

God bless our fair Canadian land
Of mountain, lake and river—
Thy loyal sons, from strand to strand,
Sing, "Canada Forever."

For us, thy brooding summer wakes
The cornfields' waving gold,
The quiet pastures, azure lakes,
For us thy treasures hold.
To us each hill and dale is dear,
Each rock and stream and glen,
Thy scattered homes of kindly cheer,
Thy busy haunts of men.

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Our sires their old traditions brought,
Their lives of faithful toil,
For home and liberty they fought,
On our Canadian soil,
Quebec to us is sacred still,
Nor less is Lundy's Lane—
Long may a loyal people fill
The land they fought to gain.

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Saxon and Celt and Norman we :
Each race its memory keeps,
Yet o'er us all, from sea to sea,
One red-cross banner sweeps,
Long may our "Greater Britain" stand
The bulwark of the free;
But Canada, our own dear land,
Our first love is for thee!

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HISTORICAL EVENTS.

Some shops were lighted by gas in Montreal in 1837.

A telegraph service from Montreal to Toronto and Buffalo commenced August 3, 1847.

The land mail was established between Quebec and Montreal on January 27, 1721.

In the "Relations des Jesuites," 1648, the Falls of Niagara are mentioned, but not by name.

William Osgoode was the first Chief Justice of Upper Canada. He was appointed July 29, 1792.

The Carigan Regiment arrived in Canada in 1665, and the last British troops left Quebec in 1871.

The Montreal Bank issued its first note October 1, 1817, and opened a branch in Quebec July 20, 1818.

The first marriage in Canada was celebrated in Quebec in 1617, between Etienne Jonquest and Anne Hebert.

Ships were built at Quebec in 1666, and the steamer Frontenac was launched at Ernesttown, Ont., September 7, 1816.

Quebec was held by the English, under Louis Kirke, from July 20, 1629, to July 13, 1632, when it was restored to France.

The first Episcopal Bishop of Quebec was the Rev. Jacob Mountain, who officiated from November 1, 1793, to June 18, 1825.

M^{gr}. Francois de Laval was the first Bishop of Quebec, and sat on the Episcopal throne from October 1, 1674, to January 24, 1688.

Part of Sir Hovenden Walker's fleet was wrecked on the Labrador coast on September 1, 1711, and more than a thousand lives were lost.

The first Dominion Parliament was opened November 6, 1867; the Ontario and Quebec Legislatures were opened December 27 of the same year.

THE COUNTRY'S RECORD.

The earliest official records show that John and Sebastian Cabot, sailing under commission from King Henry VII. of England, landed in 1497 on that part of the present Dominion of Canada known as Cape Breton in Nova Scotia.

Gaspar Cortereal discovered and named the Labrador coast in 1500.

Jacques Cartier of St. Malo, France, acting under the authority and patronage of Francis I. of France, discovered in 1534 those portions of the Dominion of Canada now called New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Quebec, and on his return to France presented the King with the first official record there is of the existence of these regions.