

in Canada and the United States, are given with fidelity and truth; and the distinguishing features of society are depicted in their natural colours. It has been the author's object to describe things not as he had read or heard of them, but as he found them; and to exhibit to the European world the vast and rapid strides which the American continent is making towards wealth, power, and dominion.

Few men thirty years ago would have believed the United States capable of attaining such a rank among nations as she holds at this day; and yet it is nothing to that which might be expected from her, were her councils guided by wisdom. The two Canadas have also rapidly improved, but not in proportion to their neighbours, for colonies have not the vigour and spirit of independent states. The genius and disposition of the French Canadians, who form so large a proportion of the inhabitants of the Lower Province, are of so peculiar a nature that they require more than an ordinary attention on the part of their Government. Much, however, has cer-