

HISTORY OF CANADA.

INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER.

1. LET the young student look at the map. He will see that the **Dominion of Canada** stretches across the continent from ocean to ocean, from Cape Breton on the east, to Vancouver Island on the west, and north to the Arctic sea. An imaginary line divides the Dominion from the United States: in the western region that line is drawn through the great lakes, Erie, Huron, Superior, and runs west, crossing the Rocky Mountains to the coast of British Columbia. In the east lie the provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario; in the west the province of Manitoba, the North-West Territory, and British Columbia.

2. This vast Dominion, with its populous, enlightened cities, Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto—the political and commercial capitals of the old provinces, and a score of other thriving and growing towns, with its population of 4,500,000, and its annual commerce of over \$200,000,000, is still but a young country in years. In actual fact the Dominion is, in this year 1884, just 280 years old.

3. Canada has had to struggle against difficulties peculiar to itself. Canada, really, only entered on the course of growth and progress a hundred and twenty years ago, when,