

AREA AND POPULATION.

Provinces and Territories of Canada	Capital and its Population	Area in Square Miles			Population, 1901
		Land	Water	Total	
Dominion of Canada	Ottawa, 63,000				459,574
Nova Scotia	Halifax, 41,000	21,068	360	21,428	331,120
New Brunswick	Fredericton, 7,000	27,911	74	27,985	
Prince Edward Island	Charlottetown	12,500	2,184	2,184	103,250
Quebec	Quebec, 70,000	341,756	10,117	351,873	1,648,898
Ontario	Toronto, 225,000	220,508	40,554	260,862	2,182,947
Manitoba	Winnipeg, 60,000	64,527	9,405	73,732	285,211
Assiniboia	Regina	88,279	600	88,879	67,385
Alberta	Regina	101,521	362	101,883	65,876
Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	103,846	3,772	107,618	25,679
British Columbia	Victoria, 21,000	243,160	8,805	251,965	6,615
Yukon	Dawson, 9,000	370,191	2,439	372,630	178,657
Alaska	Dawson, 9,000	196,327	649	196,976	27,219
Mackenzie	Dawson	532,635	29,547	562,182	5,216
Keewatin		456,997	13,419	470,416	
Unorganized		349,109	5,852	354,961	5,113
Franklin		500,000		500,000	* 8,540
Total					5,371,315

* Keewatin and Franklin.

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History of Canada.

The British were not the first people to reach Canada. Nine hundred years ago (1000 A. D.), Leif Ericson, a Norwegian, discovered Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Five hundred years

after this (1497) Henry VII sent John Cabot to find out something more about this continent, which Columbus, five years before, had discovered anew.

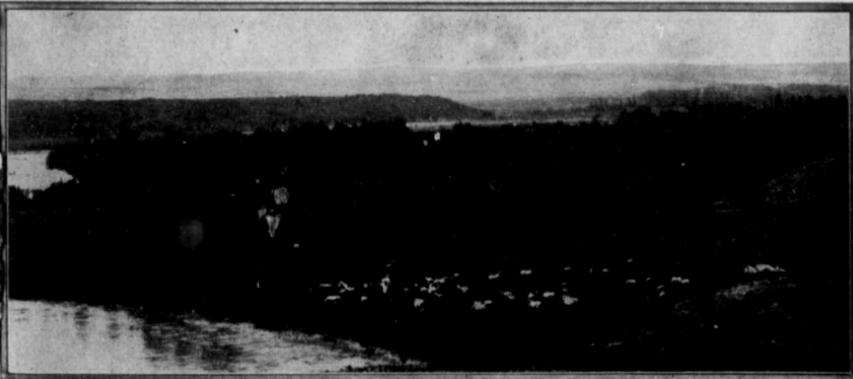
CANADA AT FIRST A FRENCH COLONY.

A few years later (1534 and 1535) the French King, Francis I, sent out Jacques Cartier on a voyage of discovery. Cartier sailed up the great River St. Lawrence—the gateway of Canada—as far as the Indian village Stadacona, where now stands the picturesque city of Quebec. In the following year he returned and sailed up as far as the site of what is now Montreal. So he was the real discoverer of Canada. Sixty years later the great French explorer, Champlain, continued the work, penetrated into the interior, carried on trade with the Indians, and made Canada a French colony.

At this early time the name Canada, which in the Indian tongue means a village, denoted vaguely only the country along the north shore of the River St. Lawrence from Tadoussac (River Saguenay) to some distance above Quebec. For many years the colony was under the control of trading companies, but in 1663 the King of France began to send out officials to govern the colony in his own name.

CANADA BECOMES BRITISH.

During all this time a great many British people had been settling on the Atlantic seaboard to the south of Canada. This was a period when Great Britain and France were frequently at war, and the French and British colonies in America kept up



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