

OUR AMERICAN NEIGHBORS.

CANADA.

CHAPTER I.

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF CANADA.

North of the United States lies a country very nearly as large as our own. It belongs to Great Britain, and is known as the Dominion of Canada.

It extends from the northern boundary of the United States northward to the Arctic Ocean, and stretches, in an easterly and westerly direction, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. The Atlantic coast of Canada is so far from the Pacific coast, that when the children in Halifax are rushing out of school at twelve o'clock, the children of New Westminster, in British Columbia, are eating their early seven o'clock breakfast.

The coast of Canada is much indented, and is bordered with many islands. With the exception of the western coast of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, every coast of Canada is bare and thinly settled. Hudson Bay is the largest indentation, and may be said to divide the country into two regions, — the older and more thickly settled region lying to the east, and the newer and more thinly settled region lying to the west.