



ANIMALS OF NORTH AMERICA

LESSON XIX.

NORTH AMERICA.

Area . 14,712,000 sq m.—*Pop* 82,956,000

1. **North America** occupies the northern part of the Western Continent; it extends from the Isthmus of Panama to the Arctic Regions. It is divided into several countries: Greenland, Dominion of Canada, United States, Mexico, Central America, and the West Indies.

2. A vast *plain* extends through the central portion of North America from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, and from the Alleghany Mountains, on the east, to the Rocky Mountains, on the west

3. It is watered by a great number of beautiful *rivers*, the principal of which are: the Mackenzie, in the North; the St. Lawrence, in the east, and the Mississippi, in the south. Its *lakes* are the finest on the globe

4. **Greenland** and **Iceland** belong to Denmark. These countries are extremely cold and barren, they are, nevertheless important fishing-stations. Iceland is noted for its fine breed of sheep.—*Area*, 790,000 square miles.—*Population*,

about 74,000, of which 65,000 belong to Iceland.

5 **Alaska** Territory belongs to the United States, they purchased it from Russia. This country is watered by the Kwichpack or Yucon, the cold is excessive. *Area*, 567,000 square miles.—*Population*, 54,000.

LESSON XX.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

(British America.)

Area, 3,400,000 sq m.—*Population*, 3,459,000.

1. The **Dominion of Canada** is that part of North America which lies between the Arctic Ocean and the United States; the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean.

2. It comprises seven provinces, viz.; Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and one Territory, the North-West.

3. The *inhabitants* of the Dominion may be classified as follows, French Canadians inhabiting principally the Province of Quebec, English, Irish, and a few thousand Negroes and Indians.

4. The French language is spoken by the French-Canadians and the Acadians, the English language is spoken by the others.

5. The *government* of Canada is a *federal constitution*. The Federal Parliament is composed of the *Governor-General*, a *Privy Council*, of a *Senate* and a *House of Commons*.

6. Each Province has a Local Government, composed of a *Lieutenant-Governor*, an *Executive Council*, and a *Legislative Assembly*.

7. About a million and a half of the inhabitants profess the Roman Catholic *religion*, the others belong to different Protestant sects.

8. *Education* is not inferior to that of any other country in the world; a great number of educational establishments, both religious and secular, work with a zeal worthy of praise.