

New Orleans, the appearance of the neighbouring heights is said to indicate unequivocally that the bed of the St. Lawrence was there once at a much higher level than that which it now occupies, a circumstance which corroborates the presumption that these ridges have been originally formed by the ancient current of the river.

## THE TOWN OF WILLIAM-HENRY.

We came too, about ten in the morning, at the town of William-Henry, on the right bank of the River Sorel, which forms the outlet of Lake Champlain, for the purpose of taking in wood, of which article there is a very rapid consumption on-board of steam-boats.

As we approached the wharf, all the people in the place seemed to be taking post at the landing. Among the foremost came puffing a good-humoured looking mortal, genteelly dressed, of that description of bipeds that are said to laugh and be fat. He is currently known, it seems, by the name of Sir John Falstaff, and thus, like his prototype, of facetious memory, if he be not witty himself, he is oftentimes the cause of wit in others.

Sir James Sherbrooke, the governor-general of both the Canadas, has a seat near this place, where he spends the summer-months. He is now here, and I think we were told that Lady Selkirk was there, on a visit, from the dreary confines of Hudson's Bay.

This is but a small town, yet here is both a Catholic and a Protestant church. I entered the former, while the business of the boat was expediting; and found the aisles crowded with children, saying their catechism in a style of tedious rotation, which afforded a striking contrast to the compendious methods of the Lancasterian plan.

At the door I bought of a little girl a penny-worth of molasses candy, for which I put into her hand two coppers, saying I did not want any more, and she should have them both: but so competently had the principle of honesty, or independence, been impressed upon her memory (under the unpromising system above-mentioned,) that she ran after me, with the odd penny, crying, "Tenez, monsieur! Voici votre copper."\*

Beggary is unknown, I find, in Canada, and thieving is said to be very rare. I afterwards learned, that it is no uncommon thing for the English inhabitants to receive again,

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\* Stop, Sir? here's your penny.