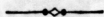


PREFATORY NOTE.



THIS book is taken from the larger work by the Marquis of Lorne, entitled "Canadian Pictures." No alteration has been made in the text ; but there have necessarily been very considerable omissions, and only six out of the original ninety illustrations are given.

The desire has been to give in a compact, readable form, a general description of the life and scenery of our great colony, making especially prominent those parts that refer to the natural resources of the country, and the advantages it offers to new settlers.