

XII. Documentary Notes General Index

THIS volume is designed in particular for the historical student and for general reference. In the first part the Authors and Editors will traverse the various historical contributions throughout the work, citing the documents and authorities on which the narratives are based and making critical and explanatory comment thereon. In deference to the majority of readers—who are averse to a text loaded with footnotes—very few citations have been given in the body of the work; but the student will find these Notes in the final volume serviceable and sufficiently exhaustive.

The second part of the volume will consist of the General Index. The entire work is to be taken as a unit for purposes of reference. Indexes to the individual volumes have, therefore, been dispensed with, and the General Index will cover the whole ground in one comprehensive and workable alphabetical system.

A special feature of the Index will be the grouping of references in historical order, and cross-indexing under comprehensive headings, such as—

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CLEARY RESERVES	FORESTS	SHIPPING
CURRENCY	IMMIGRATION	TARIFFS
EDUCATION	LABOUR	TREATIES

Under the ordinary indexical entries of biographical and geographical names, it is proposed to give then and there a great deal of elementary and descriptive information; so that if the enquirer wishes merely a date, or the rank or position of a person or place, the Index itself will answer the question without further reference to the body of the work.