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both powers, and these oceans of fresh water have proved extremely serviceable in contributing to the defence of Upper Canada. The Lakes Ontario, Erie, and Superior, are capable of receiving the largest fleets. One of them, viz. Superior, is upwards of 400 miles in length, and 1500 in circumference. The depth of these vast lakes in many places cannot be ascertained. And the storms which frequently occur, are often more destructive than those which happen on the ocean.

The climate of Upper Canada is more mild and temperate than that of the Lower Province, and for that reason is preferred to the latter by most of the European emigrants who proceed to North America. Vegetation of all kinds is most abundant; the harvests are extremely luxuriant; and by many people Upper Canada is termed the garden of North America. One unpleasant attendant on the warm climate of this province, is the prodigious number of noxious reptiles, particularly rattlesnakes, which infest the woods and islands every where: cultivation, however, is ra-