

CHAPTER VII.

It has also been frequently a question with many, what particular classes of persons have the best chance of success in the New World; undoubtedly, those who have nothing to lose, and every thing to gain,—the working classes.

After the man of mere “*thews and sinews*” come the Mechanic and Tradesman, who in Quebec and Montreal, are at all times certain of the following wages:—

| | | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> | | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
|------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Masons, | per day | 3 | 0 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 6 |
| Carpenters, | “ “ | 3 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 6 |
| Ship Carpenters, | “ “ | 3 | 0 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 0 |
| Tailors, | “ “ | 4 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 5 | 0 |
| Blacksmiths, | “ “ | 3 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 0 |
| Tinsmiths, | “ “ | 3 | 0 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 6 |
| Watchmakers, | “ “ | 3 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 5 | 0 |
| Shoemakers, | “ “ | 3 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 5 | 6 |
| Sail-makers, | “ “ | 3 | 0 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 0 |
| Block-makers, | “ “ | 3 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 4 | 6 |
| Bakers, | “ “ | 2 | 6 | <i>a</i> | 3 | 6 |
| Butchers, | “ “ | 3 | 0 | <i>a</i> | 5 | 0 |

Master Tradesmen, especially Brewers, Bakers and Distillers, with sufficient capital to carry on their business, and with means to support themselves for a year or two, until they become known, are certain of acquiring an independence; as here they run no risk of that monopoly, which in every branch of trade exists more or less in England.—Here the tradesman of to-day, if he be but civil and punctual, is certain of having a fair share of custom and better prices than he can get in London.