

# CANADA.

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## CHAPTER I.

### INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER.

DESCRIPTIONS of Canada are becoming as plentiful as blackberries in autumn. The aim, however, of the authoress of these pages is not to describe her adopted country's magnificent scenery, to enlarge upon its glorious prospects, or to hold Canada up to view as an El Dorado for the fortune hunter ; nor on the other hand, to picture the hardships of the pioneer in her backwoods, or the gaiety and freedom of life on her thickly-settled frontier. All this has been done over and over again, till at last the Falls of Niagara, and the wondrous depths of the Saquenay are becoming as familiar to the European as the waters of the Volga, or the Falls of Schaffhausen. Her object is to prove that Canada offers a home where all the conveniences of life may be enjoyed at far less cost than they can be obtained in Old England, and this, too,