

country very recently, as well as a knowledge obtained of it during an anterior service of six years as an officer of the Provincial Navy, upon the lakes: these have been corroborated and enlarged from other sources of undeniable intelligence and veracity."

An excellent engraved plan of Toronto harbour is given, shewing the singular conformation of the Peninsula, of which more presently.

A plan of Kingston harbour is also given, with the different channels leading to it from the lake.

In 1822, Robert Gourlay published his statistical account of Upper Canada. In consulting this work for statistics and topographical information, the attention is inconveniently drawn aside to other matters—especially to the personal grievances of the author, which, doubtless, were many: and they are set forth at great length. The idea with which he started of collecting statistics from all quarters of the country in the form of replies to a circular, was, of course, quite a natural one; but it was a novelty in the young colony, and offended the susceptibilities of the local authorities, who charged Gourlay with disaffection to the Government. This soon transformed the diligent gatherer of statistics into a violent political agitator. Subsequent topographical writers have gleaned much from the three volumes of Gourlay. The information which they contain is in reality of the date 1818. The maps that accompany the work are excellent; and, as a vignette, on the engraved title-page of each volume is as good a little picture of the Falls of Niagara, seen from the heights on the Canadian side, as any that are in circulation now taken by photography.

In 1831, appeared Bouchette's larger work:—"The British Dominions in North America, or a Topographical and Statistical Description of the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, the Islands of Newfoundland, Prince Edward, and Cape Breton." This work consists of two volumes, 4to., with 23 plates of views and plans.

Four chapters are devoted to Upper Canada. Goderich is thus spoken of: "The town is very judiciously planned, and peculiarly well situated, upon the elevated shores of the lake, and on the southern side of the harbour formed by Maitland River. This harbour is capable of affording safe shelter to vessels of 200 tons burden, and is well calculated to admit hereafter of the construction of quays, to facilitate the loading and unloading of produce and merchandise.