

found himself in the wilderness whilst journeying from New York to Canada :—

“Lord have compassion upon me, a poor, unfortunate sinner, three thousand miles from my own country, and seventy-five from anywhere else !”

Canada may especially be regarded as a country of kindling energies, and “the land of hope” for the poor man. A country sixteen hundred miles long and two hundred and fifty miles broad, containing two hundred and forty millions of acres, possessing one thousand miles of coast, with a verdant, virgin soil, affords peculiar attractions for our redundant population. The climate, especially that of Canada West, is tolerably healthy, and will approximate in sanitariness to that of England, in proportion as the forests become cleared, and the swamps are drained. Land, as I have shown, can be obtained with facility, and at a trifling cost ; taxation is nearly four-fifths less than in this country, while it is more equably and equitably divided ; skilled and unskilled labour are highly remunerated ; and the necessaries of life are abundant, and consequently cheap. Perfect political and religious freedom exist ; life and property are secure ; aliens can acquire and retain lands after three years’ residence, while a freehold of the annual value of forty shillings