

the Eastern Townships, a difference which is considered to be far more than compensated in the excellent roads which the Lower Canadian has been blessed with during those months in which he has to market his produce, procure his stores, and prepare for the ensuing year's operations. In these Townships the snow usually falls about the 20th of November, and remains to the 1st of April, during which interim there are but few days when out-door work, in clearing land, making pot-ash, procuring fencing or building materials, cannot be comfortably or healthfully performed. On the opening of spring, vegetation proceeds with astonishing rapidity, and in the course of a few weeks the whole aspect of nature is changed from dreary winter to the gay summer of the south of France—the inactivity which has characterised the past months must now be thrown aside, and the different field operations of agriculture call for the exertion of the best energies of the farmer.

2. ITS ADAPTABILITY TO MANUFACTURING PURPOSES consists in its unrivalled water-power. The nature of the country being undulating, with beautiful rivers traversing every valley, with occasional rapids in their course, gives rise to this most beneficent of powers to a new country. In every Township, saw and grist mills supply the wants of the Settler in the production of flour, and the furnishing him with timber for building, at a low cost; and those only can appreciate the full advantages of such a state of things who have seen the shifts which people are driven to in flat, level countries, without any running streams; but it is not in these small running streams alone that the Eastern Townships are rich. Many of the larger rivers, the St. Francis for instance, with its head waters in the lake of the