

characteristic hospitality in that grand old fortress city. Charmed with his new friends, he was easily induced to prolong his stay, and, in an evil hour, conceived the idea of writing a history of New France. Some time after his return to France there issued from the Paris press a work entitled "*Histoire du Canada, de son Eglise et de ses Missions.*" Its evil report preceded it to Quebec, but the reality proved still worse. It not only elicited from Abbé Ferland prompt and vigorous rebuke, but led ultimately to the preparation by that conscientious writer of his "*Cours d' Histoire du Canada,*" of the merits of which I shall presently have to speak. The nature of the offence given by the wandering archæologist may be gathered from the following passage which occurs in Abbé Ferland's "*Observations*": "The Protestant writer Smith, bitter foe though he was of the French race and the Catholic religion, was less unjust towards the clergy and people of Lower Canada than M. Brasseur de Bourbourg in the second part of his work. For the friends of truth and justice it is a work that does credit neither to the heart nor to the judgment of the author." Mr. Lareau, criticizing from a different standpoint, charges the author with serious inaccuracies, with glaring omissions, with general unfairness, but allows him the merit of grace and vigour of style. In fine, l'Abbé de Bourbourg's work was never accepted as authoritative by the French Canadians whom it most concerned. What influence it may have had in France, I cannot say. It is now one of the rarities of Canadian bibliography.

Garneau's History has had the widest popularity of all the works of its class, and is the only History of Canada which has been accepted by both sections of our population. The first edition was not, however, approved by the clergy, and was consequently withdrawn from circulation almost as soon as it was issued. It is now among our *livres rarissimes*. Only business considerations, according to Mr. Lareau, made the historian—who was not a millionaire—