

every book and pamphlet throwing light on the earlier settlement of this country that came in their way.—Several of these collections were courteously placed at the author's service. The files of the Brockville *Weekly Recorder*, from the date of its first publication in 1820, carefully bound and preserved by its publisher,* proved of great value; as well as a full set of the statutes of Upper Canada, from 1792 onwards, which formed part of the library of a Brockville barrister.† At the same time, old books and pamphlets were discovered, in half-forgotten places, many of which proved of no small historical benefit. With these helps, in addition to his own collection of books on this country, the product in several instances of much research, from cellar to attic, in New York second-hand bookstores, the author was enabled to write the first complete History of Canada, which however deficient it may have been, in some respects, has formed the basis of every historical narrative, touching the Province of Ontario, from that day to this; and from this point of view, if not from any other, it has been of no small value to its people. A new edition of this work, continued down to the Confederation of the Dominion, was published in 1868. Unfortunately, however, the same circumstances that operated against the more careful preparation, for the press, of the first edition, also affected the second one. The author still remained immersed in the cares of a considerable mercantile as well as newspaper business, and, therefore, without the necessary leisure for literary work. The greater part of the first edition was accordingly reprinted without having been properly revised, and the new matter added was not as carefully digested as it should have been. The second edition was printed in Scotland, in order to obtain an Imperial copyright; and as the author had not, therefore, the opportunity of correcting the proof-sheets, several small errors were permitted to creep into the text. He then supposed that his his-

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