

THE ECONOMIC MOLLUSCA

OF

ACADIA.

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SECTION I. INTRODUCTORY.

The following paper is not intended in any sense as an original scientific communication. It has been written for the use of students, teachers, and those interested in the knowledge and development of all of our resources; as a contribution to the much-needed literature which shall bring the results of the studies of scientific men, bearing upon practical questions, within the reach of the people; to present a synopsis of what is known in this year 1889 of the value, both actual and possible, to mankind, of all Molluscs living in the waters of these Maritime Provinces. It is hoped, that, within these limits, the work will be found to lack neither practical completeness nor scientific accuracy.

Such a work is nowhere accessible to Canadian students, and the rapidly developing interest in scientific education in these provinces, justifies the hope that this paper will in some measure fill a want, soon to be, if not already felt.