

INTRODUCTION.

IN compiling a school history for the use of Canadian children, the aim of the writer has been to make its readers feel that the explorers, the missionaries, the soldiers, the pioneers and the statesmen of whom its pages tell, were real men and women. They were engaged in the work of changing half a continent, inhabited by wandering tribes of savages, into a prosperous commonwealth. That work is still going on, and though the superstructure may not need the same kind of labor as was required for the foundation, its builders must possess no less skill, industry and wisdom. In the hope that this little book will help to fit the boys and girls, who are the hope of our country, for the duties of citizenship, it is placed in their hands.

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