

Englishman experiences in travelling through North America. *Ab uno sanguine* is a great fact that smooths many a difficulty, many a prejudice; it is needless to say that out of forty-two millions who populate North America I do not take into consideration the comparatively small number of French who inhabit the province of Quebec, or the Germans who settle in New York and other American towns.

I venture to say that it would puzzle many to ask them the whereabouts of Prince Edward's Island, and what is its form of Government; where Cape Breton is situated; what do they know about Nova Scotia or New Brunswick; what are the names of the provinces of Canada, or even of the United States. All this is a *terra incognita* to the alumni of our public schools, as much as are the provinces of Malabar or Mysore, the island of Barbadoes, or the Antilles.

A few months' visit to a country, it must be admitted, is scarcely sufficient to enable one to lay down the law as regards institutions that have taken strong root in the ground, and one can only state first impressions with a degree of reserve, knowing that experience in after years frequently necessitates a modification with regard to various details. Among the things that strike you most are the non-existence of antiquities, not only in buildings but in sights, collections of pictures, and objects connected with the fine arts; the mode of travel, the different religious denominations, the absence of pauperism, the sober habits and the charitable institutions, the literature, and the politics. But as my visit was made with a special purpose, to learn for myself facts concerning the past, present, and future of Emigration, in order that I might be able to guide or advise on a subject I had taken an active interest in at home, with a better knowledge than I had hitherto possessed, I shall endeavour in the following pages to confine my remarks to the end I had in view.

I will not now enter on a disquisition as to whether Emigration is or is not wanted by our people at home. The existence of several