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philanthropy which teaches us to confider the whole human race, however marked by particular fects or profeffions, as the children of one common parent. The city contains feveral churches and monaftries, and, together with the whole province, makes profeffion of the Roman Catholic faith. In no part of the world have the people of that perfuafion agreed better with the Protestants than here. The numbers of all the Canadians, taken collectively, may probably exceed 300,000; and their general characteristic is industry and humanity, in which the clergy frequently fet the most laudable examples.

The River St Laurence is navigable no further for fhips of burthen than to Montreal, above which it becomes rocky, and difficult to proceed upon, having a rapid current continually running to the eaftward from Lake Ontario, 160 miles diftant from Montreal, and is there called the lroquois River, after the Indian nations of that Fi ar ne or na

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