

which does not suit his ideas of simplicity, but the average judgment of readers will decide between them. Canada has had no Case in anywise likely to be confounded with WM. CASE.

It will be said that he has descended too often to trivial matters, and has related them in a style too familiar, or that such things should have been preserved alone in notes. His answer is, (1), he has not aspired to the dignity of history; (2), that the incidents referred to were necessary to a just portraiture of the times of which he has written; (3), and if necessary to be preserved at all, they might as well appear in the text as anywhere else, or even better. Notes call off the attention; and where they recur often, which in this book they must have done, tease the reader's mind.

One other objection will be but too justly made—the style is more parenthetical than it should be in order to easy reading. This is largely characteristic of the author at all times, who early acquired the habit of crowding what he wrote about into a small space; but it arose especially from the brevity he aimed at in this work, joined to the multifarious items he had to preserve, some of which came to light after a paragraph, or sentence, was written, and had to be thrust in somehow. Had he possessed all the materials it now contains at the beginning, it might have been written more flowingly; or if he had now time to re-write it, this characteristic might be secured. This is not now possible; and he will never be paid for the drudgery he has already performed, without taking on him that additional labor.