

TOPOGRAPHICAL NOTICES—continued.

London, if not, like her English namesake,

————— The great resort
Of all the earth—chequered with all
Complexions of mankind—

is nevertheless a very stirring business place, and presents another instance of the energy and enterprise of the Canadian. Ten years ago, this then very small village of wooden houses was entirely burned down, and now on its ashes is raised a most flourishing city, containing four banks, several wholesale houses, fifteen churches, many of them handsome structures, and the English Church having a fine peal of bells; life and fire insurance offices, breweries and distilleries. It has three newspapers and several good hotels, the best being "The Robinson Hall" and "The City." Population nearly 15,000. It is well watered by the River Thames, which, however, is only navigable up to Chatham, sixty miles distance. The Port Stanly Railroad here joins the Great Western, and will be opened about the 1st of August.

Chatham possesses the great advantage of a navigation, and is therefore a place of considerable business. It contains eight churches; and being the county town of Kent, it has a court-house, a very handsome building, several grist and saw mills, wollen factory, two foundries, &c. Steamers ply between Chatham, Detroit, and Amherstburg. The chief hotels are the Royal Exchange and the Chatham Arms. Population 1,000.

Windsor, opposite Detroit, prettily situated on the banks of the River, is a place of considerable business, and is rapidly increasing in wealth and population, owing to the advantage it has of being the Western terminus of the Great Western Railroad.

Windsor is situate in 42 and Quebec in 46 degrees of North Latitude, and it will thus be seen that a considerable portion of Canada is nearly 10 degrees further south than England, which is in 51½ degrees, so that all other circumstances being equal, Canada would have the same climate as Spain and mild and genial Italy. We just mention this, because in England and elsewhere and among emigrants a very general notion prevails, that Canada is situate somewhere very near the North Pole.

Detroit, is a little beyond our limits, yet the design we had in view at starting would scarcely be complete without a few words upon a City so famed and so near to us. It is situate on high ground opposite Windsor, the River running between the two, and has a commanding appearance. Detroit, has very long and remarkably wide and handsome streets, and on either side some superb buildings. It was first settled by the French; then it fell into the hands of the British, who ceded it by treaty to the United States. It was the scene of some fighting in the war of 1812, when it was captured by the British, but recaptured by the Americans in the following year. The Central Michigan Railroad commences at this point. Detroit has many excellent Hotels, The Biddle House, Johnson's Hotel, Michigan Exchange.