Banks, first Clearing House for, in the Dominion, established in Halifax, 1887.

Bank Note—The first Canadian bank note issued was by the Canada Bank in 1792 ; it was for " 5 chelins."

Bank Note—First constituted a first lien on Bank assets, July 1st, 1881.

Bank Note Engraving—First done in Canada, 1867.

Bank Statistics—First required to be sent to the Government when Sir Francis Hincks was premier.

Baptist College—First sod turned, in Toronto, by Senator McMaster, July, 1880.

Beaver Club of merchants carrying on the fur trade, first instituted in Montreal 1785. The founder of McGill College was one of the original members.

Belleville—The first white settler in Belleville was a fur dealer, named Wallbridge, in 1797.

Bishop—The first Roman Catholic Bishop was M. de Laval, who arrived in Canada 1659, and was Bishop 1674–88.

Bishop—The first Protestant Bishop in Quebec was Rev. Dr. Mountain, 1793.

Bishopric—That of Nova Scotia was first erected in 1787. It was the first Colonial See.

Books—The first book published in Upper Canada was " St. Ursula's Convent, or the Nun of Canada," Kingston, 1824.

Bounty—Given to encourage development of sea fisheries and building of fishing vessels, 1882.

Bridge—Victoria bridge, first railway bridge across the St. Lawrence River, formally opened for traffic by the Prince of Wales, 1860. First passenger train crossed Dec. 19, 1859. The bridge cost $6,300,000 ; length 9,184 feet.

Bridge—First stone of Lachine railway bridge laid March 18th, 1886.

British Association for Advancement of Science first met, in Canada, at Montreal, Aug. 27th, 1884.