

50 miles through a fearful desert and over Mount Paradise, and reached the village of St. Andre, and the far more beautiful town of Kamo Uraski (pronounced Kamorasky) on the St. Lawrence.

The curate of this place is from old France and the inhabitants are very hospitable. From this place it is somewhat more than 100 miles to Quebec, with a famous road. There are many beautiful villages throughout Lower Canada, and the French tongue is every where spoken; but the town of St. Thomas, 40 miles from Quebec, is the most beautiful town in Lower Canada.

I had forgot to mention that near the foot of Mount Paradise there is a pillar set up as the boundary between New-Brunswick and Lower Canada. On this pillar the travellers through the desert have endeavored to perpetuate their names. Here I read the names of Sir George Prevost and a variety of other travellers of distinction, and am informed that Sir George, on his death bed, in London, attributed his last illness to his dreadful journey through the desert from Lower Canada to New-Brunswick, in the accomplishing of which, to my certain knowledge he suffered incredible hardships. — You meet with the image of Christ on the cross, as large as the life set up by the highways, as in Portugal and other Roman Catholic countries. The churches are very numerous throughout the country, and the inside of them make a continued glare and glitter, so as to dazzle the eyes of the beholders. Ten thousand gilded stars shine from the arched ceilings. The walls are covered with pictures, lighted wax tapers of uncommon length, are suspended in glass vehicles; and the altars are covered with gold and silver ornaments; and above all is a pathetic representation of Christ on the cross. The vestments of the priests are rich and gaudy, and their sermons are delivered with considerable eloquence.

The Roman Catholic clergy I believe every where inculcate good works, and here I cannot but call to mind a sermon which I heard delivered at Halifax, by Father Burke, an Irish priest and vicar general of the British provinces, from the 16th chapter of St. Luke, concerning the rich man and the beggar; but I was sorry to see that the effect of this discourse produced imposition upon this poor Irish congregation, for when we came out of the