

PREFACE.

These "Notes" are practically those used by us in our public school work during the past six years. We found them helpful, and therefore place them before the teachers and pupils of the Province. The Notes have been compiled from various sources ; in fact, we scarcely know the authorities consulted in preparing the little work for our pupils. There is no attempt at originality except in the simplicity and practical arrangement of the matter.

Much time and labor now spent in writing notes may be saved by the use of this little book, while it will do away with the *scribbling* and *faulty composition* usually to be found in pupils' note books. The Notes should be used in connection with a text-book on the subject. When pupils have read through the lengthy paragraphs in the text-book, in which events are given in detail, the substance of what has been there read will be found concisely given in the Notes.

The Notes will be found suited to the needs of the third and fourth classes of our schools. The paragraphs are numbered for convenience of reference. Space is left for any additional notes which teachers or pupils may wish to insert.

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