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ing up of the country for settlement; the conditions on which lands were granted; the method of erecting townships; and finally, the difficulties, perils, and privations, encountered by the early settlers. It also includes some account of the north-eastern extension of territory attached to the Eastern Townships; presents some of the advantages offered by Canada to the intending emigrant; and also gives a summary of the mineral wealth found in the region.

Part Third gives short Historical Sketches of each Township within the Districts of Bedford and St. Francis, with brief notices of many individuals who have been prominently interested in their early settlement. Such incidents and adventures as are proper to embody in a work of this nature are also given.

These pages are designed to supply a want that has been felt and regretted by many among our people, as in much that has been written on Canada, our own section, if considered at all worthy of mention, has been brought into notice in a very equivocal and unsatisfactory manner. Little doubt is therefore felt that any well directed effort to fill that want, will meet with approval.

Circumstances have seemed to require a departure from the original plan of giving separate and detailed accounts of the erection and settlement of each township in succession; for it will be observed that in all the general business relating to this, what is true of the one seems nearly or quite applicable to the many,

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