

sided below its ancient high water mark, and the lower town of Quebec, is said to be built upon a bank, which was regularly overflowed, when the country was first discovered by the Europeans.

The pencil only, can give a stranger any just idea, of the entertaining water scenes at the rapids. The principal, are those of Richlieu, Montreal, La Chine, the Cascade, Cedars, Coto-du-Lac, and those above Cornwall, in Upper Canada.

The Richlieu rapids, are passed without much difficulty. Those at Montreal, prevent all further progress in large vessels. The shore is so bold and perpendicular at this city, that vessels are loaded and unloaded along their sides, and wharves and piers are not wanted. The current, however, and contrary winds, make it necessary to warp vessels, with the help of men, to these stations.

At the Cascade, is a rapid which is dangerous, and a great natural curiosity. We passed it with two Indians, in a birch canoe, upon the ridge of the wave made by the current, when the smallest error on the part of our boat-men would have plunged us into a