

miles to a fine thriving town on Hudson's river. I went to Albany, six miles below, where I embarked on board a sloop, and in four days landed at New York, 165 miles. Here I embarked in a coaster for St. John, New Brunswick, which place I reached after a boisterous passage of five days. Two days more brought me here, which concluded a curious tour, having made a circuit of nearly 1700 miles.

"My limits will not allow me to attempt a description of places. I shall merely remark that Canada is a very fine country, and the banks of the noble river St. Lawrence thickly settled. Montreal is a large thriving town, being the headquarters of the great Fur Company, and the dépôt between Europe and the extensive country of Upper Canada. We have now very pleasant weather at Fredericton. Two nights ago we had a sharp frost, and to-day the thermometer is at 84 in the shade. On the 23rd of January last the mercury in Fahrenheit's thermometer stood at 36 below zero at sunrise. With all this variation, the climate is remarkably healthy.

"New Brunswick, Fredericton, June 19th, 1807."

#### *SOCIETIES.*

The Society for Historical Studies and the Society of Canadian Literature have continued their joint meetings throughout the season, and much interest has been shown. On 18th March, Mr. John Popham read a paper on Isabella Valency Crawford; the evening of the 1st of April was devoted to the reading and discussion of Historical Notes and Queries, when a number of questions on knotty points of Canadian history were submitted; and on 15th inst., Rev. Mr. Cruchet favored the societies with a paper on "Garneau, the Historian."

Two more meetings will be held, the first of which to be on the 29th inst., when Mr. John Reade will give a paper on "Chief Justice Lafontaine," to be followed, on 13th May, by a paper from Mr. Horace T. Martin on "Sir William Logan."