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## PREFACE.

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THIS book contains the principal facts of Canadian History, given in the real order, the order of time. It is a *vade-mecum* for every Canadian that takes any interest whatever in his country's history ; and, as respects quantity of information,—whether political, military, ecclesiastical, social, or commercial,—it is the very fullest History of Canada extant. It contains not only all the cream of all the published histories, but a good deal of valuable information obtained by correspondence ; and, during the War of 1812, American writers are drawn on largely to show, that, on the admissions of Americans themselves, the Canadians came out of that trying struggle, honourably and triumphantly. In a work of this kind absolute accuracy will be naturally expected, and, if unusual labour in testing and re-testing will ensure it, the book is not blemished with many errors. In a word, the greatest pains have been taken to make it trustworthy in every particular.

J. P. T.



# THE CARDINAL FACTS OF CANADIAN HISTORY.

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- 1492, Oct. 12, Christopher Columbus landed on one of the Bahama Islands.
- 1497, June 24, John Cabot, in the service of Henry VII. of England, made the mainland of America.
- 1498, Sebastian Cabot explored the eastern coast, from Nova Scotia to Cape Hatteras.
- 1498, Aug. 10, Christopher Columbus first landed on the mainland of America.
- 1506, Denis, of Honfleur, explored the Gulf of the St. Lawrence River.
- 1507, Waldseemuller, a German professor of Geography, proposed "America" for the name of the New World.
- 1510, Vasco Nunez de Balboa planted the first European colony on the Isthmus of Darien.
- 1512, Easter Sunday, Juan Ponce de Leon found and named Florida.
- 1518, Baron de Lery attempted a settlement on Sable Island.
- 1520, Magellan found and named Magellan Strait.
- 1524, John Verrazano, employed by Francis I. of France, explored the eastern coast, from Newfoundland to Carolina.
- 1534, April 20, Jacques Cartier left St. Malo.  
May 10, Cartier reached Cape Bonavista.  
May 27, Cartier entered the Strait of Belle Isle.  
July 8, Cartier reached the Bay of Chaleur.  
Aug. 15, Cartier sailed for France.