

CHAPTER VII.

The Forest — Game — Who Should Come to New Brunswick — How to Get a Free Farm — An English Immigrant's Opinion.

THE FOREST.

When New Brunswick was first discovered, its whole area was covered with a magnificent unbroken forest, for the Indians who inhabited it had not engaged in agriculture to any considerable extent, and had made no clearings worth mentioning. Major Robinson who made the first survey for the Intercolonial railway, was profoundly impressed with the magnificence of the forests of New Brunswick and stated in his report that there was no country in the world so magnificently wooded and watered. Since then the forests have been largely drawn upon for commercial purposes, but they still remain a source of great wealth to the province, and bid fair to continue so for centuries to come. While the consumption of wood in New Brunswick is large from year to year, its growth is large also, and with judicious management there seems no reason to believe that the forests of New Brunswick will ever be exhausted. The principal exports of New Brunswick consist of products of the forest and in the year 1900, the last for which we have complete returns, they amounted to the sum of \$6,706,339 of which \$4,677,317