

Book Notices.

The Lieutenant-Governors of Upper Canada and Ontario, 1792-1899. By D. B. READ, Q.C., author of "The Life of Governor Simcoe," "The Lives of the Judges," "The Life and Times of Sir Isaac Brock," "The Rebellion of 1837," etc. With 22 full-page portraits by J. E. LAUGHLIN. Toronto: William Briggs, Wesley Buildings, 1900. 8vo, pp. 257. Price, \$2.00.

Mr. Read has rendered important service to the history of his native Province by this volume. From the time of Plutarch the most interesting and instructive mode of teaching history has been by recounting the lives of the world's great men. This gives a human and personal interest to the narrative that the more formal annals of history do not possess. Mr. Read was personally acquainted with a large number of the Lieutenant-Governors whose characters he here sketches. This lends additional value to this volume.

In reviewing this book one cannot but be impressed with the fact that Britain gave of her best for the founding, defence, and development of this Province. They were men of mark, were those makers of early Canada—men of wide culture and large experience; men from Eton and Oxford; men of old historic families; men of wide military experience; men who had won name and fame in Britain's wars in the Low Countries, in Egypt and Italy, the Peninsula, and at Waterloo, and in other hard-fought campaigns; men who had experience with civil government in Honduras, Bombay, in the British Cabinet; and more recently, men who were born and bred in Canada, who had built their lives into its social and political fabric.

It is a record, on the whole, of which, notwithstanding the tactical mistakes of Sir Francis Bond Head, we may all be proud. It is a bead-roll of high-minded, honourable men, whose story is here given. A feature of unique interest is the twenty-two portraits, many of them from rare sources, with which the book is embellished. One of immediate interest is that of the sturdy Britisher, our present Lieutenant-Governor, who has been Premier of a British Province longer than any other man, and to whom this volume is gracefully dedicated.

Builders of Nova Scotia. An Historical Review. With an appendix containing copies of rare documents relating to the early days of the Province. By SIR JOHN G. BOURINOT, K.C.M.G., LL.D., D.C.L., Lit.D. (Laval). Author of "The Story of Canada" (Nations' Series), "Cape Breton and its Memorials of the French Regime," "How Canada is Governed," etc. With numerous portraits and other illustrations. Royal octavo, cloth, pp. x-189-vi, with a special design by the Canadian artist, J. W. L. FORSTER, A.R.C.A. Price, \$1.50.

In this handsome volume Sir John Bourinot renders another important service to his native country. Sir John's previous large quarto volume on Cape Breton is an admirable and authoritative monograph on that historic island. His "Parliamentary Procedure and Government in Canada," a large and costly work of nearly a thousand pages, has reached its second edition, a cogent proof of its unique value. "The Builders of Nova Scotia" comprises the results of the studies and investigations of years. It pays a generous tribute to those men who laid broad and deep the foundations of British institutions in that Province. It records the heroism and fidelity of the United Empire Loyalists, who for love of the old flag under which they were born left their homes in the revolted colonies for the faithful northern Province. It records with appreciation the establishment of the great Churches which gave the sanctions and safeguards of religion to the secular institutions of the country. It recites many genial reminiscences of eminent Nova Scotians for over forty years.

It is remarkable how many men eminent as statesmen, as divines, as authors, as soldiers, Nova Scotia has produced. We have here graphic sketches, in many cases accompanied by portraits, of Hon. J. Uniacke, Judge Haliburton, Sir Samuel Cunard, Sir William Young, Hon. J. J. Marshall, Sir A. G. Archibald, Hon. Joseph Howe, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson, Sir W. F. Williams of Kars, Sir J. E. W. Inglis of Lucknow, Sir J. W. Dawson, Principal Grant, Pres. Schurman, Chancellor Wallace, Prof. Welton, ex-Chancellor Rand, and others.