

The plan of this history is exceedingly comprehensive and when completed it will be the most exhaustive treatment of the subject hitherto attempted. It will fill two large quarto volumes of over five hundred pages each, costing from \$17 50 to \$28, according to style of binding. Mr. Tuttle is a remarkable example of Nova Scotia energy and industry. Though yet, we understand, a comparatively young man he has not only written this almost colossal work, as we may call it, but also several others of a similarly comprehensive character. The mechanical execution of the book is exceedingly creditable to Canadian enterprise. The portraits are lithographed by the Burland-Desbarats Company of Montreal and the wood engravings are also executed in that city. The art gems of the work, however, are the fine steel engravings selected from Bartlett's beautiful and popular volume of Canadian views.

The first volume, which is now ready, contains a History of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, from their discovery to the Confederation of 1867; sixteen pages of portraits of distinguished men of the nation; fourteen beautiful steel engravings of Canadian scenery; twenty wood engravings, representing battles, &c.; steel portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, with a dedication; full-page portraits of the Hon. Charles Tupper, C.B., Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, and Dr. J. W. Dawson; and the Coat of Arms of the Dominion of Canada, in gold and colours.

A familiar acquaintance with the history of our country is the first requisite of an intelligent patriotism. Our school boys are taught the myths and legends of Greece and Rome when they are often ignorant of the authentic records of their own

country. They are familiar with the story of Leonidas and Horatius, when the equal heroism of Dulac Des Ormeaux, who, with his brave companions, defended with their lives the Thermopylae of Canada on the Ottawa River, is to many an unfamiliar tale. The heroism of the founders of empire, Champlain and Frontenac; of the adventurous explorers Marquette and La Salle; of the martyr missionaries Brebeuf and Lalemant; and of the gallant soldiers De Levis and Montcalm, Wolfe and Brock, present a record of noble exploits not paralleled in the history of any country. It is to be hoped that these magnificent volumes will make Canadian readers more familiar with the story of their native land and the development of those principles of constitutional liberty in which we are surpassed by no nation on earth.

Science and Theology, Ancient and Modern. By JAMES ANTHONY FROUDE. *The Sovereignty of Ethics.* By RALPH WALDO EMERSON. Toronto: Eelford Brothers.

The first of these *brochures* is reprint of an article which was announced as a very destructive criticism of modern theology. It is simply a philosophic *resume* of the progress of scientific investigation, and of the anticipation of modern theories by ancient speculations. It is by no means such a bombshell as was expected, and explodes very harmlessly against the ramparts of orthodoxy. Of greater value, we judge, is the second essay, that by Emerson. The sage of Concord, amid a vague pantheism, still holds fast to the eternal principles of truth and righteousness. Neither pamphlet throws much light on the problems of the day.