

and the country of the Indians. The climate and soil are, however, equal to those which the most favoured provinces on the sea-coast enjoy, and the productions of the former are equal in every respect to those of the latter. The lands are very much elevated in the neighbourhood of the lakes, which likewise lie at a great height above the level of the sea, and accounts for the severity of the winter, especially when aided by the humidity of the soil, which is in every direction covered with the most venerable and magnificent woods. In several places, in the vicinity of the lakes, are found salt water creeks, probably impregnated by the veins of rock-salt, sometimes found in the bowels of the earth, that would afford a never failing supply to this country, if in a state of civilization, which it will take a considerable time to effect, as the emigration, now become prevalent in several of the United States, does not, in many instances, extend to the frontiers of Canada, along which the Indian hunting lands