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“THE FISHING TOURIST.”

THE Dominion of Canada is pre-eminently the angler's paradise. In no other country on the surface of the earth is there a chain, so extensive and closely connected of lake and river and streamlet, as that which stretches from the estuary of the St. Lawrence westward to the Rocky Mountains, and from the frontier northward to the Arctic Circle. From the Mackenzie River, which flows into the Polar ocean, to the Gulf, we have a series of lakes which, with the rivers uniting them, spans the continent like diamonds about the neck of beauty, strung on a silver cord. From the main chain again, north of Superior, then from Huron to the St. Lawrence, north and south of that noble river, and in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia also hang, like pendants, subordinate groups of lakelets and streams in endless variety and profusion. Here, then, is the sportsman's most promising field, whether his weapon be the rifle or the rod.

In an entertaining volume briefly noted in

our August number, Mr. Hallock,* with the cosmopolitan frankness of an enthusiast in his art, readily admits the fact. In order to propitiate his countrymen, however, by some display of piscatory patriotism, he deems it necessary to begin with Long Island—as a Cockney might give a preliminary flourish on angling in the Serpentine before describing the salmon fishing of the Tay or Tweed. It is only when he crosses the border that our author is entirely at his ease. In Nova Scotia, for the first time, he does full justice to himself and to his subject. The flow of his animal spirits, rapid and gushing as some of his favourite streams, never ceases. Whether camping under canvas or hemlock branches, or taking his ease, as he well knows how to do, at his inn, his descriptions are always lively and vigorous, whilst he is doing serious work—in a sporting way—in the Dominion. There

* The Fishing Tourist: Angler's Guide and Reference Book. By Charles Hallock. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1873.