

that the United States *are entered* on a new era of commercial enterprise, will be vigorously carried to completion by 1883."

Here we have the verb *to be* with a neuter verb.

On page 18 occurs this charming bit of writing :—

"The writer drove to the village on a market day, and counted no less than twenty-seven comfortable 'buggies,' and numerous waggons, belonging to the farmers who settled in the forest a quarter of a century or less before, and had now come to sell their surplus produce to the dealers."

Was this the first time they had sold their produce? And *surplus produce* too? Do farmers farm only for their own table? Was the *surplus produce* on this occasion what remained after selling in some other market?

On page 25 :—

"No Star Ronte frauds have ever disgraced the political annals of Canada, and her public men have invariably preserved *that reputation* for integrity which is a *distinguishing trait* of English statesmen."

Reputation may be the consequence of a trait in a statesman, but you cannot say it is a trait.

Here we are again. Turn to page 28 :—

"They believe that the *story which the Immigration Returns of this continent have told for so many years back will be henceforth one more flattering to the Empire*, and that the increasing interest taken in Canada will soon bear rich fruit in the development of her territorial resources."

Thus the story which has been told is in some way to be doctored so as to be more flattering to the Empire.

Turn back to page 5 :—

"So distinguished a writer as Mr. Goldwin Smith *since he has become more closely identified with Canada*, has never ceased throwing his *douche* of cold water on Canadian aspirations, or advocating that 'Continental system' which, once carried out, would eventually make the Dominion a member of the American Union."

Our author evidently thinks that Mr. Goldwin Smith, before he became connected with Canada, expressed views on the Empire and Canada different from those he has promulgated since he took up his residence amongst us. His sin, if sin it were, seems to have consisted in trying to stimulate Canadian aspirations, in the direction of "national expansion," of which Mr. Bourinot approves. (*see page 27.*)

One word as to Mr. Bourinot's consistency. On page 3 we read :—

"The fact that during fifteen months ending on the 30th of September last, nearly nine hundred thousand immigrants, largely drawn from Great Britain and Ireland, arrived in the United States, *can hardly be regarded with satis-*