

milk. If there should be no marsh ground to the farm, where fodder may be cut for the Winter, the new settler will be obliged to buy hay till he can raise some from the woodland. When he has purchased these necessities, he has then to encounter with the most difficult part of his farm, which is to begin to clear away the woods. This labour is differently pursued, according to the judgment of different persons: some grub up the small trees and underwood by the roots; these are burnt on the ground; and the large trees they girdle, by cutting a rim of the bark round the tree, which kills it, and lets in the sun to the ground; they then plant potatoes and grain between the trees; but, for the most part, the inhabitants cut all the trees down from two to three feet above the ground, and cut them into ten or twelve feet lengths, and pile and burn them. But some think the best way is, to take a crop or two at most off the ground, and then lay it down to grass; and in a few years, the roots of the stumps will get sufficiently rotten, so that a man or two, with two pair of bullocks, and a chain fixed round the tops of the stumps, will get up as many in a day as they would in a month were they to attempt it when the stumps were green. The new farmer should aim to be there as early in the Spring as possible, by which means he may get sufficient land cleared, at least to get a good crop of potatoes in the ground, and other vegetables: the potatoes would not only serve his family, but he might have plenty to keep a sufficient number of hogs through the Winter, so as to supply him with meat the ensuing year. He might likewise sow some wheat in the Autumn between the stumps; some hoe it in, others only harrow it in; and some there are that will plough between the stumps with a short one-handled plough; and good crops have been produced by either method. If the person has no sons of his own, capable of assisting him in the labour, he would do well to take a stout boy or two with him, who might be indented to him till they were twenty-one years of age: these boys would be of great service to a new settler. It is recommended to new settlers, to plant an orchard as early as possible, as the young trees will be growing while the stumps are decaying. This has been much neglected by the early settlers, only a few of late years have attended to it. Many of the inhabitants who live in log-houses, as above described, seem to feel but little emulation to build themselves better habitations, although they have abundance of property and opportunity for the purpose. This may arise either from habit, or from their having been accustomed to small cottages in the country they have left. It is recommended to persons who may emigrate to this Island, to bring their bedding and kitchen utensils, and as much wearing apparel as convenient, as the prices on the articles which are brought from England are much advanced, especially in war-time.