

pawa, which runs through a level and woody part of the country, appears dead and motionless in its channel, on account of the river Niagara crossing its mouth, so as to impede the exit of its water. For miles above the confluence of these two rivers, the Chippawa overflows and recedes from its banks at very irregular intervals, owing to the greater or less quantity of water brought from Lake Erie by the river Niagara, which accordingly offers to its passage a smaller or more formidable obstruction. Neither the heavy torrents of rain, which are observed to fall in this district of the province, nor the vast quantity of water produced by the melting of the snow and ice, seem to have any influence on the flowing and recession of these two streams. This phenomenon may be referred to the operations of another cause; and it probably depends on the return of those inconstant winds, which impress and propel the waters of Lake Erie to their eastern confines, where, pent up between two nearly approximating shores, they