

## PREFACE

I arrived in Canada in the spring of 1855. Previous to my leaving England I had been local correspondent of one of the leading county newspapers; since that time I have been a well-paid contributor to the columns of several financial journals and magazines in Canada and the United States, and was for some years a member of one of the Press Associations. I have had conversations and discussions with survivors of the Napoleonic, the Crimean and the Boer Wars, as well as with the defenders of Canada in the Riel and Fenian Raid difficulties. I have been on business matters in nearly every town and village in Ontario and Quebec, and in every city from St. John, Newfoundland, to Prince Rupert in British Columbia, as well as most of those from Southern Indiana to Connecticut and northwestward to Michigan. I have noted the changes, the progress, the drawbacks and the failures brought about by individual effort, associations, and legislation; therefore I do not think myself presumptuous in writing concerning the coming requirements of Canada.

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