

of horses and oxen which they employ as long as the snow remains on the ground, causes a very large consumption of hay and grain, pork, &c., which the farmer can no longer supply in the woods when the snow and the ice have disappeared, there being no roads by which wheeled vehicles can have access to their *shanties*.

Intending settlers who have terrific ideas connected with ice and snow, ought to settle in the far west of Canada; here they will not be much troubled with it. They may, perhaps, have rather more mud than in the more easterly parts, but this evil is in some degree remedied by the increased exertions which are made to provide good roads, and also by the extra amount of *acreable* produce, which, perhaps, enables them to pay more attention to the state of their roads; but of this more hereafter.

During the four winter months, December, January, February and March, the thermometer ranges, on an average, in Toronto (about the centre of the Upper Province) at 20 degrees of Fahrenheit, and during these four months, I venture to say, there are not seven days in any one year in which ladies may not be seen walking for pleasure and health in that beautiful city; and not two days to prevent them in Quebec or Montreal. The air is clear and bracing, and the snow is not attended with that moistening effect which in this country gives such an idea of discomfort, in the shape of wet feet and garments.