

It has been made an object to lay before the reader only such information as is reliable, it having been drawn from Official sources, or received from parties fully competent to give it; themselves having, in most cases, been active co-operators in promoting the settlement of those parts of our Country, to which this work more particularly relates. It may be proper to say that the papers relative to the two Townships of Shefford and Stukely, have been taken in preference to those concerning other parts, merely because the writer had more ready access to them; and, farther, that though the course herein described may have had exceptions, it was generally nearly uniform throughout that section of Canada known as the "Eastern Townships."

We now proceed to notice the preliminary steps to be taken in order to obtain the desired Grant.

First. It was necessary for the individual, who was to act as Agent for the Associates, to obtain a recommend as to his being a responsible person, when a petition was to be prepared in which the various, peculiar and urgent claims of the petitioner were brought forward, which reasons almost invariably related to grievances, embarrassments and losses suffered in consequence of the then late American rebellion; and redress was asked in the manner set forth in the petition. Then follows a description of the size and location of the Tract asked for by the petitioner and his Associates; all ending in the usual form: "Which petition was