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THE ELEMENTARY GEOGRAPHY OF CANADA.



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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER.

GEOGRAPHY is a description of the Earth, and is divided into three parts : MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL and POLITICAL.

The first means the relation which the Earth bears to the other Planets and Heavenly bodies, and explains different lines which for convenience and other purposes are drawn upon its surface.

The second points out the natural divisions of the Earth's surface.

The third treats of the different Kingdoms, States and Empires on the Globe, with their history, population, commerce, language and laws.

THE EARTH is a round body, and the following are proofs of its rotundity : 1st, from sea the tops of mountains and from land the topmasts of ships are first seen ; 2nd, in cutting canals a depth of 8 inches per mile must be allowed to procure a uniformity of water ; 3rd, the shadow of the Earth during a lunar eclipse is always of a round form ; 4th, going from north to south, new stars appear in the Heavens ; 5th, different navigators have sailed round the world by constantly keeping a western and eastern direction.