

winds. The south-east wind is soft, thawy and rainy. The wind blows less frequently from the west and south, and still more seldom from due north.

The climate of Canada is favorable to health and longevity. In 1851 there were, in Lower Canada, over 100 years of age, 38 persons; between 90 and 100 years, 417; between 80 and 90, 3030; between 70 and 80, 11,084; between 60 and 70, 24,095.

In Upper Canada, in the same year, there were, over 100 years of age, 20 persons; between 70 and 80, 7156; between 60 and 70, 20,266; so that the balance is in favor of the Lower Province as regards the longevity of its inhabitants, and is doubtless to be referred to the greater comparative dryness of the atmosphere.

In Lower Canada, it may be further stated, that melons ripen freely in the open air; plums and pears grow abundantly, and apples attain a peculiar degree of excellence, the apples of the Island of Montreal being especially famed. Peaches and grapes also ripen freely with the aid only of glass. On the whole it may be safely asserted that while the Province presents great diversities of climate, yet the general character of its climate is such as to conduce both to the maintenance of the physical health of the inhabitants of the Province, and also to the promotion of the growth of the cereal and other natural products of the fertile soil of Canada.

And now, in conclusion, the writer, on reviewing the motives which have animated him in this effort, and on looking back to the hours during which, in the intervals of release from his ordinary engagements, he has prepared the statements of this Treatise, is persuaded that he cannot better take leave of his readers than by assuring them that the assertions contained in the foregoing pages have not been rashly ventured, but have been deliberately penned in the spirit of that patriotism which should lead every Canadian to appreciate the sentiments contained in, and to echo the following words of another writer whose work has been elsewhere already quoted from, namely, that "it is equally a matter of individual and national importance that every earnest well-wisher of Canada should contribute his mite to elevate the industry of the country, and extend the knowledge of her capabilities to the tens of thousands across the seas, who would willingly and even joyfully make this fertile British Province their home, had they confidence in its climate, its soil, its great resources," and I add, in its political liberty, its educational advantages and religious privileges, and in the greatness of that future to which this noble Province it surely and steadily rising.