

The instruction given to the Senior Third Class should be, almost entirely, oral. If the pupils (Senior Third) have text books, they should be used merely for the purpose of review and on account of the exercises in them. Definitions should not be memorized until the pupils have become thoroughly familiar with the truths taught by them.

HISTORY.

Conversations on Canadian History and on our Municipal and Federal forms of Government. The following topics, for which we are indebted to Dr. Wright, should be dealt with :—

CONVERSATIONS ON CANADIAN HISTORY.

TOPIC I. PREHISTORIC AMERICA.—The Indians—Dwellings—Dress—Manners—Beliefs—Food—Occupations—Language—Knowledge, Tribes—Chiefs—Warriors :—The Huron—Algonquins—The Iroquois.

II. CAUSES WHICH HASTENED THE DISCOVERY.—The products of Arabia and India—Caravans—Jealousy of the Mohammedans—Other difficulties of Transport—Growth, Riches, and Enterprise of Mediterranean Cities—Genoa, Leghorn, Venice.—The Political importance and power of England, France, and Spain.—Their anxiety to secure Eastern Trade.

III. THE DISCOVERY.—Early Navigation—The Compass—The Ships of the 15th Century—Columbus—His Theory—His Difficulties—His success—England and France eager to share the results—Cabot—Cartier. Other Navigators. The new spirit of Marine Enterprise—Magellan's Voyages—Drake's Voyage round the Globe.

IV. CANADA.—The Fur Trade—The Fisheries—Early attempts at Settlement—Champlain. Easy intercourse between the French and Strangers—Adapt themselves to the life and feelings of the Indians—The Jesuit Fathers. Merchant Companies—The Hundred Partners.

V. THE VICE-ROYALTY OF NEW FRANCE.—The French Monarchy—Ministers—Richelieu—The change in Canada in 1663. Enterprise and activity of the New Government. Explorations and Settlements—The Mississippi—Frontenac.

VI. THE ENGLISH IN NORTH AMERICA.—Establishment at New York. English make friends with the Iroquois. Hostility of the Iroquois and Algonquin Hurons. Growth of Trade.

VII. RELATIONS OF ENGLAND AND FRANCE.—France the nearest power to England. Ancient Rivalry—England ravages France—Crecy—Agincourt—Loss of Calais—Enmity strengthened by time—