

has been derived from persons, whose knowledge of the country extended no further than Halifax, which, with two or three exceptions on the Atlantic side of the Province, is the only place visited by fog. In the interior, the sky is clear and serene the greatest part of the year. The air is more temperate than could be expected. This arises as in Scotland, "partly from the variety of its hills, valleys, rivers, lakes, and still more from its almost insular situation, and vicinity to the sea, which afford those warm breezes that not only soften the natural keenness of the air, but by keeping it in perpetual agitation, render it pure and healthy." What Charles the second observed of England, may with great propriety be applied to Nova Scotia. He said he thought that the best climate, where he could be abroad in the air with pleasure, or at least without inconvenience or trouble, the most days in the year. If this be the test of a good climate, this country may be allowed a very tolerable one. There seldom occurs a day too hot or too cold for travelling. In the spring during April and part of May, the wind is often from the eastward which occasions a cloudy rainy atmosphere. The rest of the year has a very large proportion of agreeable clear weather. It has been observed, that the winters are less uniformly cold than formerly, and that of late years, the storms of snow are neither so frequent or so heavy. The same remark has been made in Canada and in the United States. An intelligent priest, in the island of Orleans, kept for half a century, a correct meteorological table, and his successor continued it for eight years longer. The result of their observations tended to prove, that the medium of cold in winter had diminished eight degrees in that period. Dr. Williams in his history of Vermont observes that by "remarks I made in the university of Cambridge for seven years, from 1780 till 1788, I found the mean heat in the month of December to be 29 deg. 4 min. in January it was 22 deg. 5 min. and in February it was 23 deg. 9 min. These numbers express the present temperature at Boston. If this computation be admitted, the change of temperature at Boston, from the year 1630 to 1788, must have been from ten to twelve degrees." Dr. Mease in his philosophical observations on the climate of Philadelphia, observes that a considerable change has taken place in the climate of Philadelphia, in common with the state at large, during the last forty years.