

## *PREFACE.*

To attempt to cover in a classical cartobibliographic sense all the printed 18th century maps that relate to Canada is probably more than a lifetimes work, and I do not have such a time span left! In order to complete the work in a reasonable period of time, I have rigidly defined a “workable” range of “Canadian” maps to be included within the final three volumes of this book. Firstly, I have only included maps whose geographical content is at least 50% of what is, modern Canada. Some exceptions to my 50% rule have been made so as to include maps with numerous states, as well as decorative or outstanding maps; those by Morden, Moll, Chatelain, and the Mitchell map are examples. Secondly, I have sadly been forced to ignore innumerable charts of various parts of the Canadian coastline, and focused instead on major segments of our geography. Thus, I include maps of the whole of Newfoundland and the south-east, but neglect those other parts of the Island that are less populated. The same concept is applied elsewhere, as well as to town plans, so that only Quebec, Montreal, St. John's, Annapolis, Halifax and Louisbourg are included. Again, I have added a brief thumbnail historical sketch to try to relate maps to the current events of each period.

By the eighteenth century the custom of including text on the back of a map had been discontinued. As a result, identification of different editions and states of a map are completely based on changes to the map itself or to the imprint outside the neat-line, or a change in page number. I have tried to indicate the changes of critical features for each state of a map as well as where it was published. The source of publication, however, has often remained obscure, despite numerous visits to the major libraries in Canada and the United States, as well as the British Library and the Bibliothèque in Paris.

Finally, I hope the mixed quality of plate reproduction present in Vol I of this series has been largely eliminated. The computer software has become very sophisticated, and I have also become considerably more skilled! I have deliberately maximised the size of the reproduced maps as much as possible, particularly for those rare and isolated examples.

The information for the remaining two volumes is already very largely computerised, and I intend to produce the remaining two volumes in 1997. The next volume will contain chapters on Eastern Canada & Newfoundland, the Maritimes, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton, Louisbourg, Sable Island, Nova Scotia, Halifax and The Great Lakes. Volume IV will contain maps of Quebec Province, Quebec City, the Siege of Quebec, Montreal, the De Fonte controversy, and finally West Coast maps & charts.

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