

CANADA

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT AND RECORD

FOR THE YEAR 1888

Preliminary Remarks.

1. The Dominion of Canada consists of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec (formerly Upper and Lower Canada), Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and the North-West Territories, (which latter contain the vast territory formerly under the control of the Hudson's Bay Company), and therefore comprises the whole of the northern half of North America, with the exception of the United States Territory of Alaska on the west, and Labrador, which is under the control of the Government of Newfoundland, on the east. It is bounded on the north by the Arctic Ocean, on the west by the Territory of Alaska and the Pacific Ocean, on the south by the United States and on the east by the Atlantic Ocean.

2. The origin of the word Canada is obscure, but the derivation now generally accepted is that from an Indian word, "Kannatha," meaning a village or collection of huts, and it is supposed that Jacques Cartier hearing this word used by the Indians with reference to their settlements, mistook its meaning, and applied it to the whole country.

3. Canada has an area of about 3,470,257 square miles, or, including its water surface, 3,610,000 square miles, and is about 3,500 miles from east to west and 1,400 miles from north to south.

4. Among its principal physical features are its inland lakes, which are remarkable for their size and number, and