

THE DRAMA OF CANADIAN HISTORY.

Miss Canada,—It is our present purpose to make the "Drama of Canadian History" pass before your eyes. First I will recite the outline, after which we will introduce to you certain well-known historical personages.

THE HISTORY OF CANADA IN SIXTY LINES.

Columbus found the Western World in fourteen ninety-two,
But long ere this the Norsemen say of Vinland's vales they knew.
The Cabots sailed the north and east for England's king to claim;
Deny and Verrazano sought for France to gain the same.
Through Belle Isle Strait Jacques Cartier passed in fifteen thirty-four,
Explored the Gulf and claimed at once stern Gaspé's rugged shore.
Next year returned, the river scanned, Mount Royal fitly named,
A winter spent, some natives seized, much more for France he claimed.
To Canada once more he sailed in fifteen forty-one;
When Roberval, as chief, undid all France so far had done.
In vain Lery, and then La Roche, by means of exiled bands,
Resolved to found for France a realm on Sable Island's sands.
Though through De Monts, and rival claims, Champlain at Fundy failed,
Undaunted still, to found Quebec in sixteen eight he sailed.
He built the city, fought its foes, Lake Huron's bounds explored,
Then lost Quebec, which England's king by peace to France restored.
Some dauntless priests, like brave Brebeuf, 'mid fire, torture, pain,
When teaching friendly Huron tribes, by Iroquois were slain.
While Tracey, Frontenac, Beaucour, their forest foes effaced,
Marquette, La Salle and Joliet the Mississippi traced.
At Pemaquid, Schenectady, St. John and Hudson Bay
Bold Iberville met English foes o'er whom he won the day.
From Louisburg, Annapolis too, the French were forced to fly,
When scourged by raids New England's sons resolved to win or die.
Acadians long by French feuds torn or British arms coerced,
Were shipped at length to distant shores and there exiled, dispersed.
Two famous chiefs, Montcalm and Wolfe, were slain on Abra'm's
plains,
When Pitt resolved to join Quebec to Britain's broad domains.
To please "New Subjects" Britain gave, in seventeen seventy-four,