

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

“It is utterly futile to talk of the settlement of a country without first making it known at home and abroad.—MONRO, EMIGRATION, page 374.

THE geographical discovery of a country, is simply the initiation of a knowledge of it. Yet the simple discovery of it is sufficient to the adventurer who loves exploration only for its own sake; much more knowledge is, however, necessary to ensure the second step towards a complete acquaintance with its adaptation to the general want. It may take time to collect, and energy to promulgate the information to be gained, and need evidence that it is authentic, to convince of its practical bearing (if it have any) upon the requirements of the age; but if a new country really has aptitudes for settlement, and is able to satisfy the enquiries of the practical man, it will not be long, after the information is made known, before the tide of Immigration will set in, to realize what is believed in concerning it.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, the subject of the present sketch, appears to have been initiated on the world's surface on St. John's Day, A. D. 1497, and to have entered upon her apprenticeship as a namesake of that saint. Three centuries after, the Island took her second degree in the mysteries of progression, under the worshipful mastership of Brother Edward Guelph, whose regal progenitor, approving the loyal aspiration, allowed and confirmed a change of name the 1st February, 1799. It will be conceded too by those who are versed in the science of Colonial pro-