

CRANBERRY MARSH AND SICKNESS.

THIS infernal place lies between the Rideau Lake and Lake Ontario; the route of the Rideau canal goes directly through it. The dimensions are about eighteen miles long, and in some places about two miles broad. It is almost covered with extensive *flats* of cranberry bushes: these have long tangled roots above eight feet long; so the bushes, although rooted in the marsh, swim on the surface of the fetid waters. Round the flats are little winding navigable paths for canoes: to keep the right ones in going through the marsh is a thing of much difficulty; and if a person jumps out of the canoe on to the cranberry *flats*, these slowly sink with him, and he shortly discovers that he has got down to his middle. The berries are very plentiful; they are globose, transparent, of a yellowish colour, sometimes marked with little black spots;