

Commencing, where so much commences, with the province by the sea, there is Haliburton's "History of Nova Scotia," in two volumes octavo, published as early as 1829. It is a history based on original research and a work of literature in every sense. Murdoch's "History" in three volumes octavo, is arranged more as annals, and is an important work as a quarry for succeeding writers. Dr. Akins has published valuable extracts from the archives of the province, and Sir John Bourinot's "Builders of Nova Scotia" (written last year for the Royal Society of Canada, but also published separately) will give the reader, not only in the letter press but by the numerous illustrations, a vivid picture of the early days of the colony. Cape Breton, now a part of Nova Scotia—an island interesting from its connection with the discovery of the continent and the eventful episode of Louisbourg—has its histories. Robert Brown wrote a scholarly history of the island and Sir John Bourinot's monograph in the Transactions of the Royal Society has left nothing to be desired.

The first New Brunswick historian was the Rev. Robt. Cooney, who wrote a history of that province, printed at Halifax in 1832. There is also a volume by Alex. Munro; but the "History of Acadia" by James Hannay is the most important work of this class emanating from New Brunswick.

And then there is the North-west with its wild and romantic annals and its literature of exploration, adventure and daring courage. For this you must consult Masson's "Bourgeois de la Compagnie du Nord-ouest," Joseph Tassé's "Les Canadiens de l'Ouest," Beckles Willson's "History of the Hudson's Bay Company," and Dr. Bryce's recent work on the same subject. Manitoba has a group of writers. Professor Bryce's work on Manitoba and his "Short History of the Canadian people" were published in England and are much esteemed. Alexander Begg's "History of the North-west" in three volumes is an important work published in Toronto in 1894. Another writer of the same name has published a "History of British Columbia"—a well written and useful