

## CANADIAN HABITANT

this, as in all else, the French Canadian has preserved the dialect of his forefathers; whilst his French cousin of to-day has kept pace with the times and drifted into more modern forms of speech. The *habitant's* accent leaves much to be desired as regards beauty, and in this respect he shares the fate of his compatriot the English Canadian. American air does not seem to favour the cultivation of soft voices and graceful modes of speech. Our good friend Jacques has a shrill voice, and ugly forms of expression: he calls his wife a "*créature*" and his daughter a "*figue*."

The *habitants* of Canada are chiefly confined to the Province