

SKETCHES OF THE LIFE

OF A

FRENCH CANADIAN LADY.

I, SOPHIE BERTHELETTE, wife and widow of John Baptiste Chaureth, both natives of Canada East, but lately residents in the city of Toronto, of the mechanic, builder, and farmer classes, having somewhat recovered my bodily health and raised my spirits again from the many cruel shocks that a mortal being may be the object of, or subject to, whether in a pretended free country or a slave state,—my principal object in writing the particulars of my life is simply this: “The Public Good;” and I sincerely hope that the facts and truth that I am about to relate will draw the serious attention and duties of the sound portion of the civil and religious officials of the Government, and also the better portion of the people and citizens, who will understand, by the reading of this pamphlet, how their civil and religious rights and freedom are involved or endangered by the system of fraud, deception, corruption, and violence practised and traitorously directed against individuals and families, and by the mal-administration of the laws and justice in Canada, calculated to crush down the spirit and life itself of the most useful and honourable members of society, in order to keep them from the noble courage of telling the truth, and complaining against the tyrannical persecutors and enemies of all progress in moral, social, intellectual, and material improvement, by the abuse of their official power and the influence of their private and public offices.