Preface.

The edition of 1613 was divided into two books. This division has been omitted here, both as fuperfluous and confusing.

The maps referred to on Champlain's title-page may be found in Vol. III: of this work. In France, the needle deflects to the eaft; and the dial-plate, as figured on the larger map, that of 1612, is conftructed accordingly. On it the line marked *nornordeft* reprefents the true north, while the index is carried round to the left, and points out the variation of the needle to the weft. The map is oriented by the needle without reference to its variation, but the true meridian is laid down by a strong line on which the degrees of latitude are numbered. From this the points of the compass between any two places may be readily obtained.

A Note, relating to Hudfon's difcoveries in 1612, as delineated on Champlain's fmall map, introduced by him in the prefatory matter, apparently after the text had been ftruck off, will appear in connection with the map itfelf, where it more properly belongs.

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