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A GLANCE AT THE FIELD AND THE WORK.

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The need for this work will be seen by a glance at the field occupied, which comprises Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and the Coast of Labrador. Nova Scotia has a population of about 400,000, and is about half the size of Scotland. New Brunswick is one and a half times the size of Nova Scotia; population, 300,000. Prince Edward Island is one-ninth the size of Nova Scotia; population 100,000. Newfoundland is twice the size of Nova Scotia; population 150,000. Labrador has a long stretch of sea coast, with numerous fishing harbors, in each of which reside a few families. The total area of this field is about equal to Great Britain, and the population somewhat less than 1,000,000, many of whom are widely scattered over hills and valleys, in the interior and along the sea coast, in numerous harbors and Islands. Hence many parts are very thinly peopled. There are numerous small hamlets and isolated

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