IN THE January 1 issue I broadcast an urge for someone to step up and settle the question of the derivation of the term 'Bluezone' as applied to certain Maritimers. The appeal has brought a number of letters, but there still remains an emphatic division of opinion.

Mr. Timothy O'Brien, Librarian of the New Brunswick Historical Society, of Saint John, sends me an extract from a New Brunswick magazine of 1898, being part of an article by the late A. W. Savary, of Annapolis, N. S., a county court judge, and editor of the History of Annapolis County. It says:—"The sobriquet 'Bluezone,' now so familiarly applied to Nova Scotians and New Brunswickers, originated with the Loyalists of Annapolis County, who applied it to the pre-Loyalist settlers as a term of derision during the bitter struggle for pre-eminence in public affairs between these two sections of the population in the provincial elections in 1785. Why the particular term was selected, or deemed appropriate, I have no idea."

On the other hand, Horatio C. Crowell, of The Halifax Chronicle, who once wrote a column under the pen name 'Bluezone,' declares that the first use of the word, as applied to natives of Nova Scotia, as far as any book now extant or available gives it, is found in Haliburton's 'Cecil.' "Cecil," he adds, is a dominant character, Sam Stik, has the following conversation:—"Pray, Sir," said one of my fellow passengers, "can you tell me why the Nova Scotians are called Bluezones?"

"It is the name of a potato," said I, "which they produce in great perfection and boast to be the best in the world. The Americans have, in consequence, given them the nickname."

A Dictionary of Slang and Colloquial English, issued in 1857, gives the same explanation with this addition:—Proctor, however, hazards the suggestion that the nickname refers to the blueness of the nose, resulting from the intense cold."

Having every reason to quote Mr. Crowell's assurance that he himself has lived in the Bluezones, I am basking in Bermuda sunshine.

STILL another explanation is that when the Loyalists were expelled from the United States they called themselves 'Bluezones,' which Yankee derision corrupted into 'Bluezone,' a corruption which, considering the source of its origin, was accepted by the Loyalists as a very honorable nickname.

Then comes Mr. D. J. Wagner, born in Westfield, Kings County, N. B., in 1811, who tells us that he, on asking his grandfather about the term, was told that the United Empire Loyalists who had settled in New Brunswick were so named because they were 'so upin,' Mr. Wagner well remembers the Bluezone potato, which, he believes, was brought by the Loyalists from the United States.

These various explanations are duplicated in other letters. On the face of it, we are no further forward though it seems to me that the explanation of Judge Savary is most feasible.

LACEY AMY writes that "Right or Wrong?" which appears in this issue, might easily have been the last of his stories. A week or two ago he was in a bad motor smash and had a narrow escape from death. As it was, he suffered a few broken ribs and sundry minor injuries. Happily, he is recovering rapidly.

Anne Anderson Perry, author of 'Is Women's Suffrage a Fizzle?', has for many years been actively engaged in national feminine movements and has a reputation for saying and writing precisely what she thinks. William Redpath, who wrote "Endymion," is a member of a writing partnership, being Beatrice Redpath's husband. Alberta C. Trimble, who writes "Miners Under the Sea," is a native of Victoria, British Columbia. The late Edgar M. Walsh is a native of Wingham, Charles L. Shaw and Lukin Johnston both are Vancoverites.

HAS the spirit of amateurism faded from Canadian sport? It is a question that is being asked with increasing frequency by the Canadian daily press. H. H. Ross, the well-known sportsman and sports correspondent, has written an article in which he tackles the subject with courage and by instance. And in the same number Nell MacLean would debate another timely problem—"Can a Woman raise a Family and Have a Career."

In order to Canadian business men know what the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is doing for industry on the other side of the line, Mr. MacLean sent A. W. Blue to Washington last month. The result of his investigation will also appear in the next issue.