

Besides these advantages arising out of the red sand-stone formation, large tracts of valuable marsh land are annually reclaimed, and made to produce hay and grain.

Every high tide deposits a layer of mud, held in solution by the waters of the Bay of Fundy, upon the bogs and flat lands, skirting its borders and numerous arms,—and thus thousands of acres of useless bog have been, through this agency, converted into fruitful fields,—Such is the importance of the red sand-stone formation.

It is said that Codfish seldom frequent, in large numbers, the red sand-stone portion of the Straits of Northumberland; but are numerous, during the fishing season, off the North part of Prince Edward Island, where the gray sand-stone, and other rocks, form the bed of the water.

The Cape of Good Hope and South Africa.

The physical configuration of the African continent represents a length of 5,000 miles, and a breadth of nearly 4,000 miles; and presents an area of 13,430,000 square miles. Looking at it in a continental aspect, its rivers are but few, and its inland waters are limited to a comparatively small area.

The climate and productiveness of the English Colonies are unsurpassed; hence their adaptation to the best interests of our race.

But like many other parts of the world, they are only emerging out of obscurity; the light of civilization is only beginning to dawn upon them; the native in many parts still—

“Lays him down to sleep away,
In languid trance, the weary day.”

However, after centuries have passed away, during which tribes have fought with tribes; and foreign nations have fought with them all, and repeatedly planted foreign standards along their extensive coastline; after a possession of a part of the country by the Dutch, Portuguese, English, and French, who merely held it for commercial purposes, a large portion of it was finally claimed by Great Britain, which at the general territorial arrangements of 1815, was acknowledged by other nations as British territory.

Heathenish and barbarous countries merely held for the purposes of commerce, as was parts of Africa for a long time, will not rise in the scale of civilization and general improvement; it is only since England commenced colonization and settlement, that this important section of the world has emerged from its native squalor, and began to participate in the blessings of civilization.

The principal part of the African tribes, Kaffirs and Hottentots, are a barbarous and warlike people. British Kaffraria alone contains over 100,000 of the former. The repeatedly recurring Kaffir wars since 1820, have kept the country in a state of warfare; at one time many