

The population of Upper Canada has of late years been considerably augmented; and there still is, from other remote countries, an annual influx of strangers. Since the earlier settlers came thither, the indigenous inhabitants have been observed to undergo a gradual diminution; and of those numerous nations who once peopled the present cultivated tracts of the country, not many are at present to be found.

The rude physiognomy of nature is now softening by degrees to the labours of industry. Villages are seen rising in different parts of the province, and their enclosures, running backwards into the woods, give to the neighbourhood which they surround, a considerable degree of order and regularity. A prospect so pleasing to contemplate, in contrast with a scene of solitude and desolation, naturally leads the mind to anticipate the future grandeur of this majestic country, when an increase of population shall cover its surface, and when those bounties, which nature at present scatters so profusely