

STATISTICAL QUERIES,

APPLIED TO CANADA.

PREPARATORY to publishing and circulating Statistical Queries, more applicable to the present state of the country, than it is possible to arrange in a given time, we have, in the meantime, deemed it proper to give publicity to the following general queries, in the hope that many of our readers who have the means of information will not fail to return such answers as may contribute to the information of the public, and the general improvement of the British Provinces.

The benefits of statistical science are so well known and so justly estimated, that it is here quite unnecessary to say any thing in its favour. With Sir John Sinclair, the venerable father of Statistics, we may observe, that no science can furnish, to any mind capable of receiving useful information, so much real entertainment, none can yield such important hints for the improvement of agriculture, for the extension of commercial industry, for regulating the conduct of individuals, or for extending the prosperity of the state; none can so much tend to promote the general happiness of the species. With such invaluable advantages, we trust our readers will avail themselves of every opportunity for anticipating the object we have in view by publishing the following queries, and, by an unremitting correspondence, open to us every source of information in their power.

ARTICLE I.

Physical State of the Country.

GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION.

1. What is the latitude?
2. What is the longitude?
3. What are the boundaries on all sides?
4. What are the superficial contents in square miles?

II.

CLIMATE,—THAT IS TO SAY, THE STATE OF THE SKIES.

5. What is the mean degree marked each month by the Thermometer?
6. What is the difference marked on the scale, by the Thermometer between morning and noon?
7. What is the height of the Barometer each month?
8. What are its greatest variations?
9. What are the prevailing winds each month?

10. Are they general and common to the whole country, or do they differ according to certain diversities of situations in some parts?

11. Have they any fixed periods of duration or return?

12. Are there sea and land winds daily, and what are their courses?

13. On what side is each wind first felt—is it on the side whence, or on the side whither it blows?

14. What are the qualities of each wind, that is to say, which wind is dry or rainy, hot or cold, violent or moderate?

15. In which month does it rain most?

16. How many inches of water fall in the year?

17. Are there any fogs or mists and when?

18. Are there any dews, where and when are they strongest?

19. Do the rains fall softly or by showers.