

of four officers from Halifax, who were hunting the country forty miles from us. These gentlemen had met with bad luck, having only killed two deer between them in a month. They were also short of provisions, but luckily we had some to spare, including a lot of dried meat. We afterwards sent up half a barrel of flour and a canoe to one of them, directing him to our camp in the hills, whither he proceeded with an Indian and met with some sport. We had dried a large quantity of venison, which the Indians carefully packed to take home for their winter use.

The autumn tints were now in all their glory, and the scenery of the lakes presented quite a different aspect from that we had so much admired on our arrival, if anything it was more beautiful.

The trees in Newfoundland do not turn so suddenly as in other parts of North America, where, as I have before mentioned, three sharp frosts will change the colour of the whole foliage. The cause of this is, that the winter comes on much more gradually in Newfoundland. Up to the beginning of October we had only had two frosts at night, and those not severe, though the