

2. The **History of Canada** describes the condition of this country when people first came hither from Europe, relates how the Province of Quebec came to be settled by the French, and the other provinces by the English. It explains why the United States, where the English language is spoken, are not under the same government as Canada, and tells why Canadians call England the Mother-country. It also tells us how each province began and grew in numbers, extent, and wealth; and how they all came afterwards to form the Union called the **Dominion of Canada**. In it we read the names of such men as Cartier and Champlain, Wolfe and Montcalm, Brock and Tecumseh, and many others, who have done much to build up and advance Canada.

3. Take the map of the world and note well the position of Europe to the east, and of America to the west, of the Atlantic Ocean. Four hundred years ago the people of Europe knew nothing about America. No ship had then been known to sail directly across that wide water; no city of New York, or Halifax, or Quebec existed then, but great forests grew where these cities now are. The only people living at that time on this continent were the Indians, who built no houses, but dwelt in tents made of bark or skins, and called wigwams. They had no roads, but travelled, hunted, or fought their battles through the woods that shaded all the land; while long journeys were made upon the rivers and lakes in bark or wooden canoes. They had no books, and knew very little of the Creator, whom they called the Great Spirit. They were bold and cunning, generous to their friends, but bitterly revengeful to their foes. There were, however, some great chiefs among them, who were noted for their love of the people, their honesty, and their kindness to enemies.