

board, and probably the use of the French language would follow.

In several admirable chapters the author explains the party-system, as it is seen in Canada, the manner of conducting an election, and the history and present programme of the two parties. In no other work can one find so clear and impartial an account of our recent political history. He is struck, as well he may be, with the cynicism with which charges of corruption are bandied about, and with the influence exerted over Parliament by strong financial interests, and he describes, not without some subdued humour, the development of a *rouge* into a modern Liberal who has stolen the protectionist clothes of the Conservatives. One of the facts which most impresses M. Siegfried is the want of a Labour Party and the weakness of the Socialist movement in Canada.

In the second half of the book the main topics dealt with are the future of the French-Canadians, the relations of Canada to Great Britain, and especially her attitude towards Imperialism. He dismisses as vain the dream of a French-Canadian majority in the whole Dominion, and even in Quebec he says, the English have acquired so great a lead commercially that Montreal is a satellite of London or New York, an Anglo-Saxon centre, where the presence of more than 100,000 Frenchmen is of quite secondary importance. The estimate of the French-Canadian population in Montreal is one of the very few errors which I have detected.

M. Siegfried gives an admirable history of the sending of the contingents to the war in South Africa, of the rôle of M. Henri Bourassa, of the two colonial conferences, and of the attitude of Canadian politicians and manufacturers towards Mr. Chamberlain's proposals. He reproaches the French at home with neglecting their opportunities of trade with Canada, where, from race-sympathy, they ought to have an advantage.

As to the future, he is on the whole inclined to believe that Canada is likely to remain, for at least a long period, a part of the British Empire, though in the West she will become more