

and the old ones retained, under the title of Halifax currency; and generally throughout the book, where denominations of money occur, Halifax currency has been substituted for Federal money.

The rules and examples in Reduction of Currencies have been essentially changed; and in Reduction, after the Table of English Money, which is called the Table of Halifax Currency, a list of the Gold and Silver Coins current in the Province, has been inserted. This may be depended upon as entirely accurate. The tables of French, and Dry, Long, Square, and Solid Measure, have been given—and what are the weights and measures established by law in this Province is also stated.

The most novel feature in the book will be found in the rule of Interest. Certainly an innovation, but it is believed, an improvement, has been made. The pounds in any given sum upon which interest is to be cast, are left to stand as the units, and the shillings and pence are reduced to decimal parts of a pound. The interest is then obtained the same as in Federal Money, and the decimal parts in the result reduced to shillings and pence. It is considered that this method is more simple and concise, and will be found in practice to be more convenient than any other.—But setting aside considerations of temporary convenience, if this change and attempted amelioration, shall assist in some very slight degree in turning men's minds toward the *Decimal Ratio*, and inducing them to look forward to a period when all the denominations of money, weights and measures, throughout the world, shall be expressed in DECIMALS, it cannot be affirmed that no benefit has been obtained.

The importance of the *principal and essential* alteration in the book, viz; the adaptation of it to the currency of the country, will not fail to be observed by every one. It is indeed singular, that hitherto, no *Canadian Arithmetic* in the English language, has been published. Mercantile, agricultural, and generally the business men of the country, will be aware of a benefit to be realized, and it is considered that something also bearing a relation to political advantage, may be in the result.

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