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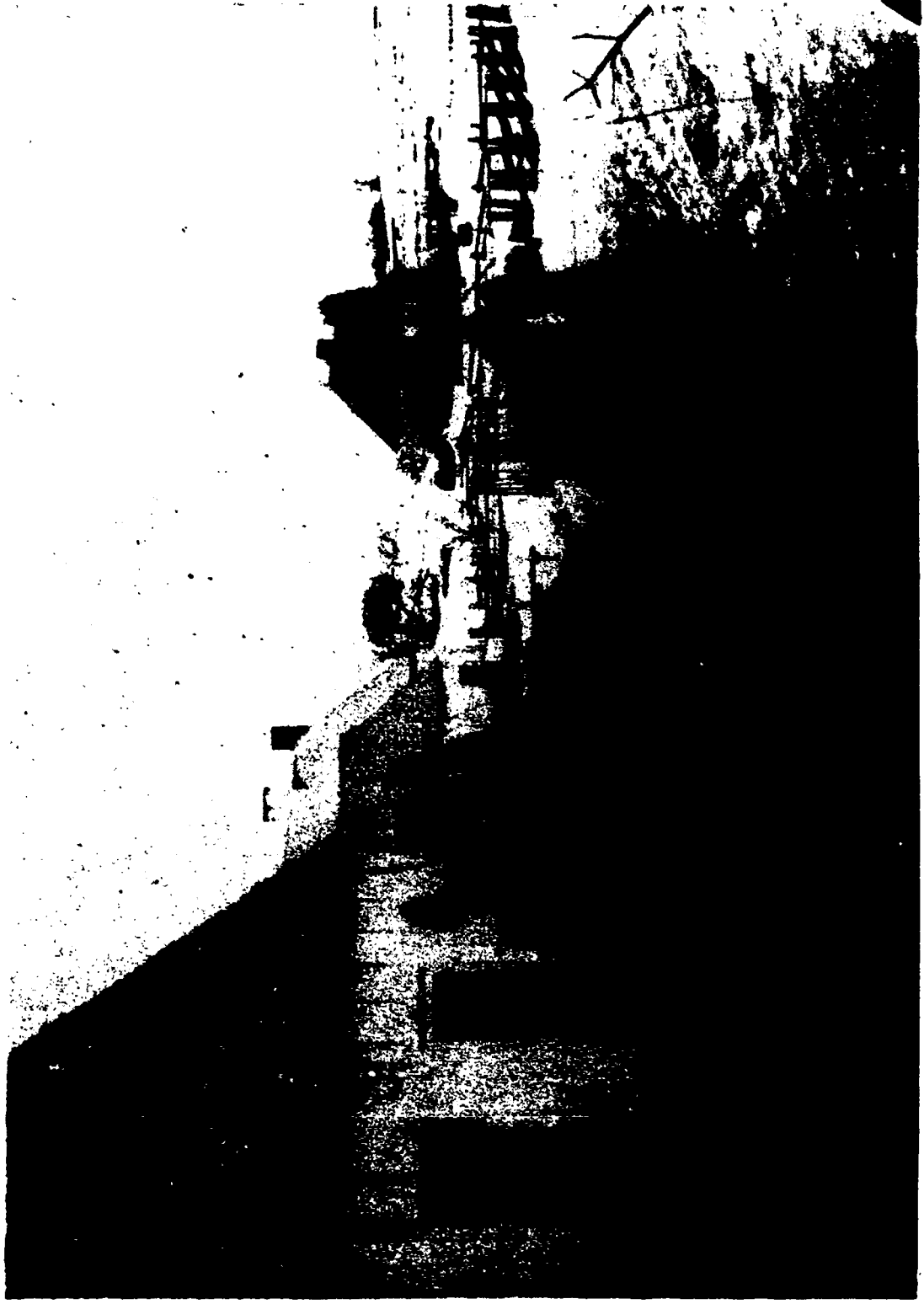
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*Arabian Cottages.  
Lower Canada.*

*Photographed by  
J. W. Langdon.*

## WINTER SCENE IN LOWER CANADA.

THE subject of our present number is "French Canadian," or "habitant ;" such as may be seen every where in the country parts of Lower Canada. The 39th Regiment will, perhaps, recognize in our photograph, the vicinity of their encampment upon the Island of Orleans, in the summer of 1858.

We have purposely avoided city improvements, the residences of the wealthy, and buildings having grand habitant-galleries, for those of the ordinary well-to-do farmer, who drives to church in a comfortable suit of *étouffe du pays*, and often, when necessary, can come to the city in a suit of black.

These buildings, though not having finish or elegance, are substantial and weather proof, clean and neat. The large barns and wood piles are an indication of the good cheer of their owners. Dwellings such as these are to be seen in one continuous line along the banks of the Lower St. Lawrence, for hundreds of miles.