

SUMMARY OF CANADIAN HISTORY.

- 1873—Seventh came Prince Edward Island, Seventy-three; the list is done.
North and west are Territories, boundless prairies, beds of coal,
Gold and silver, rolling rivers, Canada includes the whole:
All except a single Province, Newfoundland; some future day
She will claim confederation with the rest of Canada.
- 1875—Franchise act for the Dominion, Seventy-five, new rights conveyed,
And for federal elections uniform provisions made.
- 1879—Eighteen-seventy-nine, the Commons passed the N.P. tariff bill
Which, with many readjustments, is the customs tariff still.
- 1885—Eighty-five, some Indian half-breeds, Manitoba, grew afraid
Government would seize their holdings, and an insurrection made.
Louis Riel became their leader, many volunteers were slain,
Riel was captured, executed, quietness returned again.
- 1886—Eighty-six, the C.P. Railway finished laying iron bands
From the rock-ribbed old Atlantic to Pacific's golden sands.
These have governed the dominion in the name of England's Queen:
- 1897—Lisgar, Dufferin, the Marquis, Lansdowne, Stanley, Aberdeen.
Ye who read a nation's progress in the records of the past,
Estimate our future greatness from the coming shadow cast.