

into the Baie des Chaleurs, at its head. The Miramichi rises in a lake, a short distance from the Tobique, a river bathing the un-improved, and almost unknown lands of the county of York. Its computed length is about 230 miles—flowing pretty equably, but with considerable force, over a shingly and rocky bed, and describing an Easterly course until it rolls into the gulf of Saint Lawrence, through a large and beautiful bay, in Latitude $47^{\circ} 5'$ N. and Longitude $64^{\circ} 53'$ W.

There are several small towns, and villages on this river, but the largest and most thriving ones, are Chatham, Newcastle, and Douglastown. The first is the largest, and is situate on the left bank of the river; the other two, are on the right bank; and all three are located within the tide-way which extends for more than 30 miles, and is met by the descending waters above Beaubair's Island. All the settlements on this river, and on some of its tributaries, underwent a dreadful visitation in the beginning of October, 1825—just one year after my arrival in the country; but as this sad event forms a remarkable period in the history of this Province, and a no less remarkable episode in my own memoirs, I shall defer my notice of it until another chapter.