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Nova Francia et Canada

Stock#: 74957mp2
Map Maker: Metellus
Date: 1598
Place: Cologne
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Second Map To Name Canada and Second Map of The St. Lawrence River Region

Fine of Johannes Metellus's rare *Nova Francia et Canada*, the second appearance of the name "Canada" on a printed map, and the second map to focus on the St. Lawrence River and Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Metellus's map was issued one year after the landmark map of Cornelis Wytfliet and follows Wytfliet's cartographic content. Wytfliet's map is a highly important early map of Canada from Wytfliet's *Descriptionis Ptolemaicae Augmentum*, a pioneering work that set a precedent for the geographic descriptions and atlases of the Americas that followed.

The map depicts Canada from just below Montreal (Hochelaga) on the St. Lawrence, depicting the "known" regions of Canada at the end of the 16th Century. As noted by Burden, map summarizes the sixteenth-century knowledge and explorations in the region on the eve of the first of Samuel de Champlain's voyages into the region. The map is largely derived from the work of Gerard Mercator, although Newfoundland is based upon Cornelis Claesz's map of 1594.

The map provides fine detail on the St. Lawrence River ("Hochelaga flu") and Gulf ("Sinus S. Laurenty") and on the region surrounding the Iroquois settlement of Hochelaga, site of present-day Montreal. Prince Edward Island appears as the "Y. de S. Johan" and Newfoundland is shown as an archipelago with its Portuguese appellation, "Terra de Bacallaos" or "Land of Cod."

Rarity



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Metellus's map is rare on the market and highly sought after by collectors.

Detailed Condition: