

of a fort. That was little more than three hundred years ago! Take all the intervening period and divide it roughly into half and we have one period, of approximately one hundred and fifty years, in which Canada's history was a part of the history of France in the new world; a history, ^{at the time,} but little known (to) either France or ^{to Canada} itself. It has remained ^{just} ~~to~~ our own day to tell its story. That leaves ~~little~~ ^{just} more than one hundred and fifty years in which the history of Canada can be said to have a direct association with Britain. ~~But~~ ^{and} how slender at first ^{now} that association! The policy of the Quebec Act of 1776 aimed rather at enlarging the area of French influence in Canada ^{at} ~~than~~ increasing the British sphere ^{of control}. Not till 1791 was there the beginning of what is now the Province of Ontario, ~~and it~~ ^{at the time,} known as Upper Canada, ~~joined to~~ ^{was} what there then was of Quebec, ^{at the time,} known then as Lower Canada, ^{The two} ~~constituted~~, up to 1867, all that was known ^{referred to} as Canada. That was just sixty years ago! Many a citizen of our Dominion has learned this fact for the first time in what was said or written on or about July the ^{first} ~~1st~~ of the present year. Even to those of us who by ~~compulsion~~ ^{as} good fortune of early training at schools or universities, had some knowledge of the sequence of events, I venture to say that the facts, as I have narrated them, come ^{as} a surprise in what they ^{reveal} ~~represent~~ of what ^{in the years immediately following} ~~there has been~~ of growth and expansion ~~in the years that have~~ since intervened.

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