

CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTION.

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The object of the following pages is to endeavour to afford to the intending emigrant, as briefly as possible, the reliable information so all important to him in deciding on a removal from his native country to make a home in a distant land, especially if he have a wife and family depending upon him; his object being supposed to be that of securing for himself and family a homestead so situated as to afford a comfortable living, and in after years, a desirable inheritance to those most dear to him. It is thought, after making himself acquainted with the information he will gather from the study of these pages, that the intending emigrant will conclude that Nova Scotia offers to him as fair a field for the realization of such hopes as any other part of America, if he take into consideration the healthfulness of the climate. the variety of products, the facilities for transport and sale, the frequency and cheapness of intercourse with the Mother Country, as well as weekly communication with the different parts of the United States and the West Indies, &c. ; daily railway intercourse not only through the Province itself, but with every town and Province of the Dominion of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

No attempt will be made in the following pages to elaborate the several divisions of the subject; the object simply being to be as concise as possible in giving the necessary information to emigrants, especially the heads of families, respecting the character of the country—how they can get there—what they will find on arrival—the kind of climate they will find—the general productions of the country—how they can obtain land and at what price—and above all, how, if necessary, they may obtain work and support themselves and those dependent on them, until their first difficulties are surmounted. Nothing that has not been tested by actual experience will be recommended, every caution being used in no manner to mislead any emigrant by these pages.

CHAPTER II.

CLIMATE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The first question, a person or family contemplating a departure from home to a new country, asks, especially if the object is to make a new home is "What of the climate?" "What is the general character of the seasons?"

To the enquirer, if from Great Britain, or the North of Europe, the answer would be, "In Nova Scotia you will find a climate generally healthy and agreeable—colder at certain seasons than in England or Scotland, but the winters less uncomfortable than in the damp and cloudy atmospheres of Great Britain. The thermometer ranges in winter, that is, from November to April, from 25 above to 10 or 12 degrees below zero. The mean temperature of Halifax, the capital and the ocean port of the Dominion is 43° Fahrenheit. The mean temperature of the spring is 51

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