

is known, that three fourths of his Majesty's bounty has been lavishly thrown away, under a variety of impressions. Some sold because they were in distress, and thought this was their only relief; others have sold under a persuasion that the country would never be settled, and that they would therefore by selling secure something. Perhaps in the course of human affairs a greater instance of rapid improvement never was exhibited than in the instance of Upper Canada. I shall now desist from general observations, and confine myself to a particular account of the country, taking my departure from that part of the upper province which adjoins to the lower.

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