

Chime in the sounds of jubilant bells,
That greet the new-born year.

In child-birth hath the old year died,
And lo, the blithe New Year!
Hope like a glory round his brow,
His eye with gladness clear.

May lightsome hearts wait his approach,
From cot to proudest hall;
And each true man will sing with me,
Happy New Year to all!

BRITISH AMERICA.

The fact that there is no work extant* which will supply teachers with the kind of material necessary to impart to their pupils a thorough knowledge of this and the Sister Provinces, has induced the writer to prepare the following papers—in the compilation of which he has made use of every available work on any branch of the subject. Though addressed mainly to teachers, it is hoped that it will not prove altogether useless to the general reader.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHAPTER I.

GEOGRAPHY.

1. *Situation and Extent.*—The north boundary of the Province runs up the Bay of Chaleur (which is 90 miles long and navigable throughout), up the River Restigouche to the entrance of the Mistouche, up this tributary to 48° north latitude, thence south west in an irregular line through the woods to the St. Francis river, and down it to the Saint John. The west frontier coincides with the course of the St. John as far as the meridian of 67° 52' west longitude, thence runs down that meridian to the Monument River, the course of which it follows through the Chiputneticook Lakes, and thence along the St. Croix to Passamaquoddy bay—including the islands of Campo Bello, the Wolves, Deer Island, and Grand Manan. The south east frontier across the isthmus of Chignecto, is chiefly formed by the course of the little river Missiguash. The *greatest length* of the Province, running due south from Dalhousie to Point Lepreau, is 210 statute miles: its *greatest breadth*, lying due east and west from the Black Lands in Alnwick, Northumberland County, to the St. Francis River, is 180: its *area*, 27,620 square miles.

* By this is merely meant, that there is no suitable work since Hugh Murray's—now out of date—embracing the *whole* of the subject, though many excellent treatises have been written on various *parts* of it.