

a controversy with him, I asked from what he derived his data, and he professed to derive them from the archives of the See of Quebec. This led me to the source, which is a manuscript work in two volumes, quarto, entitled, "*Abiege chronologique et historique de tous les pretres, tant seculiersque reguliers, qui ont desservi le Canada et ensuite ce Diocese, depuis sa decouverte jusqu a nos jours, ou de 1611 a 1828, parle Rev. M. Fr. X. Noiseux, Pretre, Grand Vicaire du Diocese de Quebec.*" The author lived within our own time, and was a compiler. He nowhere gives his sources, and is, of course, no original authority. Mr. Saulnier remarked, that Mr. Noiseux might be very good authority in spite of Mr. Shea. I shall now, therefore, give some extracts to show his general repute at the present day.

Father Felix Martin, S. J., President of St. Mary's College, Montreal, who has for thirteen years been engaged in the study of the Canadian missions of his Society, and has edited an edition of Bressani's Relation of 1653, and published a work on the Jesuit Relations, says: "Errors of every kind, contradictions, false dates, distorted facts, are found on every page, and have already given rise to the propagation of more than one historical error, unhesitatingly adopted on the authority of a respectable name." *Relations des Jesuites, Montreal, 1850.*

The Hon. Jacques Viger, after consulting most of the parish registers in Canada, the Jesuit Relations, the remaining Jesuit archives, and especially the Superior's Journal, found in a list derived from Mr. Noiseux's work, and published in 1834, that in eight hundred names which he was able to trace, there were seven hundred and fifty-four errors, and he is now preparing a list based on original documents.

The Abbe Faillon, of St. Sulpice, is, in spite of the sneer of *Brownson's Review* in 1853, one who has done more than any man living to prepare the way for a general history of the Canadian Church. He has published already the lives of