

the description of the scenes in Canada, an account of the climate and productions of the country, of the manners and character of the inhabitants, as well as those of the domiciliated Indians, and of the tribes who make excursions to the borders of the extensive lakes.

Mr. Heriot derived great advantage from the documents which he found in the library of the Jesuits, at Quebec; and, he adds, that a considerable portion of the information which he has published, has been obtained from living observations, communicated by gentlemen of undoubted veracity.

It may therefore be imagined, that the work which we are about to analyse, is the most interesting and complete account of Canada which has yet issued from the press.

THE AZORES.

On his way to America, the author touched at the Azores islands, which have so often been cursorily described, as to leave little room for novel observation; yet, as they are the general rendezvous of ships which cross the Atlantic, such particulars as Mr. Heriot has noted respecting them, can neither be deemed inappropriate to our purpose, nor prove unacceptable to our readers; many of whom may anticipate an opportunity of verifying the statements which we are about to lay before them.

It is the general opinion that the rugged precipices of the Azores, which vary in degrees of elevation, as well as in form and extent of bases, owe their origin to violent volcanic eruptions. The tops of the most lofty of these mountains, says Mr. Heriot, are usually discoverable above the clouds, which rest or float upon their sides, and which their stupendous height attracts amid the cooler regions of the atmosphere. The acclivities, in proportion to their distance from the sea, increase in magnitude and elevation, and in many situations abruptly rise into enormous piles, crowned with cliffs naked and barren, except where the sides are sparingly shagged with stunted trees and brushwood. The soil is in general fertile, abounding in corn, grapes, oranges, lemons, and a variety of other fruits; and is likewise favourable for breeding of cattle, sheep, and other animals. Fish of various kinds are found in great abundance all around the coasts; and the woods and high lands present a multitude of birds of different descriptions. Animals of a noxious nature are said to be here unknown. Saint Michael, Santa Maria, Tercera, Saint George, Graciosa, Fayal, Pico, Flores, and Corvo, are the several names by which these islands are distinguished.

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