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Upper or Western and Lower or Eastern Canada

Stock#: 67488
Map Maker: Rogers / Johnston
Date: 1857
Place: Edinburgh
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 17 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A rare antique map of New England and Canada, from Rogers & Johnston's *Atlas of the United States*, one of the most attractive American atlases of the 19th century. This atlas was an unusual collaboration between an American, Englishman, and Scot. The map is a fragment of Rogers & Johnston's excellent and equally rare wall map. The map names counties, towns, rivers, Indian tribes, and more. The evolution of the Rogers & Johnston work extends to 1873 when a modified example of the wall map was issued in atlas form, first as the *People's Pictorial Atlas* by J. David Williams and later as the *Jones Historical Atlas*, two of the rarer and more interesting late 19th-century American works. An important rarity for map collectors of this region.

The title of the map refers to the traditional interpretation of the name Canada, from the St. Lawrence dialect of Iroquois Kanata, meaning village. Originally, this referred to only the lands around the St. Lawrence River, with the boundary between Upper and Lower Canada just upriver of Montreal. This provided a useful boundary between areas that had French rather than English traditions. The historic counties of the two regions are shown, with many of the northern ones extending far to the northeast, into the wilderness. The map also shows a great deal of information in the New England area. New Brunswick is shown on the map but not detailed as part of Canada, reflecting the pre-confederation nature of the nomenclature.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning along fold.