

To obviate, in some measure, the difficulties under which the emigrant labors, and to relieve him from the danger of being misled by those who have an interest in exciting groundless expectations,—to enable him to obtain a correct knowledge of Upper Canada, and show him what real advantages he may derive by emigrating thither,—to offer him such suggestions and advice as would lead him to employ his time, and expend his capital, in the manner most likely to ensure success—form the leading objects of this Essay. The facts and opinions advanced are either the result of the writer's own observations during a long residence in the country, or have been collected from other sources,* and have been carefully examined and satisfactorily authenticated.

Of all the evils which fall to the lot of the emigrant, disappointed hope is the most fatal and injurious. It exerts a blighting influence on the heart of its victim, and renders him an object of pity. Though he may be surrounded by advantages that might be improved and prospects that might be realized, yet being disappointed in his first expectations, he wanders on, indulging in romantic recollections of the country he has left behind, and instituting illiberal comparisons between it and the place of his adoption. Instances of this kind are but too numerous, and the efforts used by some to mislead the unwary stranger are cruel and unjustifiable in the extreme. In the prosecution of this work, however, care will be used to advance nothing that might have a tendency to induce the reader to form too exalted an opinion of the country—its prospects or resources—and sedulously to avoid indulging in any high-wrought descriptions, which, although true, in the main, might create unreasonable expectations. The writer hopes to divest himself of every thing like enthusiasm, and be guided

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