constructed of wood, ignited in the roof a few days before, and, notwithstanding the utmost possible exertions, it was entirely destroyed.) Conflagration then caught the woods about the sources of Burnt-land Brook, which soon extended to the south-west river of Miramichi, and almost instantaneously spread from river to river, and swept with the speed of the whirlwind to the north-west branch, and the whole intermediate forest was at the same instant in one tremendous flame. Urged by the wind, the north-west river presented no obstacle to its irresistible course, but, borne on the wings of the hurricane, with an instantaneousness resembling a train of gunpowder, and with the hoarse roar of a volcano, in a few short minutes, the north shore of Miramichi river was swept of the fair villages and dwellings which lined it, as if those villages and dwellings had never been. During a march so rapid, no animal existing in its path had the least chance of escape, unless water in sufficient abundance was near, into which he could occasionally submerge, and, accordingly, in the places which were watered by no rivers, the greatest loss of human life occurred.

" Having said so much on the effects of fire on the forest lands of this country, in order to counteract the alarm which an emigrant may thence reasonably entertain, it will be necessary to add, that when fire has passed through the woods, it will rage there no more till the land be re-covered with a new growth. The calamity which the inhabitants of this province have experienced in no lenient degree, constitutes, for the present times, the greatest source of their security.

" There is a very surprising phenomenon attending the succession of the young wood; and that is, in a large track of land comprising many hundred square