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THE great numbers of individuals now yearly emigrating from this country to America, renders it highly desirable that authentic and recent information, in regard to those parts most eligible for settlement, should be rendered as easily accessible as possible to intending emigrants. For this purpose we have considered that a re-publication in a separate and cheap form of Mr Ferguson's excellent paper on the Agricultural State of Canada, and Part of the United States of America, which appeared in the fifteenth number of the Journal of Agriculture, might be found useful. Having kindly received permission from that gentleman, and from the Publisher of the Agricultural Journal, we accordingly present the following pages to the reader, not doubting but that they will be likewise acceptable to the public generally. It is of some importance to diffuse a knowledge of the actual condition of a country, whose inhabitants are so closely allied to us by the ties of kindred and a community of interest; and which seems destined for centuries to come to afford a promising retreat for the enterprising and industrious portion of our surplus population, and a field of profitable exertion to all whose tastes or circumstances may lead them to prefer a Trans-Atlantic life.

The conditions of the two countries are indeed exactly in that state which makes them best suited to the wants of each other. In this country the evils of a too abundant population are felt in every department of business, so that by an excessive competition the wages of industry are reduced to a state incompatible in many instances with the comforts of the labourer, which renders the making of a provision for a family frequently a matter of the most serious difficulty. In Canada, on the other hand, the hardships of life almost wholly arise from an opposite state of society—there co-operation and capital only are needed to command the most abundant supply of all the necessaries and comforts of existence; and the greater the increase of population, the more complete are the means of happiness of each individual provided for. It would therefore seem only to require a practical appreciation of the advantages of it, to establish such a properly regulated emigration, as in due time might greatly relieve us, and very sensibly enlarge the means of enjoyment of the inhabitants of both countries.

At the same time it is of much consequence that none should be misled from their native shores, by false hopes of future advantage; and it is the imperative duty of intending emigrants, before embarking in an enterprise of such magnitude, to look well at the prospect before them. The following pages present a faithful picture drawn on the spot, by a cool and dispassionate observer. It is for each maturely to consider how far the facts depicted may suit his views of life, peculiar habits and circumstances.

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