

old settled parts of Canada. The scene was heightened by our emerging suddenly out of the forest upon this neat settlement. The road now continued very good; and at ten o'clock we arrived at an American tavern within nine miles of La Prairie. It is situated on the road to St. John's, and was the one at which I breakfasted on my journey to that place the preceding November.

Here the stage from St. John's was expected to arrive every moment; and my waggoner earnestly requested me to take a place in it to La Prairie, as it would save him at least eighteen miles, and perhaps enable him to get back to Choisy that evening. After the civility I had received from the man, and knowing what an infamous road he had to travel over, I readily assented to his proposal: I therefore paid him the four dollars and a half, besides defraying his expenses at Odell's tavern; upon which he heartily thanked me, and was so well satisfied that he begged I would favour him with my name.

At breakfast I was attended by the landlord's handsome daughter whom I have before mentioned: she was as fair as the rest of her countrywomen in the States, but possessed a finer colour, to which the sharp northern air of Canada is more congenial than the warmer climate of the south. The stage soon arrived; and luckily for my waggoner there was just room for one person. I got