

## NOTICES, &c.

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**T**HE disasters which, during successive years, have befallen the Colony established by the EARL of SELKIRK at Red River, have naturally attracted some degree of the public attention. The sentiments of hostility against the Settlement, expressed from the period of its commencement by the members and connections of a numerous association of fur-traders, known by the name of the North-West Company, could not fail to point suspicion towards them as the original cause of these disasters, whatever might be the immediate agency employed. Next to the ruin of the colony, the object in which its destroyers and their associates feel the highest interest, is to prevent its re-establishment. Neither habitation nor settler has been left\*. But although this state of things is sufficient for the present gratification of the foes of the Settlement, it promises them no security for the future; for, while the rights subsist under which the colony was founded, the germ from which a new growth might spring, would remain.

\* Since these Notices (which formed part of a larger work) were published at Montreal, in 1817, the Red River Settlement has been a second time re-established.