

settlers occurring in the vast forests of the backwoods, similar to that on which the narrative of the Canadian Crusoes is founded. Many persons thus lost have perished in the wilderness; and it is to impress on the memory the natural resources of this country, by the aid of interesting the imagination, that the author of the well-known and popular work, "The Backwoods of Canada," has written the following pages.

She has drawn attention, in the course of this volume, to the practical solution* of that provoking enigma, which seems to perplex all anxious wanderers in an unknown land, of finding themselves, at the end of a day's toilsome march, close to the spot from which they set out in the morning; an accident that will occur for days in succession. The escape of Captain O'Brien from his French prison at Verdun, detailed with such spirit in his lively

* See Appendix A; likewise p. 305.