



ALPHABET
OF
FIRST THINGS IN CANADA.

Academy of Arts, Royal Canadian, founded by the Marquis of Lorne, 1880.

Acadia—A term of varying quantity, the narrowest limit of which included part of the coast of Nova Scotia only, and the widest comprised Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, part of Maine, both banks of the St. Lawrence River, the Labrador coast as far north as Ungava Bay at the entrance of Hudson's Straits, Anticosti, and other islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (except Cape Breton), and Newfoundland.

Acadian French—First convention held at Memramcook, N.B., July, 1881.

Advertisements—The first railway advertisement appeared in the *Montreal Gazette*, 1837.

Agents, Commercial; vote of money to enable the Government to employ such first appears in Estimates of 1884.

Agricultural College—First for Ontario founded at Guelph, 1874.

Albani—Paid her first professional visit to Montreal, and received a deputation from Chambly, P.Q., her birth-place, in 1884. On one occasion, when Sir John Macdonald was in England, Albani was invited to meet him at an evening party. She was asked to sing, and said, though it was not customary to comply with such invitations, she would cheerfully sing for "my chiet" (Sir John)—