

SUMMARY OF CANADIAN HISTORY.

Each Province could, to Parliament, elect just forty-two,
And this caused bitterness and strife as population grew ;
For soon C. West outran C. East, by thousands, till the cry
Of " Rep. by Pop " as it was called, grew furious by and by.
Lord Sydenham, the Governor, died from a hunting-fall ;

1844—The capital in Forty-four was moved to Montreal.

The clergy bill of Ninety-one was ever to the fore,
And jealousy and discontent grew daily more and more.
Mackenzie's war, some years before, much loss to many made ;
These now demanded that their claims by Government be paid.
And when, in Elgin's time, a bill was passed to pay the score,
The smouldering fire of party strife was kindled to a roar.
The Opposition threatened war, disasters great and small ;
Toronto had some rioting, but more had Montreal.

The malcontents mobbed Elgin there, which caused him to resign,
1849—And burnt the House of Parliament in Eighteen-forty-nine.

Lord Elgin, at the Queen's request, still as our ruler stayed ;
Toronto and Quebec, by turns, the capital was made,

1854—At last the clergy lands were sold ; each municipal board