

sometimes rises as much as six feet higher. There is a garrison kept at the castle, consisting of a lieutenant and thirteen men. The French language and Canadian manners prevail even to this place, and French husbandry still spoils their beautiful fields.

To Cheesman's at St. John's, twelve miles. Our ride the whole of this distance was along the river bank, and of course very pleasant. We were of opinion that the volume of water passing here was equal to that in the Connecticut River at Bellows Falls. An island, two or three miles in length, divides the stream about half way between Chambly and St. John's. Above that, it is about half a mile wide, and runs at the rate of two miles an hour. St. John's is the most northerly place to which the vessels which ply on Lake Champlain approach, owing to the shallowness and rapidity of the water below. A ship-of-war is dismantled and laid up here; it has a shed built over its deck, to protect it from the weather, so that, if occasion should require, it might again be made serviceable. We found several vessels in the harbor, sloops and schooners, — viz., the "Constellation," "Hope," "Nancy," &c., — waiting for a favorable wind. There are upon the lake fifteen or twenty vessels in all. They are employed in transporting passengers, in bringing potash, beef, pork, and various kinds of produce, and even articles of foreign merchandise, from the counties bordering on the lake, to this place, and in carrying back heavy foreign goods. One thousand pounds sterling has been collected in a year at the custom-house at St. John's, as a duty, on the single article of tea imported from the United States.

The village of St. John's stands on the west side of