

INTRODUCTION.

THE following sketches of Winter Sports and Pastimes taken during my two years' sojourn in Canada and Prince Edward Island, although published under such distinguished patronage, I cannot but feel conscious need much apology for their unworthiness; yet I have the presumption to hope that the originality of most of the scenes may afford some interest to those who have not passed a winter on the other side of the Atlantic, as well as help to awaken pleasant reminiscences in the minds of those who have.

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