

FIRE AND FROST.

CHAPTER I.

OFF FOR THE WEST.

EARLY in the eighties—1881—a highly respectable and intelligent family came to Meadow Lea, Manitoba, and settled on a quarter section of land, with the intention of making a home for themselves in the great and growing West. They were from the East, as a Westerner would say. Prior to coming to Manitoba, they had lived at Stanley Mills, Ontario—a small village or farming community about four miles from Brampton.

John Taylor, the head of the family, was a native of Lincolnshire, England. He was a heavily built man, and, at the time he reached Manitoba, was about 60 years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Raine, was also a native of England. She was born in Westmoreland, May 20th, 1824.

In 1834 she came to Canada with her parents.