

Chronicles of Canada.

CHAPTER I.

1.—In the nineteenth year of the Reign of Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Provinces appertaining thereunto, a certain man, whose name was HEMAN NEHUSHTAN, came from the ancient Kingdom of Scotland to dwell in the land of Canada.

2.—And he took up his abode in a city on the sea shore of Ontario, commonly called the Western City of the Lake.

3.—And he came near and spake unto the Chief Priests and the Elders of the City, and said unto them, that he had come from the School of the Prophets in the Ancient Kingdom; And, furthermore, he said, I am of the House of Levi—put me, I pray thee, in one of the Priest's offices, that I may eat a piece of bread; but his cloak and his parchments he had forgotten in Auld Reekie.

4.—Now there is, as thou goest Southward by the Border of Lake Ontario—a Country inhabited by a people who were brought over the great blue Sea, from the Land of Cakes; And when they had driven out the Cherokeees, and the Pienkeshaws and the Kickapoos, and the Mohawkites, and the other Heathen Nations that dwelt in the land, fleets of Ships came to them by the Lake, laden with Salt for themselves, and their servants, and their cattle, and their wives, and their little ones; And that Country is called the Country of *Saltships* unto this day.

5.—And the people of that Country were become rich and increased in goods, and had gold and silver, and houses and barns, and flocks and herds, and their barns were filled with wheat and corn, and their ale presses stored with the first fruits of the Barley; but they had no man to minister unto them in the Priest's office.

6.—Now, when HEMAN NEHUSHTAN had sojourned in the Western City of the Lake twenty and two days, he departed thence and came to the Country of *Saltships*.

7th.—And he arrayed himself in goodly raiment, and presented himself before the Elders and Chief Captains, and heads of families in that country, and made obeisance, and spake smooth words unto them, and said that he was from the School of the Prophets, on the other side of the blue sea, and being of