

Exhibition, on the occasion, and at the conclusion, of which he was made Knight of the Legion of Honor.

In December, 1859, Mr. Taché was asked by Sir George Cartier to accept the situation of Member of the Board of Inspection of Asylums, Prisons, and other Public Establishments, of which Board he became Chairman, at the death of his senior colleague, Dr. Nelson.

In August, 1864, Mr. Taché was made Deputy of the Minister of Agriculture, a situation which he still holds. In 1867, Mr. Taché was, for the second time, sent to Paris as Commissioner to represent Canada at the Paris Exhibition.

During his whole life, from the time he left college, Mr. Taché followed the career of a writer. Besides extensive current writings in the Press, and various series of lively polemics, he is the author of important Parliamentary and Administrative documents, of many brochures, and of several books on various subjects. Speaking of Mr. Taché, as a writer, Mr. Lareau in his "*Histoire de la Littérature Canadienne*," says, "The author has attached his name to works which will live as long as the French language is spoken along the shores of the St. Lawrence."

We shall content ourselves here to notice some of these numerous productions, with mention of the opinions expressed on them by several reviewers and critics, both Canadian and European.

He is the author of the "Report of the Special Committee on the state of Agriculture," (1850). The importance of this document is shown by the fact that it has been quoted, extracted from, and commented upon, by almost every writer, to this very day, who has undertaken to treat, or even to speak somewhat extensively on the subject mentioned; it is, in one word, a standard book on the question therein propounded.

In 1854, Mr. Taché published a book, entitled "*De la tenure seigneuriale au Canada, et projet de commutation suivi de tableaux des Fiefs et Seigneuries du Bas Canada*." The first edition of this work was a private enterprise; but, at the session subsequent to its publication, the book was thought of so much utility and value, that the House of Assembly, with the consent of the author, ordered a second French edition and an English translation of it to be published at the public expense.

This last work was soon followed by the publication, in partnership with M. Chauveau, of a political satire, called, "*La Pléiade Rouge*," which has been republished in several editions, and is still fresh in the memories of the political men of the Province of Quebec.

While in Paris, Mr. Taché published a book on Canada:—"Esquisse sur le Canada considéré sous le point de vue économiste." This work, which had two editions in French, and one in English, has been eulogistically reviewed, both in France and in Canada. The author of "*L'Histoire de l'Exposition Universelle de 1855*," Mr. Robin, says of it, "C'est un ouvrage concis, nourri de faits substantiels, un tableau animé de ces contrées fertiles et pittoresques," &c., &c.