

inces, with the historic ruins of Annapolis and Louisburg, were sketched, and our closing pages were given to the Mountain Province, on the Pacific.

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