



## INTRODUCTION.

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Having often found myself compelled to verify a date, or to search for the sources of a movement which in the course of years had become of importance, I began, some years ago, to jot down any statement of first things in Canada that I met in my readings.

Many of these "first things" are of comparatively recent date, owing to the changes following the Confederation of the Provinces under the Union Act of 1867.

The more readily to find what I wanted, I arranged the collection in alphabetical order.

I anticipate that errors will be discovered, since in many cases different dates for the same event are assigned by different authors. Omissions will also be found.

No doubt these errors and omissions will be pointed out to me by kind friends, in order that they may be rectified and supplied in future editions.

It is my hope that the collection will prove useful to newspaper writers, to public men, and indeed in more or less degree to all Canadians, including "Young Canada" on the school bench.