

thoughts to *trade*, will they not be told, that excessive competition already renders the profits so trifling, as to make any scarce worth following? To half-pay or retired officers of the navy and army having little beyond their pay or pensions, I also consider Canada offers a very eligible retreat.

But, in God's name let the invincible idler, the sluggard, the mere loungeur through life, the drunkard, the everlasting grumbler, the conceited pretender, the ruined or half ruined gamester, the quarrelsome and litigious, of whatever denomination, avoid us; for I wholly and absolutely exclude from my estimate every one of these descriptions, both men and women. Nor should I pretend to tempt here those whose command over money can procure them, at home, the comforts and enjoyments of life; for you must hold in mind, that every observation I have made, is intended only to have a direct reference to the relative and positive wants and necessities of my countrymen.

Man is said to be a mere creature of habit; and how forcibly is this truism exemplified in my own person, for would you, six years ago, have thought it came within the limit of *possibilities*, that the friend who now addresses you, could ever have been manufactured, by any means whatever, into a happy and cheerful *backwoodsman*? who is

“Content, and careless of to-morrow's fare;”

and, most assuredly, if the true value of a man is to be estimated by the uses to which he applies the health and understanding which is bestowed upon him by a kind Providence, you may now set your old friend down in your books, as twice the man he was when you last saw him.

I need scarcely tell you, that all my circle join in the kindest regards, although the younger part are grown and altered so much, as to give little chance of your recollecting them, were you to see them now; and

I am, as ever,

Your affectionate Friend,

J. C.

(All who are not interested can pass by this note:—)

NOTE 13.—*Canada Company*.—As your late letters have so particularly requested me, on account of certain of your friends, to furnish you with my sentiments, as to the prospects and opinions *held here* of this enterprise, I have quietly gathered what I could on the subject, and which is, in substance, as follows:—that they may rest satisfied of the