L'histoire politique de 1879 comprenant une revue des événements de la session, des principales mesures, le nouveau tarif, l'analyse des principaux débats; des négociations entre la France et le Canada; des décisions de la Cour Suprême; enfin tout ce qui a trait à la politique fédérale. 2o. L'histoire politique de chaque province; l'analyse des discours du trône à l'ouverture de chaque session provinciale; des principales mesures, les changements d'administration, les modifications de cabinets. Une liste des événements d'un intérêt public, mais ne relevant pas de la politique. C'est le relevé de la chronique quotidienne des journaux. 3o. Une revue littéraire une revue scientifique, une revue bibliographique comprenant la liste des ouvrages publiés pendant l'année en Canada, et aussi des publiés à l'étranger sur le Canada. 4o. Une liste de toutes les nominations faites ouvrages dans l'année par tout le pays. 5o. Et enfin une liste nécrologiques figurent les noms des personnes marquantes mortes pendant l'année."

Cette courte analyse de l'ouvrage de M. Morgan, donne une idée de la masse de renseignements qu'on y trouve et de la valeur actuelle du REGISTER, valeur qui ne fera qu'augmenter avec les années.—*L'Evenement, Quebec*.

No work could well be more indicative of the material, political, and intellectual progress of Canada than this invaluable compilation, for which the public are indebted to the industry and public spirit of Mr. H. J. Morgan, Keeper of the Records, Ottawa. The present volume is the second year's issue of the work, and few who will find it troublesome to subject it, or its predecessor, to examination, will hesitate to say that Mr. Morgan has in his "ANNUAL REGISTER" commenced a series of reference books of the highest value to the public men of Canada, and to all students of her commercial, literary and political history. Such an undertaking as this is not only of supreme importance, looking to the necessities of the future historian and statistician, but is of the greatest service for current reference in the different departments under which the matter is classified. We regret that space will only permit our briefly indicating what these divisions are, without staying to comment at length, as we should have liked to have done, on some of the records of the year which are here garnered for present and future use.—*Canadian Monthly*.

Mr. Henry J. Morgan, of Ottawa, has long ago earned the good-will and gratitude of Canada for the many useful and valuable books which he has written, compiled and published since 1862. BIBLIOTHECA CANADENSIS, CELEBRATED CANADIANS, PARLIAMENTARY COMPANION, the ANNUAL REGISTER for 1878, are all books which the journalists and the public and professional men can scarcely get along without. Indeed, Mr. Morgan lays professional people, in every walk of life, under heavy and lasting obligations to him, for the splendid character of the work which he has performed for them, and placed ready cut and dried at their very doors. Last year we had the pleasure of noticing in these columns the ANNUAL REGISTER for 1878. It was a very complete book, and almost perfect; so admirable, indeed, that we regretted very much that Mr. Morgan had not begun his task sooner, say in 1867, or, as Dr. Scadding would have it, in 1792. This year the second volume of the REGISTER has come to us, and it would be difficult to say in what respect it might be improved. It is divided into nine parts, and each section is most faithfully worked up. The first is occupied with a fair and impartial sketch of Canadian politics for the year 1879; a journal of remarkable occurrences follows; a pleasant-y compiled review of literature, science and art comes next. The fourth part deals exhaustively and succinctly with the educational progress which the country has made during the year, and a skillful analysis of the financial and commercial activity of the Dominion succeeds this, followed in turn with militia statistics, promotions and appointments in the public service, remarkable trials and obituary. Mr. Morgan is assisted by some half a dozen gentlemen, notably Mr. J. G. Bourinot, Mr. A. M. Burgess, Mr. F. A. Dixon, Dr. Robert Bell, Dr. Hodgins, and others, each of whom has performed his task ably and well. One thing will strike the reader as a most admirable feature about the REGISTER; it is unpartisan in every respect, and this feature, apart from its general excellence and thoroughness, will keep it always valuable, and render its perfect usefulness always unquestioned. About one hundred pages have been added to the volume since 1878, though we believe the price remains the same.—*Quebec Chronicle*.

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