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# THE CANADIAN EMIGRANT.

## INTRODUCTION.

In the modern history of the civilised world it would be difficult to point to any country where so many instances of men having risen from obscure poverty to competence and independence as that of Canada. Here the man, who, through years of poverty and wretchedness strove to support his family and himself in England, found that a few years of the same amount of labour brought to him a degree of prosperity which it would have been impossible for him to obtain at home. It has been said that if a man cannot succeed in England he cannot do so elsewhere, but that idea has long ago exploded; there are too many instances of men having raised themselves from the low sphere in which they were born in England to that of positions of honour in Canada, and who have displayed talents of a high order, which would in all probability have lain dormant in the Mother Country.

In all parts of the Dominion labour will always meet with its reward if care and judgment is used in selecting the proper ground in which to settle or seek for labour; and it shall, therefore, be our task to describe the country and the special features of each of its vast provinces, so that the intending emigrant may be enabled to form some idea as to which of the provinces of the Dominion it would be most desirable for him to settle.

The system of Government in Canada resembles somewhat that of England, and the emigrant is not in any way required to throw off his allegiance to the throne of England. When he settles in Canada he may exercise all the rights of citizenship, whilst still recognising the Queen as his lawful Sovereign; and however slight the weight may be given to this feature of emigration, many, many men love Old England notwithstanding the hardships which they endure, or may have endured, that the idea of severing themselves from the protection of the British flag is abhorrent in the extreme; and of course our readers are aware, that before purchasing land in America and exercising the rights of citizenship, they have to take the oath of fealty to the Republic.

We have heard of men not succeeding even in Canada, but it would be found, if the history of these men were written, that they did not labour with that spirit of determination which should stimulate the arm of every emigrant. Canada will only help them who help themselves, and to them she offers advantages which soon shows in their improved condition what she can, and what she will, do for them. Let no man leave England and expect to find that he has but to secure a piece of land and the earth will immediately bring forth its abundance. Let all such absurd notions be for ever vanished from his mind.