

strongest possible test, by establishing himself for two months (beginning in the middle of October) in a wigwam amid the depths of the forest and on the banks of the river, where he remained utterly cut off from human intercourse, and unable even to leave his self-chosen prison till half-way through December, when the Tobique was so completely frozen over as to make for him a road back to the settled part of the country. This enterprise was so unusual, and considered so perilous, that few, when he started, expected to see him again; and great was the wonder and curiosity, not only in the rough settlements of New Brunswick, but in the *salons* of Fredericton (of which latter the Journal says nothing) on his return.

He came to the conclusion, as far as his own experience enabled him to judge, that the chances of success were not in the emigrant's favour. But he recorded his impressions of his voyage out there, of his short sojourn in St. John and Fredericton, and of his two months' solitude in a forest wigwam, in letters and a diary; full of interest to those for whom they were designed—selections from which, though after the lapse