

of husbandry. It is composed of decayed vegetable matter, and varies in depth in different situations. When it is dug up, a stratum of cold clay is found below it. The soil is often shallow on the declivities of mountains; but in plains or valleys, which extend along the banks of rivers, it is found to measure from three to five feet in thickness. Those districts which are at present cultivated, afford a willing and an abundant produce; but the hand of industry, from those difficulties which always attend the settlement of a new colony, has as yet made very trivial and partial improvements. The cultivated spots of ground, indeed, when compared with the waste lands by which they are bounded, seem to resemble those little islands which, in the extended lakes of the country, are seen widely scattered over the surface of the water.

The climate of the province forms none of its least peculiarities. It is much diversified from a variety of causes in different parts of the cultivated districts: these are,