

For reasons which I need not enter upon, these Canadian almanacs of Stearns' probably began some time in the 1780's and ended some time in the '90's. In two of his prefaces he says that he had annually calculated for "four separate governments on the Continent," *i. e.*, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Brunswick and Quebec. He describes himself as astronomer too, on the title page of his "Oracle," (published in 1791). His Boston almanacs appeared from 1787 to 1792, (leaving out of consideration some published before the Revolution); the Bennington issues from 1788 to 1791. Nearly all his later almanacs were called "The Universal Calendar," or Universal "Kalendar." Perhaps these facts will afford clues. Fyles of newspapers of these dates might contain advertisements of the almanacs desired; this would be evidence of their existence.

Stearns was released from the Worcester, Mass., gaol in July, 1787 (after three years imprisonment on more or less illegal pretexts—really for loyalty to Great Britain), and toward the end of that year visited Montreal in effort to obtain compensation from the Loyalist Commissioners, Pemberton and Dundas. In 1788 he was twice in the city of Quebec; so he may very well have made arrangements to publish an almanac in those cities for '88 or '89, and very likely continued the series after that for some years.

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NOTE.—The only early almanacs published in New Brunswick, of which I have knowledge are those contained in the Free Public Library, St. John. The fyle is very incomplete, and prior to 1820 is as follows:
1786, calculated by Julius Scaliger Jr.
1792, calculated by William Green, schoolmaster at Campobello.