

rheumatic, it is very healthy. The winter, though long, is far from being disagreeable, and is to the Canadian a season of cheerfulness and enjoyment. As the country is easily traversed by light carioles, which pass quickly over the snow, long journeys are sometimes made; and visits, pic-nics, fishing and hunting parties, enliven the winter. The appearance of the country is sometimes exceedingly beautiful, the deep-blue unclouded sky above forming a fine contrast with the snowy earth below; and, when the trees are covered with icicles, which generally occurs after a thaw, the effect is dazzling. When the snow melts and the early summer sets in, the weather is beautiful and very warm. July and August are extremely hot. The fall, which continues till November, is the pride of the year in all parts of Canada. In the south-western portion of the Province the weather is very mild; and, when the lands are drained and more thickly settled, they will probably exceed all others in Canada in this respect.

28. There is a very great difference in the temperature of winter and summer, the cold of the one and the heat of the other being much more intense than in most European countries. The summer of Quebec, when compared to that of Edinburgh, is almost tropical, exceeding it in general by ten degrees, and in the hottest month by fifteen. In regard to agricultural productions the action is more favourable than in the countries of Europe which have the same mean temperature. The intense heat of our short summer ripens corn and fruits that will not grow in other countries which have the same mean temperature. Thus