

INTRODUCTION.

The favourable consideration of the Public is respectfully asked for this, the first edition of the "Travellers' Railway and Steamboat Guide," for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

The object of the work is to supply all requisite information with regard to the various means of Communication, Hotels, and places of interest, the want of which—to those who have, or would have, visited these Provinces in the summer season—must, for a long time, have been felt as a most serious absence of inducement to the execution of their design.

Haste has been made to publish the first edition, in order that its defects may be remedied in the subsequent issues in April and July: the desire being to make the book, in all respects, complete, before the great tide of summer travel shall begin.

Arrangements have been made to publish condensed Time Tables of the different Railways between CHICAGO, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, BOSTON and PORTLAND; and full Time Tables between BOSTON, PORTLAND, ST. JOHN, New Brunswick, HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, and CHARLOTTETOWN, Prince Edward Island, and all the connections therewith; so that full information may first be given as to the various lines which connect these places.

The natural advantages of the Lower Provinces, though great, have hitherto been comparatively unknown, and only require publicity to bring the tourist to them. There is an extensive sea frontage on the Atlantic, which affords to invalids the refreshing breezes and bathing of the ocean; rural retreats and summer resorts in which the visitor may recruit after the heat and fatigue of city life. Hotels and villas facing on a basin where the combined fleets of the world might safely ride at anchor. The long line of coast, washed by the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with its magnificent bays and rivers, its picturesque towns and remarkably varied scenery, and Prince Edward Island with its ever clear atmosphere and cool invigorating climate, all combine to make them a favorite summer retreat.

The Hotels are generally good, and every attention paid to the guest, and the charges a *mere trifle* when compared with those at Saratoga and the other fashionable resorts of this continent, and much more of the advantages of change and recreation are enjoyed.

THE PUBLISHER.

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