

Historical Sketch of Canada.

Canada, from the Indian word Kanata, signifying a collection of huts, was discovered in 1497 by Sebastian Cabot. A temporary settlement of Europeans was made at St. Croix Harbor, by Jacques Cartier, a French Navigator, who sailed up the St. Lawrence in the year 1544. In 1608 a permanent settlement was made on the present site of Quebec, Canada being then called New France. In 1759, Quebec was taken by General Wolfe, and Canada became a British Province. In 1791, it was divided into Upper and Lower Canada, but reunited in 1840, under the appellation of Canada East and West. At a still later period the organization of the government has been beneficially modified. In all civil affairs, the province is now independent of the imperial government.

Chronological Facts connected with the History of British America.

Columbus discovered America, October 1.....	1492
Cabot Discovered Newfoundland, June	1497
Newfoundland Settled.....	1522
French Trade with Canada renewed.....	1581
Virginia Dare, the first English child born in North America	1587
Quebec Founded by Champlain.....	1608
First Ploughing with Oxen at Quebec.....	1628
Jesuit College, Founded at Quebec.....	1635
First Horse brought into Canada and presented to Governor M. de Montmagny	1647
First Authentic account of the Falls of Niagara.....	1658
Quebec Seminary, (Laval University,) established.....	1663
Translation of the Bible into Indian by the Rev. J. Eliot.....	1664
Horses generally introduced into Canada.....	1665
Ravages of Small Pox among the Canadian Indians.....	1670
Estimated Population of Canada, 17,000 in.....	1695
First Newspaper published in America.....	1704
Hemp and Flax first raised in Canada	1705