

RÉPONSES—ANSWERS

ORIGIN OF THE WORD YANKEE.—(26, vol. II, p. 125, 152; 88, vol. III, p. 246).—John Dresser Chamberlain, my grand-father, wrote in 1870: "According to tradition we descended from two brothers who came from England, one of whom settled in Massachusetts and the other in Connecticut, Benjamin Chamberlain, a descendant of the Massachusetts stock, was a great warrior against Indians, and many of his exploits were printed in his biography. One was that he fought the Yankoo chief—*Yankoo* meaning conqueror in English—and whipped him. Then the chief said: 'I no more Yankoo, you Yankoo,' and from that time and circumstance the name was transferred to the whites, now called Yankoes." Benjamin Chamberlain lived at Southborough, Massachusetts, during the Revolutionary war, twenty-eight miles west of Boston. He had seventeen children. He said his boys must fight, which they did, and the girls must spin and make clothing for the army, and help tend the farm, which was strictly obeyed.

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BLUE-NOSES. — (81, vol. III, pp. 63, 77, 247).—The soubriquet "Bluenose," now so familiarly applied to Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers, originated with the Loyalists of Annapolis county, who applied it to the pre-loyalist settlers as a term of "derision" during the better struggle for pre-eminence in public affairs between these two sections of the population in the provincial election of 1785. Why the particular term was selected or deemed appropriate I have no idea. For an account of that election see *Memoir of Alexander Howe* in the "History of Annapolis County," p. 355-6.

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FIRST SHIP BUILT IN NOVA SCOTIA.—(77, vol. III, p. 28).—*Shelburne, Thursday, December 28th, 1786*.—On Friday last was launched from the shipyard above King street, the beautiful ship *Roseway*, about two hundred and fifty tons burthen, and built for Messrs. McLean and Bogel, of this town, merchants. This is the first *Ship* that has been launched in this province since its first settlement, and if good stuff, excellence of workmanship, strength and handsome model are recommendation in a vessel, she will do no little credit to Mr. Michael Bouffield, the Builder, and to the settlement of Shelburne.—*Daily Advertiser*, Jan. 18, 1787.

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ORIGIN OF THE WORD MONONGAHELA.—(88, vol. III, p. 63).—I always understood it to mean *Falling-~~in~~*,