

CANADA.

CHAPTER I.

THE VOYAGE.

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ALTHOUGH voyages across the Atlantic present in general few incidents the relation of which can interest the general reader, yet, when it is remembered that the tide of