

the spring comes forth in all its beauty. Extensive pools of water, formed by the melting of the snow and ice, deluge the plains in every direction; and remain for a considerable space of time, till the rays of the sun have sufficient power to complete their evaporation. The heat soon becomes oppressive. The day and night evince remarkable extremes of heat and cold, the temperature of the one being elevated by the rays of a powerful sun, and that of the other greatly depressed by the vast quantities of snow and ice which are gradually passing into solution.

The medium heat of the summer, along the southern boundaries of the province, is nearly the same as that of a tropical country. The cultivated spots of land, enclosed by lofty forests, and in many parts by extended mountains, are now exposed to the direct influence of a burning sun, while those breezes are thus intercepted in their course which might otherwise mitigate the fervours of the season. The great evaporation which