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THE geography of any country is a progressive science, changing with the changes in the state of the country and its various natural and civil divisions. This variation is really greater, and much more observable, in new countries, than in those which have been long settled and have acquired a more fixed and permanent state.

The province of Upper-Canada being new and thinly settled, its geography is yet very imperfect. To point out such of its imperfections, as are susceptible of easy correction, not for the sake of exposure, but with a view to practical improvement, is a laudable undertaking.

At present I shall only notice one circumstance existing within the immediate circulation of the *Herald*.

There is a distinction between Towns and Townships. The whole country, so far as it has been surveyed, is laid out into Townships, corresponding in some respects, with the parochial divisions of England, but more uniform and regular in their extent; whereas there are scarcely a dozen Towns in the Province. In the proper geographical language of Upper-Canada, a Town, whether laid out as such in the original survey, or subsequently established, is a comparatively small part of the Township to which it belongs; being what our neighbours in the state of New-York would denominate the Village of the Township. But several Townships in the District of Johnstown, and one range in the Midland District, from Kingston up to the Carrying Place, and from the River Trent, down on the north side of the Bay of Quinte, to Camden on the Appanee River, were vulgarly styled Towns, distin-