

In 1846, Mr. Wm. Henry Smith published at Toronto, his "Canadian Gazetteer," comprising statistical and general information respecting all parts of the Upper Province or Canada West, &c.

To collect the materials of his work, Mr. Smith travelled about, personally visiting the parts described, "walking," he says in his preface, "over more than 3,000 miles of ground, through both the heats of summer and the snows of winter." He gives a brief but careful record of the population of each town, township, and village, the value of the ratable property, the leading features of each locality as regards soil and climate, and the average value of land.

About four years after the appearance of the Gazetteer, Mr. Smith published his more elaborate work, entitled "Canada, Past, Present, and Future, being a Historical, Geographical, Geological, and Statistical Account of Canada West." Again did our author make a perambulation of the country, and gather in a copious store of useful information. Again, in his preface, Mr. S. alludes to the toils undergone: "The journey through a new country in search of statistical information is not, by any means, a path of roses," he says. "And to arrive at the necessary amount of facts within a given time, requires a constant exertion of both body and mind, and a resolution to encounter and to conquer all those various accidents by flood and field that travellers are heirs to—drenching showers, snow storms, mud holes, dust, broiling sun, thunder storms, tough beef steaks, damp beds, loss of luggage, and breakages."

Mr. Smith's greater work contains ten County Maps, and one General Map of Canada West, clearly drawn in outline on stone. Three introductory chapters contain a carefully-compiled history of the discovery and early settlement of Canada, and a special notice of the population, resources, trade, and commerce of Upper Canada. And at the end of the work, after a seriatim description of the counties and towns, there is a general account of the natural productions of the country, animate and inanimate, animal, vegetable, and mineral; and of its climate.

A few years after the publication of Mr. Smith's Canada, Past, Present, and Future, viz., in 1871, Mr. Lovell's Dominion Directory appeared, which virtually was also a Gazetteer, with admirable sketches of the villages, towns, and cities; and an abundance of introductory matter, containing a general history of the country, and of its progress. This volume is very bulky—a royal 8vo. of over