

mode of treating the subject, is, at least, defective, for the following among other reasons, that it necessarily excludes much that is deeply interesting, as well as requisite to be known, in order to possess an intelligent appreciation of the state of things existing in Canada at this day.

In this book a considerable, though not undue, space, is devoted to the early growth and progress of those parts of the Dominion from whose experience and career the present lot and prospects of the whole have been mainly derived. There are numerous foot-notes, which, with the maps and the woodcuts dispersed through the book, will undoubtedly render the narrative more interesting than it would otherwise be.

At the end are placed an extended table of chronology, of which the items all concern Canada, more or less directly, also an outline of the Constitution of the Dominion, and a full set of Questions for Examination.

In short, it is intended that the young reader or learner, by the time he reaches the end of this book, shall realize the fact that Canada possesses a history full of interest and instruction, of stirring incidents and realities—in these respects rivalling the histories of older countries, while it differs from most of them in not having its earliest chapters occupied with myths or fabulous traditions.

An eloquent statesman and writer, who was well informed upon the subject of which he spoke, commended, to the youth of the Dominion, the study of Canadian history, in the remarkable words printed after our title page.

QUEBEC, April, 1870.