

P R E F A C E.



I FEEL I owe some apology for writing on a subject already treated in so able a manner by Captain Butler and others. Let me here say that the reasons which have led me to publish my experiences in a comparatively unknown country, are, that the impressions of individuals differ, that what seems of the greatest importance to one may have altogether escaped another, and that every fresh work, however superficial and imperfect, on this wonderful country ought to throw a new light on those points looked for by a traveller, a sportsman, or an emigrant. Further, unless I am mistaken, the other books on this subject have been written by persons provided with all the latest conveniences for comfort. I went with none of these, and I trust the experience of one who has "roughed it," in the broadest sense of the expression, may not be without interest.

The above was written in 1876 to accompany a manuscript I have just come across among some old papers. Its antiquity is my excuse for publishing it, and I hope it may prove interesting, if only to show to those who know the country now, what it was like then.

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