

come, and capital to flow into it; but those brilliant expectations were not to be realised in the lifetime of its first inhabitants. The trade did not come, the capital did not flow; the report of the wild land and its stern winters stopped and turned away the stream of emigration for many a year. The hardy highlandmen built their homes, nevertheless, cleared away the forest-trees around them, cultivated such crops as the forest-soil would yield, reared sheep and cattle as hardy as themselves, and increased their winter stock of provisions by hunting the bear, the elk, and the bison.

Most of the settlers had brought young families with them; sons and daughters grew up in the wild; the