miles, which has been desolated by fire, it generally happens that, in the course of two years, young trees shoot up at so vast a distance from living ones of the same species, that it seems impossible for the winds to waft their seeds so far: consequently, it is almost universally believed in this country, that trees are indigenous to this soil, and spring up without seminal origin. The kind of growth which often succeeds the hard woods is spruce, pine, hemlock, a bast d species of maple, frequently wild cherry, white bire and sometimes poplar; but, before the fire occurred here, neither a poplar nor a cherry might have been seen for an immense surrounding distance.

"This hypothesis, at the same time, proves the fallacy of placing entire dependence on the growth of the forest, as a proof of the quality of the soil, and shows, that it is expedient to tear up the moss, and to examine the quality and depth of vegetable mould, in order to discover the real nature of the soil."

In the course of a few years, the burnt wood which at present disfigures the face of this settlement will be fallen; the young growth is already eight feet high in many places, so that, when it is farther advanced, and no other to be seen, the aspect of this settlement will be very much improved from what it is at present; and, if the country people would paint their houses white as they do in Canada, that would remove in a great degree the dreary aspect of this part of the country which is so appalling to strangers sailing up the river.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

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