

vantages which approximation to the sea-coast holds out, I should certainly not consider Lower Canada likely to realize the hopes of British settlers.

To many, the difference of religion, and scarcity of Protestant churches, will prove a drawback. To many more, the preponderance of the French language, laws, and manners, will create a serious obstacle. Nor am I aware of any existing circumstances, in the Lower Province, which can be said to counterbalance these objections.

It is no doubt true, that many individual instances of prosperity are to be met with in Lower Canada, among agricultural settlers from Britain and Ireland ; but these must be viewed as exceptions, and not followed as a rule.

Even the land-measure will somewhat tend to embarrass a stranger, as it is the *arpent* (about one-fifth less than the English acre) which is in use, and the tenure and titles of his property will still more perplex him. I had an opportunity of seeing and conversing with several British emigrants, who either occupy or possess farms in Lower Canada, and the uniform conclusion, to which all of them came, was an advice to look at the Upper Province before I formed an opinion upon the eligibility of a settlement. I am quite aware that several of these individuals are prospering in a measure, which might possibly be curtailed, if too many farmers of a like stamp should become located beside them ; but I am equally satisfied that no such jealousy influenced the advice I received, and that the established conviction of all, who are experimentally acquainted with Canada, is in favour of the Upper Province, as a settlement for British agriculturists.

Those emigrants who have obtained land near Quebec or Montreal, and who are industrious and active, profit, of course, very handsomely by the vicinity of these cities.

Dairy produce brings in excellent returns, and every thing finds a market ; and although mere locality cannot avail so much as formerly, when steam-navigation was unknown, still great advantages remain to the occupier of land near large towns. It is to be remarked, too, that the greater supply of farm-produce, occasioned by the introduction of steam-boats, has materially increased the consumption, and