

timber of the forests, and the fish of the ocean, form the treasures and occupation of a hardy race of men, who are either graziers, wood-cutters, or sailors.

The lakes, rivers, and cataracts of Canada, are on the grandest scale. The extremes of winter and summer are felt in this climate, but no middle season. The manners of the people, like their descent, are of French origin, and retain strong marks of their ancient customs. A happy, social, lively disposition is their characteristic, and appears in all ranks, from the merchant in furs, (the great article of their commerce,) to the men who row the boats on the mighty St. Lawrence. The numerous tribes of Indians that live in the neighbourhood of the settlements, supply the Canadians with the furs of different animals, which they often procure from vast distances, in the interior parts of the country.

The northern portion of the continent, that extends to Hudson's Bay, and reaches westward to the Pacific Ocean, is inhabited by wandering tribes of Indians, who do not cultivate the earth, but procure a precarious subsistence from the chase of wild animals, the fish of the rivers, fruits that grow spontaneously, bark of trees, &c. Nor would the soil repay the labour of the farmer; for so ungenial is the climate, that the ground is never thawed at the depth of a few feet below the surface; not even in the height of the short summer that enlivens the dreariness of this barren region.

The wind is changed in our favour, and to-morrow
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