

TRAVELS AND EXPERIENCES
IN
CANADA, THE RED RIVER TERRITORY,
AND
THE UNITED STATES.

CHAPTER I.
WHY I WENT TO AMERICA.

To get information upon any matters requiring special attention has been the ambition of men in all ages, and under all circumstances; to acquire knowledge of different races and of unknown countries travellers have braved danger and death in a thousand forms; and when we read of the exploits and achievements of the explorers of distant regions, we are struck with admiration at their courage, endurance and intelligence. Any man who has visited a far off land and on his return diffused the information that he derived, has been a public benefactor, because, in a measure he contributed to the knowledge of the people. This is why I have written this book on Canada and the United States, giving an honest opinion from

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on these countries as fields of emigration for those of the toiling masses who purpose leaving the United Kingdom to seek new homes in other climes. During the last thirty years over four millions left Ireland alone, most of them