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BRANTFORD

ONTARIO, CANADA.

The Garden of Ontario.

Though boasting no baronial halls,
Nor ivy-crested towers ;
What past can match thy glorious youth,
Fair Canada of ours.

—EDGAR.



IND reader, take, if at hand, a map of North America, and follow the course of the mighty St. Lawrence from the ocean, until it merges in the greatest system of fresh water lakes the world can produce ;—or, commencing at New York, or any other of the northern ports, trace the iron band of commerce, as it stretches toward the setting sun to tap the fertile valleys of the fruitful West. Either course will bring before the eye the peninsula lying between Lakes Ontario, Erie and Huron—a portion of the Canadian Dominion, and the garden of its premier province, Ontario. Here we would locate you for a moment, and seek to make you familiar with its characteristics, its government, its prospects, and its people.

Jutting down into the United States, on the same parallel as Boston, and on the same isothermal as New York, it lies further to the south, and enjoys a more genial and equable climate than is the prevailing impression