

## PREFACE.

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The object of this little book is to awaken an interest in Canadian History ; to give the boys and girls of our schools a simple yet definite statement of the **cause, incident** and **result** of the important events of the history of their own land ; to lead them to see the steps by which Canada rose to her present proud position ; to see the struggle which won each of our great privileges of self-government and the defects which each privilege remedied ; to lead them to honor and imitate the noble men and women who gave their time, their talents and their lives to work out the destiny of Canada—men whose lives teach us that Canada will become what her sons make her.

At the same time it is hoped that the little work will be a boon to teachers who are burdened with the many subjects of the school curriculum and the thousand interests of the school room.

The two simple little sketches give a bird's-eye view of the whole period, refer to topics which are discussed in the book, and proceeding from the general to the particular, they arouse curiosity while they engender a spirit of research.