

SUMMARY OF CANADIAN HISTORY.

THIRD PERIOD—1792 TO 1841

1791—The British Commons, Ninety-one, a bill had carried through,

1792—Known as the Constitutional Act, enforced in Ninety-two.

It made two Canadas of one, an Upper and a Lower,
And gave a Parliament to each; there had been none before.

This system, representative, was popular; but a bill
That passed with it, Clergy Reserve, was fraught with future ill.

For English clergy it reserved, in stipends to be paid,

A seventh part of all the lands in U.C. unsurveyed.

This led to furious future strife, for other churches claimed
The land belonged as much to them as to the clergy named.

Both Houses met in Ninety-two, the capitals of the day

Were, one—Quebec, and Newark—one, now called Niagara.

1793—Next year U. C. led freedom's cause, abolished slavery;

Ten years passed by, and then L.C. did so in Eighteen-three.

1796—In Ninety-six our capital was taken from Newark

To what is now Toronto; then 'twas "Dirty Little York."

1804—The population, Eighteen-four, of Upper Canada