

to see the new world, and to tread on that ground which little more than three centuries before was *unknown*, was an object which I ardently longed to accomplish.

My wishes in this respect were at length gratified; and I arrived at Quebec in the autumn of 1806. I had previously read several authors who had written on Canada; but I had not been long arrived, before I found that a considerable alteration and improvement had taken place within the last twenty years. The descriptions then given, were no longer perfect. Many interesting particulars had likewise never been noticed; and Lower Canada seemed to be as little known to the people of England, as the deserts of Siberia.

I therefore availed myself of this favourable opportunity to collect information, and to make myself acquainted with the present state of Canada. Every thing was of an interesting nature; for though the province belonged to the British Government, yet the majority of the people were totally different from those whom I had been accustomed to see; their manners,