

## OUR TABLE.

## THE EMIGRANT TO NORTH AMERICA—FROM MEMORANDA OF A SETTLER IN CANADA.

WE have had occasion more than once to speak favourably of this excellent work, two editions of which have been published in this country. A third, we observe, has just issued from the press of the Blackwoods of Edinburgh. A Southampton paper, noticing its appearance, says—"This is not simply a useful; but a most valuable guide to the intending emigrant—and to the settler in Canada, a manual of agricultural operations for the entire year. The author left England with £300; he had followed no other occupation but that of the emigrant farmer's, and he is worth £3,000. But he had industry, ingenuity, fortitude under a disappointment, and a pious spirit; in him religion and all the home virtues go hand-in-hand—and we rejoice with him in his year of voluntary service, where he wooed and won the daughter of his master and friend—in his bear hunts and bee chasing—and sales of produce. It is a most healthful and enlivening book, and would, to the emigrant, be worth a thousand dollars, in communicating the result of experience—successful toil and comfortable independence."

The paper from which we quote closes its remarks with the following extract, which will not be without interest in Canada, where the information it contains is not generally known:

## A BEE HUNT.

June 14th.—Found a swarm of bees in a hollow tree in the woods, which was claimed by a bee-hunter, who however renounced his right to my superior title, he only having marked the tree, while I was the owner of it. Much as the habits of this wonderful and useful little insect have been studied, and that with the most successful results, there is one, and I have never seen it mentioned in any dissertation on the subject, upon which the bee-hunter implicitly depends for his successful search after its honeyed treasures, and he is seldom disappointed. Whenever he finds a bee, he catches it, and puts it into a little box with a glass cover to it, and keeps it there for a day or two, when he gives it as much honey as it chooses to take, and then opens the box, and allows it to fly away, but he marks the road it takes, and follows it; but days, or weeks, or even months may elapse before he does so, when he is almost sure to find its home, with a rich treasure there, sometimes of even a hundred weight of honey; but instances have been known where he has had to travel more than six miles before he reached the spot. From which it is evident that the bee, when starved for a day or two, and then filled with honey, and permitted to escape, literally, in the most exact sense of the word, goes straight home. Sometimes, and that not unfrequently, he finds that it takes its flight to a settled part of the country, but almost every settlement is bounded

on one side or another by the wild interminable wilderness of woods, and in that direction alone does he follow it.—Cutting down the tree, cross-cutting it above and below the swarm with a saw, getting it home after being all of us well stung, setting it up as a hive, with a board at each end, and fomenting our swollen hands and faces, occupied the greatest part of the day, and, as it turned out, it was far from unprofitably employed, as I have now a valuable stock from it.

The season is rapidly approaching when emigrants may be expected to arrive from the Isles of Britain. To them this little book may be of incalculable service; and we would strongly recommend persons resident here, who expect friends or relatives, to place it in their hands before they proceed further. The information it contains is thoroughly practical, and applicable to the business of every day. From no other source can so great an amount of useful knowledge upon the subject treated of, be so cheaply obtained. In fact, we know of no other work which can at all be compared with it, as a guide to the industrious emigrant, in hewing out his way to an honourable independence.

HAVING been disappointed in our expectation of receiving the engravings ordered for May, we have been compelled to publish the number without the usual embellishment. We trust, however, the variety of its contents will induce our readers to overlook the omission, which, as we have before explained, is not attributable to any want of care on our part, but is simply caused by our distance from the marts in which such things are to be obtained. We trust the day is not far distant, when our Island City will possess capabilities in this respect, which will free us from the necessity of apologising—a disagreeable duty at best, and particularly so, when all possible foresight has been employed, with a view to obviate the necessity of it altogether.

SINCE the publication of our last number we have been favoured by "EMILION HUGOMONT," with the French magazine from which the story of "Christina Steinfort" was translated. We refer to it again, merely to say that Mrs. Moodie, with the candour of a generous disposition, immediately on being furnished with the explanatory letter published in our last, and without having seen the original French, withdrew the charge, and expressed her regret that it had ever been made.