

with the exception of wine, the charge for lodging, with four meals per day, is one dollar and a half each person, or about six shillings and eightpence sterling. One of the principal attractions in the environs of Montreal is the Island of St. Helen's, or Giant's Island, which has recently been purchased at an enormous price by the British Government as a military dépôt. This beautiful spot should be visited by strangers, as well as the Mountain of Montreal, where the luxury of extensive and grand scenery may be fully enjoyed.

The climate of Canada is undoubtedly very severe, and the heat and cold go to great extremes: the thermometer frequently rises in summer to 96°, and in winter the mercury often freezes. The winter season begins at the end of October, and continues till April, during which period the ground is seldom free from snow. In January, February, and March, the frost is very intense. At this season the largest rivers are frozen over, and navigation suspended. Although the air is so extremely cold, it is so serene and clear, and the inhabitants so well defended against it, that it is neither unhealthy nor unpleasant. The extremes of heat and cold are startling, yet the very sudden transitions which in other climates