

INTRODUCTION.

The object of this work is to give the resident, the traveller and the intending settler the fullest information regarding the Dominion of Canada: its boundaries and general geography; its vast forests of valuable timber, inexhaustible fisheries, and rich mines of gold, silver, coal and other minerals; its magnificent system of railways and canals; its post offices and telegraphs; its trade, commerce and manufactures; its shipbuilding and navigation; its revenue and expenditure; its political, educational and religious institutions; its noble lakes and rivers; its many inducements to the immigrant; and its early history, present position and future prospects. In addition to a description of the Dominion, there are also descriptions of its provinces—Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia—and the North West Territories, Newfoundland, the Island of Anticosti, and Labrador. These descriptions were written for *LOVELL'S GAZETTEER OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA*, from information obtained from the most reliable sources, and before appearing in that work underwent revision at the hands of the following gentlemen (*i.e.*, those provinces with which from their experience and position they were familiar) to whom the Publisher is under deep obligations:

Most Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., Metropolitan North West Territories.
Most Rev. Alex. Taché, D.D., Archbishop of St. Boniface, Manitoba.
The late Hon. Joseph Howe, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.
Herbert Crosskill, Esq., Deputy Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia.
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Appended to the work is valuable information for intending emigrants—such as the class who should emigrate to Canada, the number of immigrants the country can absorb; wages and cost of living; land system, &c., &c. The proofs of this information were submitted to and kindly corrected by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The Table of Routes has been prepared with great care, and will be found an important part of the work. It gives the cities, towns, villages and settlements in British North America in alphabetical order, and shews their proximity to Railway Stations and Sea, Lake and River Ports. By its means any desired place can be reached without delay or inconvenience.

Altogether the work will be found a very useful and interesting one.

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