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**AND GROWTH**  
OF  
**THE CANADAS,**  
IN ALL THAT CONSTITUTES THE WEALTH OF NATIONS.

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## PLAN OF THE WORK.

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### SECTION I.

Will contain the ANCIENT HISTORY and ANNALS of the COUNTRY from its DISCOVERY to these TIMES.

### SECT. II.

GENERAL POLITICS, and present situation of the BRITISH PROVINCES of NORTH AMERICA.—In time of war, this department of the work will be occupied with the details of that war.

### SECT. III.

The CHRONICLE, comprehending a narrative, chronologically arranged, of every domestic incident, of the smallest interest to the public, which may have occurred during the year in any part of the British Provinces; but, more especially in the two Canadas. No event, or accident, of any importance, whatever may be its nature, will be omitted in this department.

### SECT. IV.

The APPENDIX to the CHRONICLE will contain *Marriages, Births, Deaths, Promotions, Removals, &c &c &c* with average prices of Provisions, and articles of domestic growth for exportation—state of markets—shipping—lists—arrivals—departures, &c increase or decrease of foreign trade—abstracts of population—revenue, &c. &c. &c.

### SECT. V.

PARLIAMENTARY REGISTER; containing a complete History of the proceedings of the Parliament of both Provinces, with the *Speeches, Resolutions, &c &c* and Lists, with the titles of the Acts passed during the session.

### SECT. VI.

STATE PAPERS;—Proclamations; Orders of Council; Memorials; Petitions; Manifestos; Correspondences; Acts and Debates of the Imperial Parliament, having any reference to this country, &c.

## SECT. VII.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES of Extraordinary Characters connected with Canada.

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AGRICULTURE.—This important section will contain Notices and Details of every foreign practice and discovery that may be of the slightest utility here.

## SECT. X.

USEFUL PROJECTS;—New Pieces of Mechanism; Implements; Experiments; Inventions; Patents, &c. &c.

## SECT. XI.

ANTIQUITIES, will contain such Details and Discoveries as tend to throw light upon the Ancient History of the Country.

## SECT. XII.

MISCELLANEOUS ESSAYS—or such Original Productions contained in the more ephemeral publications of the day, week, or month, as may be worth preserving.

## SECT. XIII.

POETRY, to be confined as much as possible to Original Productions, and great care will be observed in the selections.

## SECT. XIV.

Account of Books, and other new publications having reference to the country.

Should any important changes occur in Europe, at all likely to affect this country, they will be also noticed under a suitable head.

As it is presumed that this work, even if conducted with no more than a moderate share of skill and industry, will gradually become a standard book in this quarter of the world, it is unnecessary to have recourse to any of those arts which are commonly practised by the Booksellers and Reviewers in Europe to puff off their new publications. It is hoped this simple sketch of the design, and the manner in which the first volume (for the present year) will be got up, will be sufficient to obtain that patronage which is so necessary to the support of such an undertaking. If this work is encouraged, it will gradually become of vast importance to public men in every profession, as a book of reference, and in process of time will, in itself, contain an immense body of Canadian History, such as no other book or books could afford. Had such a work been commenced in England soon after the gloom of the middle ages began to disperse, instead of the year 1758—its value would have been now beyond all price.

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