

traveller is enveloped in buffalo robes; the cap or bonnet, usually made of fur, cover the ears and the greater part of the face, besides which, fur gloves and muffs are indispensable.

The Canadians also contrive in the very coldest weather to keep their habitations perfectly warm and comfortable. In large houses a stove is always placed in the entrance hall, and one on each floor up stairs, from whence flues pass in different directions through the apartments, keeping up a continual glow of heat throughout the house. Many have likewise open fire-places in their sitting-rooms: this is more as affording a cheerful appearance to the room than from necessity, for by the stoves the house may be heated to any degree; they have also, as an additional preventive against cold, recourse to double doors, and double windows about six inches apart. As soon as the winter has passed, the rapid progress of vegetation is astonishing: in a few weeks the fields are clad in the richest verdure, and the trees decked in the gayest foliage: the various productions of the garden make their appearance in quick succession, and the grain sown in May yields a rich harvest by the end of July. Spring has scarcely shown itself, when it is summer. That part of the year, when the seasons are so happily blended together, is de-