

P R E F A C E.

THE object of the present work is to supply a want felt by almost every visitor; it treats of what has heretofore been but little known, namely, the origin, character, extent, and capabilities of Newfoundland, &c. The frequent inquiries made by American and European travellers, as also residents, for such information, as well as the great injustice to the colony, in allowing it to remain so little known to the world at large, has induced the Author to publish, in a condensed form, a History and Chart of the island. The superiority of Newfoundland over that of any other of her Majesty's British North American Colonies, as regards geographical position, its nursery for seamen, and the abundant and never-failing resources of the fisheries, will be apparent to all. Great care has been taken, in the compilation, to select from the most reliable sources, and the impartial observations of the Author, during a residence of nearly forty years. The work will be found very useful for schools, and the low price will place it within the reach of every one.

The table of Contents and Appendix will show the authorities on which the work is based: that it may be found both useful and instructive, is the object and desire of

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