

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

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## CHAPTER I.

### HISTORICAL

The Presbyterian Church throughout the world has always stood for what is highest in national life and ideals ; and the history of our own Church in Canada is no exception to this. Huguenots from France, fleeing from persecution, were its first members coming to make their home in the then wilds of Canada, there to uphold and follow the beliefs of Luther and Calvin.

"In the early history of all our provinces, our church was very weak, but the intelligence and moral worth of its adherents always told for good on every community in which they were found. As they rapidly increased in numbers, their influence for good became greater and greater, until they soon formed one of the strongest moral forces in the land. On every great public question their influence was felt.

"Education, temperance, Sabbath observance and every phase of moral reform met with the hearty support of all our people. In everything that aimed