

THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES

—AND—

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CHAPTER I.

*General Remarks.—Climate.—Luxuriant Vegetation.—Isothermal Lines.
—Wheat Cultivated at 60° N. Latitude.—Oats, Barley, Potatoes, &c.—
The McKenzie navigable 1,200 miles.—Whale Fisheries.—Salmon and
Herrings.—Minerals.—Salt.—Coal.—Sarsaparilla.—Cranberries.—
The Labrador Tea Plant.*

Now, that a transcontinental railway is in course of construction on Canadian soil, and the vast Territories of the North-West are beginning to be extensively occupied by civilized men, it is surely time that the resources and capabilities of those countries should be studied and made known. Canada has obtained possession of them all, from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean, and from the frontier of the United States to the Arctic Sea. A fine Province has been erected and is prospering under the happy auspices of representative Government, and a Governor appointed by the Dominion of Canada. What may be termed a Territory, has also been constituted with a regularly organized Government and a Governor who, acting in the name of Canada, will prepare the land for the same free and responsible rule which the Canadians themselves enjoy. The Colonies of Vancouver Island and the mainland