

Province of Upper-Canada, whose settlements are rapidly extending themselves in that direction, and on the borders of the Ottawa itself.

Taking a more enlarged and comprehensive view of the lands in the rear of the existing settlements, and lying between the Ottawa, the Saint Lawrence, and the North-West boundary of this Province, we find an immense territory, yet unexplored and unknown, the survey and knowledge whereof might afford numerous advantages and resources to this Colony, and to the State at large, by increasing both the agricultural and commercial interests of the country; and obtain, in the course of the survey, new materials for improving the science of philosophy in its various branches, natural history, mineralogy, &c. &c. which are objects not less important in their consequences, and would tenfold compensate for the expenses incurred in the attainment of so desirable and extensive an information.

View of the country North of the existing Settlements, and natural wealth of the Colony.

Lower-Canada comprehends an extent of territory of about 150,000 superficial miles; of that great superficies not more than about 25 to 30,000 may be said to have been explored and tolerably known, and about one-half thereof actually surveyed: therefore it appears that about 4-5ths of Lower-Canada remain unexplored and but little known, and

Extent of territory.