

come qualified for the law, or some other profession or occupation, under the idea of living easier *and more respectably* than by tilling the soil; a course which, to say nothing of its effects upon the comforts or happiness of individuals, has in many instances proved highly inimical to the best interests of these labor-requiring countries.

That a proper value might be set on the resources and capabilities of the Provinces, than which nothing would more effectually tend to make them properly understood and adequately appreciated, has been the main object of the writer in devoting no small trouble, labor and expense to the preparation of the following pages; it will be for his readers to decide how far his humble but zealous efforts have been successful. The map shewing the sub-divisions of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, will be found useful to the reader, as well as the one shewing the roads, railroads, and minerals.

In addition to my having personally traversed a large portion of these colonies, I have consulted nearly all the works extant on their natural and statistical resources, and have received much valuable information from numerous friends in different parts of these Provinces, for which they have my best thanks. Trusting that the information thus collected and arranged may tend to produce a better knowledge of these infant and comparatively unknown dependencies of the Crown of Great Britain, and may be the means of removing or lessening these erroneous impressions to which I have before alluded, and may also be found useful as a directory to persons desirous of adopting them as their home, is the sincere desire of the writer.

In consequence of the writer residing so far from the Press (one hundred and thirty miles) while the work was being published, and the delay occasioned by sending the proof-sheets to the writer and returning them to the Printer, a few inconsiderable errors have been committed in the part of the work not proof-read by the author, which will be found in the table of *Errata*.

The whole, however, with its numerous imperfections, is dedicated to an indulgent Public, by

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