

Chapter. VII.

BOSWELL'S BREWERY, QUEBEC.

Quebec like all other towns, is chiefly peopled by a manufacturing or industrial population. The very wants of a garrison and of the importers and exporters of goods, wares, and merchandise create home manufactures. Although a few individuals yet procure their clothes, their boots and shoes and hats and caps, their carriages and their furniture, their oxen and their asses, their wives, their maid-servants and their manservants and even their porter and ales from the United Kingdom, their ready-made shoes from Massachusetts, their time-pieces from Nantucket, their washtubs from Maine, and their gold watches, chains, and trinkets, from New York, tailors and shoemakers, hatters and milliners, carriage makers and plumbers, oxen and asses, wives, maidservants and manservants, and especially ale and porter, can be manufactured in Quebec. For the latter luxuries, the city that standeth on a rock, which on returning from the Saguenay, the traveller will view with increased admiration has long been justly famed. In all Canada, even throughout the United States, there is no ale, porter, table-beer, or tippeny superior to that which is manufactured in Quebec. Neither rosy nor foxy, nor sour nor stupefying, it is pleasant to the taste, good for the health and agreeable to the sight; in the words of a physician: "it is a pure tonic,—increases the appetite,—promotes digestion,—and gives vigor to the system." Neither gentian nor quassia, aloes nor broom, opium nor coculus