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## PREFACE.

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THE encouragement I have received as to my former small work, entitled "Recollections of a Five Years' Residence in Norway," induces me to offer this little volume to the public, particularly to those whose thoughts are bent on emigration to Canada, with the idea that my own six years' experience of the country may not be altogether useless to new settlers. The truthfulness and accuracy of the information contained in the book may, I hope, tend to exempt it from harsh and unfriendly criticism as to any deficiencies it may exhibit as a literary production.

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WHAT class of intending emigrants is best suited for Canada, both with regard to their own advantage, and the benefit of their adopted country? It may seem almost superfluous to affirm that the indolent, and those wanting in physical activity and strength, have no business here; but the energetic and the temperate man can always obtain a living in this region, and need seldom fail of attaining an independence. Of many that do come out, it may be said that they are quite unfitted for settlers, and only do injury to themselves and those around them. I will just instance, by way of example, the case of government clerks, accustomed to a sedentary life in town. Many of these unwisely throw up their situations at home, and transport themselves hither

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