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A RARE PLAYING CARD OF CANADA WITH A VIEW OF QUEBEC

£450.00

Die Canadier.

Cartographer Anonymous.

Date 1680

Stock #: 25025

Publication: German, c.1680. Printed border 80 x 60mm. **Condition:** Trimmed to printed border top and bottom,

old ink numerals, re-margined with old paper for binding.

DESCRIPTION:

A miniature view of Quebec, with supposed depictions of a natve Canadian man, woman and child. A German text underneath describes the people of Canada.

This plate comes from an unidentified pack of educational playing cards, although this example has not been backed with card but bound in a volume. As each suit would be printed from one plate, it would have been trimmed close to the image, so needed new margins before binding.

Based on the cards we have seen we believe the pack followed the same format at the English pack by Henry Winstanley of c.1676, with the four suits being Europe, Africa, Asia and America.

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