

the new government will be erected. From thence round about the head of the lake westward to Niagara is all settled and in some parts several concessions deep. The land low; the soil a deep sandy clay upon the coast, but farther back clay and loam, mixed with a few inches of rich black loam a-top owing to the fallen leaves enriching the soil annually since the creation. The wood lofty and chiefly oak of different kinds, interspersed with chestnut, hickory, maple or sugar tree, ash, pine, a few cedar and a variety of others. The point on which Niagara is built is between twenty and thirty feet deep, solid earth and clay mixed, which is easily seen and ascertained from the perpendicular banks of the river and lake adjoining to the fort and for a considerable way along the coast on both sides of the river. No wonder then that such an amazing deepness of soil, when assisted by the powerful rays of a clear and unclouded sun in latitude 43, should bring to maturity every vegetable common to temperate climes, sown or planted therein, which is really the case not only here but in general all over this extensive tract of country.

"Wheat is rarely left here above a day on the ground after reaping, and often carried home to the barn on the very day it is cut; the ground is no sooner cleared of one crop than it may be and often is immediately plowed down and sown with another, without using any sort of manure. The richness of the soil and salubrity of the air make all sort of stimulus totally unnecessary.

"I had hardly put up at the public house here, as already observed, when Captain Colin McNab and Captain Campbell of the Twenty-sixth regiment came to call on me, and invited me to their respective houses, with whom, and their genteel families, I had the honor of being on an intimate footing during my stay at Niagara. Some short time thereafter Mr. Robert Hamilton, a gentleman of the first rank and property and one of the Governor's Council, came also to wait on me and invited me to his house—an honour I readily embraced. He and Mrs. Hamilton were so very obliging as to go along with me in their own slea to see the Grand Falls of Niagara.....