

tract of ground by Duncan and Pierre, was brought
re Duncan with infinite trouble a distance of fifty miles in
ioneer the little skiff, navigated along the shores of the
and some Ontario by the adventurous Pierre, and from
' and then the nearest landing-place transported on the
as farmers, shoulders of himself and Duncan to their home-
le colonies, stead:—a day of great labour but great joy it
due time: was when they deposited their precious freight
behold our in safety on the shanty floor. They were
g their ar- obliged to make two journeys for the contents
to Pierre of the little craft. What toil, what privation
erer, or the they endured for the first two years! and now
e all sorts the fruits of it began slowly to appear. No
lf a moun- two creatures could be more unlike than Pierre
and scanty and Duncan. The Highlander, stern, steady,
is not my persevering, cautious, always giving ample
difficulties reasons for his doing or his not doing. The
y our set- Canadian, hopeful, lively, fertile in expedients,
and gay as a lark; if one scheme failed, another
resistance was sure to present itself. Pierre and Duncan
pirit to do were admirably suited to be friends and neigh-
with now, bours. The steady perseverance of the Scot
widely dif- helped to temper the volatile temperament of
the depths the Frenchman. They generally contrived to
e emigrant compass the same end by different means, as
evils that two streams descending from opposite hills will
meet in one broad river in the same valley.

into the Years passed on; the farm, carefully culti-