

# Bathurst Village Convent School Library

## PREFATORY NOTE.

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SINCE Confederation, a new interest has been awakened in the History of Canada. The different Provinces comprised in the Dominion have been intimately connected in the past ; a study of their records shows that the same course of events abroad, and similar causes of political dissatisfaction within, have helped to mould their destiny. Separate Histories of the British North American Provinces have, from time to time, been written for the use of schools ; but these, viewed from the stand-point of the Dominion under Confederation, are incomplete. In the present book an endeavour has been made to give a general view of the history of the country now known as Canada, from the earliest to the latest times. That history centres in the Provinces now called Quebec and Ontario, which long alone bore the name of Canada ; but, though these necessarily occupy the greatest space, the course of events in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the other Provinces, is in this book treated in the order of their relative importance. The writer, in dealing with a long series of events, has made it his aim to be as clear and concise as possible ; but he has not thought it necessary to confine himself to a bare outline. The greater interest given to a narrative by dwelling a little at length on some of the more important incidents, and the desirableness of placing a pretty comprehensive history in the hands of teachers, will, it is hoped, successfully meet objections to fulness of detail, should any be raised.

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