

COLLECTION
OF THE
PRODUCTS OF THE WATERS AND FORESTS
OF
UPPER CANADA.

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The Samples of Wood have been collected from the extreme Eastern and Western, and Central parts of Upper Canada, for the purpose of shewing the extent of country over which the most valuable timbers grow.

1. The most important collection is in the form of Planks, twelve feet long and four inches thick, with the bark on both edges. Of these (sixty in number), there are superb samples of White Oak, four feet wide; White Wood, Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Button-wood, White Ash, Sugar Maple and Soft Maple, from three to four feet wide; one plank of Pine, from the Township of Bayham, twelve feet long (and it could have been cut fifty feet long) and fifty inches wide, without a knot, sawn from a tree 22 feet in circumference and 120 feet to the first limb; the first four logs, twelve feet long, making 8,000 feet of lumber after being squared.

2. The second class of Woods are sections of the trunks of the chief of the valuable timbers, with the bark on, taken from the three divisions of the Province above named. Of these there are thirty-four.

3. The third are neatly planed and polished specimens of all our chief Woods—one side varnished, the other plain—veneers of the plain wood, of crotches, of roots, &c., of the most choice varieties. Of these there are two collections, each of 73 specimens, with some smaller ones; in all about 250.

4. The fourth class consists of the sections of the trunks (from three to six inches in diameter), one foot long, with the bark on, so cut as to shew the grain of the wood and the polish it will take, accompanied with twigs, leaves and flowers of the trees. In this class are five valuable collections, from the most distant parts of Upper Canada, of some 90 distinct kinds of Native Woods and Shrubs. Of these there are 203 pieces.