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PREFACE.

THE following account of the Maritime Provinces has been compiled in continuation of, and for the same purpose as, the volume on Canada; and, with it, comprises all the British Colonies in North America; the remaining portion, by so much larger in extent, and the importance of which is daily becoming more apparent, being under the rule of the Hudson's Bay Company, which was incorporated by royal charter in the reign of Charles II. So that although British territory extends to the Pacific, that immediately under legislative control is confined to a comparatively narrow slip on

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