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THIS work is a continuation of "Canada in 1841 and in 1846," and with that work offers to the British reader a statement of the affairs of Canada; sketches of localities; a personal narrative of the late "troubles;" their causes and consequences; the policy pursued there; the effects of the immense public works in progress and completed, with anecdotes of personal observations, sketches of scenery, and generally every information which the Author conceived might be of use to the traveller, the military and the political reader, and particularly respecting the French Canadians and the Upper Canada Militia, and their conduct in the war of 1812, and the disturbances of 1837 and 1838. It is, in short, a personal narrative combined with a military and political examination of the Canadas.

Nearly fourteen years have elapsed since the insurrectionary troubles in Canada, and men's minds are no longer in a state of restlessness and uncertainty regarding the objects and matters of that outbreak. Many, very many of both parties in the struggle, have since gone to their final account. Canada is now an united country, and therefore the true object of its people