

CAPE BRETON AND ITS MEMORIALS.

PREFATORY NOTE.

Since the beginning of the present century Cape Breton, once known as Ile Royale, has been to the world at large very little more than a mere geographical expression, and the importance which it possessed in the times when England and France were struggling for the supremacy in North America has been long since forgotten except by the students of history. In the present work it is the object of the writer, a native of Cape Breton, to record briefly the main facts in its history from the days of its discovery by European voyagers in the remote past down to the present time, when a stream of travel is already beginning to find its way to an island abounding with so many features of natural and historic interest. In the narrative of the days of the French *régime*, especially from 1740 to 1758, stress has been naturally laid on the important position Ile Royale once held with relation to New France and the old Thirteen Colonies. Maps and illustrations have been added to give completeness and clearness to the narrative. Many pages of critical and bibliographical notes are appended, with a view of relieving the main text of much historical matter chiefly interesting to the students of the past. In these notes there are references to all the literature which I have been able to find relating to the history, resources and industries of this valuable and interesting section of the Dominion of Canada.

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