

further to the west the picturesque Coteau des Cédres, clad with ever-green trees. At the foot of these hills are to be seen the canal cut through the rock to facilitate the passage of the Cascades rapids. This canal crosses a point at the foot of the Cedres rapids; it is built with great care; its margins are lined with stone masonry; it is spanned by a handsome bridge well arched. This bridge was formerly the "Porte des Recollets, or Recollet Gate," one of the city gates of Montreal.* In it I recognized an old friend, and at first experienced joy, which was soon followed by an opposite emotion; it had, alas, lost the once familiar stains of time. Oh! this bridge, handsome and solid though it be, had lost for me the attraction of former days. Then it was tottering, it is true, and was threatening to crush the passer-by, but it was a ruin and worthy of my love and veneration.

Cornwall or New Johnstown.—On the fourth we reach Cornwall, as weary and fatigued with the journey as we possibly could be.

Cornwall is the first Upper Canadian town met with on the journey up to Kingston. It is well situated in a commodious cove, the outlet of a creek. The streets are wide and straight. It has a church, a court house, a jail and neat houses, all built of wood. The Government has a barracks here and also maintains a small garrison. The building formerly known as "The Cornwall College" is now closed; there is a school where children are taught to read and write. The ground owned by this town is quite extensive, but so far it consists mostly of building lots, surrounded by fences, three-fourths of which are vacant. Commerce flourished here before the declaration of war; its college had a fair reputation. These advantages and its pretty site would have made it a town of some importance. A piece of paper—a mere document—with a few musket balls, have changed all this. The Temple of the Muses is deserted; the merchant's yard measure is laid aside for the *gille* or the musket.

Cornwall—otherwise New Johnstown—is the Capital of the District; in its rear extends the County of Stormont. The

*I have been unable to ascertain if this venerable city gate of Montreal is still extant, nor if the canal referred to still exists. It had originally been made at the time of the War of Independence, and enlarged and rebuilt in 1799, 1801, 1802, by Captains Bruyeres and Landmann, of the Royal Engineers. It was probably at this period that the Recollet gate was re-erected as a bridge.