

some interest to potato growers, that of some thirty varieties of seedlings grown by the writer, six miles north of Toronto, not a single rotten potato has been detected. The soil was the same, in quality and position, as an adjoining patch of Cups, which have rotted badly. So far as we can judge from one year's cultivation, and the test of the table, we have obtained six or seven varieties of great promise. Another season we may have specimens of these for distribution.

CANADIAN SETTLER'S GUIDE.

By MRS. C. P. TRAILL. 1855.

We noticed this useful work as it issued from the press in Paris. Our attention has been again drawn to it, by its appearance in the shape of a very neat book of some 260 pages. The authoress is a sister of the well-known writer, Agnes Strickland, and has experienced in her own person all the trials, hardships, and difficulties of the "settlers" life. Her book is intended especially for Immigrant's wives and daughters, but may be read with profit by all newcomers to this country. Though Mrs. Traill is not unknown to fame as a writer of pleasant tales and other more ambitious productions, she has nevertheless succeeded in compiling an amount of practical information, suited to the every day wants of the immigrant settler, that is not to be found in any other single work with which we are acquainted. The appendix contains numerous tables of great value such as routes, distances, and rates of passage from Quebec, to all parts of the Province and Western States; money tables, showing the equivalent values of sterling, currency, and federal money, (r dollars and cents; rates of wages; value of live stock, &c., at different periods; legal weights, of produce; information in regard to land, census, returns, &c, &c. We do not know a more useful book relating to Canada which a person here would transmit to his friends "at home" who may contemplate emigrating. It can be sent by post, and costs only \$1. The work is published at the office of the *Old Countryman*, Toronto.

CANADA : PHYSICAL, ECONOMICAL, AND SOCIAL.—
By A. Lillie, D. D. Toronto: Maclear & Co. 1855.

Accidental causes have prevented us giving this very valuable publication an earlier article. We learn from the preface that it was prepared for the Committee of the Paris Exhibition, and sent in to compete for the prizes offered by that body for such Essays or Reports on Canada as might be accepted. On the alleged ground, however, of the

manuscript being difficult to make out, it was passed by unread; a circumstance much to be regretted as whatever proceeds from Dr. Lillie's pen on "*The growth and prospects of Canada*," as well as from the work in question, is justly entitled to a candid and respectful consideration. The author, however, has judged properly, we think, in publishing his essay on his own responsibility, thus affording the public an opportunity of forming a judgment on his performance; and it is much to be desired that the labor and example so patriotically bestowed in preparing and bringing out the work should not be allowed to pass unrequited. For notwithstanding the many excellencies of the successful essays, none of them appear to convey so complete a view of this extensive and prosperous Province as Dr. Lillie's report, which is admirably adapted to meet the various wants of the intelligent and enquiring stranger, who may be looking, or induced to look, to this portion of the British Empire, or the North American Continent, as his future home.

The work is neatly printed, consisting of 300 pages and a well executed map. It should be in the hands of every Canadian who is desirous of possessing full and complete information of the land in which he lives. Much good would result if our people would send copies of Dr. Lillie's publication to their friends in the Old Country; for besides the valuable information it contains, it would in other respects be an acceptable New Year's Gift. It can be procured in stiff paper cover, well suited for going through the post, at the low price of three quarters of a dollar.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, December 6, 1855.

Wheat, in poor supply, at 9s. 11d. to 10s. per bushel; Oats very plentifully supplied from the other side of the lake and from farmers—they sell at 2s. 8d. to 3s. per bushel; Barley, 5s. 8d.; Peas, 4s. 6d.; Potatoes, 4s. to 4s. 2d. per bushel; Hay, \$18 to \$30 per ton, and plenty. During the past eleven months there have been exported from Toronto, 621,322 bushels of Wheat; 146,820 barrels of Flour; and 23,035 bushels of Barley and Peas—in all equal to 1,378,457 bushels of grain. This immense quantity is the produce of the Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel, for, if a small portion came from Simcoe, a still larger quantity, the growth of the United Counties, has been exported from Port Credit, Whitby, &c. Over two-and-a-half millions of dollars have thus passed into the hands of the farmers of these counties during the present season for grain alone!