

large branches and stems of the fir-tree are placed at legitimate distances to indicate the path a well-conditioned Canadian should travel ; and these equi-distant evergreens, planted on either side of the levelled road, bear no slight resemblance to the formal fringes of poplars which skirt a highway in France. On the occasion I am recording, the Pont having firmly taken, roads were cut through the wedges of ice in every direction, and, if I remember rightly, the solid junction between the two shores took place in the early part of December.

The setting-in of the winter in Canada is the signal for fun, feasting, and frolic : it is the merchant's holiday ; and at this season the civillians of the Lower Town, whose occupations have kept them chained to the desk in their counting-houses during the summer months, deep in the mysteries of the relative value of red and white deals, pitch pine timber, shingles, flour, and corn-meal, have an opportunity of mixing with and enjoying the society of their military