

CHAPTER V.

THERE are more signs of amusement on the Canadian, than on the American side; at the Falls I noticed many English sporting dogs, setters, and hounds about, and here I see from advertisements that "gentlemen of the hunt" are about to have their annual steeple-chase. If amusements are rife, so also is labour in great demand. Masons are wanted at $2\frac{1}{2}$ dollars (10s. 5d.) a day, a higher price than I have yet observed.

There are, however, two great drawbacks to this country (Canada). The first is, its distance from the sea, which will always hinder its being a great commercial country, as the St. Lawrence, its natural outlet, is frozen up great part of the year; and the second is, the dearness of fuel. Coal, at Montreal, was selling 60s. the chaldron, and at Toronto, at 40s. Though this is currency money, and about one-fifth must be deducted for the English value, yet the price is very large, and must operate severely upon the poor, and prevent the peopling the country, where the winter is so long and severe. As yet this inconvenience has been but slightly felt, on account of the abundance of wood, but as the land is cleared, it will be experienced more and more every year. Professor Johnston, in his remarks on the agricultural resources of New Brunswick,