

of the country for many years. I say, therefore, that he, of all men, should be the most capable of piloting the Canadian Company, through the shoals & quicksands, that beset them on all sides. Yet behold his advice, read, I pray, his answer to the following query of the Company, "What is the cause of that difference, which all travellers have remarked, between the United States and Canada, where the soil and climate are so similar? In the former every thing is represented as alive, active and prosperous; in the latter all dull and languid?"

"This question admits of a most satisfactory answer," (indeed it does, Doctor, but that, you are either incapable or unwilling to give) "Upper Canada was first settled by refugees from the United States, after the Peace of 1783, all of whom were destitute and wholly without capital; every accession of inhabitants (not excepting the Doctor) has been nearly of the same description. Whatever wealth has been found in the Province, has been made entirely from the soil; never yet had one single capitalist come into the country, purchased a large tract of land, built mills, made roads, and, as the Americans say, prepared it for settlement. The consequence has been *apparent* langour, compared with the neighbouring States, many persons becoming comfortable, but never acquiring great capitals. But in the American States many purchased large tracts, spent many hundred thousand dollars in their preparation for location, sold at high prices, and after a few years, recovered the capital laid out seven fold. The same may be done in Canada at this moment, and with the certainty of speedier returns than the speculators on the other side, as the population is much greater than the parts of the country were, where they commenced their operations."

This is all very fine, but would it not have been as well,