

ation of the different parts of the country. Indeed, it is a pity to see some mistakes in quarters not expected, as to the geographical bearings of places in Canada.

The following remarks I will divide under these heads :—

- I.—The seasons in Canada, and the appearance of the bush.
- II.—The emigrant arriving in Canada, choosing or fixing upon his land, with the character of the soil.
- III.—First operations by an emigrant or settler, with his first winter and summer in Canada.
- IV.—Chopping, clearing, and fencing the land.
- V.—Crops, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, &c.
- VI.—Remarks on the success of emigrants already settled in the townships near the village of Stratford, current coin, or currency, markets, &c. &c.

I.—The seasons in Canada are, I may say, summer and winter, though the general term, “the Fall,” is applied to the period from the end of summer to the beginning of winter. The winter begins by slight frosts in October, fine sunny weather free of frost intervening, and at the end of the month and in part of November, what is called “the Indian Summer,” a period of as beautiful mild weather as in summer, and which is variable in duration from a few days to three or four weeks. This year (1842) it extended, in this part of Canada, to two weeks. There is then a particular haziness in the air, and a *blushing* appearance of the sun, as if the great luminary was afraid to dazzle us, shedding its beams with peculiar mildness. After this, for a short time, is generally open weather, perhaps some rain, frost, and latterly snow. The ground has then its white mantle, and, after this is over, fine sunny days and frosty nights, and then the bustle of a Canadian winter begins. The roads are then travelled by sleighs, peculiar vehicles adapted to the snow-covered roads of Canada. The roads are then in one continued path, or track, the breadth of the sleigh, along which, when the road is once broke in, (which happens in a couple of good days’ sleighing,) the sleigh glides along with ease and quickness. This weather continues, with intermissions of snow, till generally about the 15th of March. The winter is then drawing to an end. As the