

can find any difficulty in paying such a quit-rent : and it is in fact more advantageous to the settler to obtain clear lands at this rate, than a gratuitous present of a lot entirely covered with wood, on which four or five pounds per acre must be expended before the soil can even receive the rays of the sun ; and where 15 or 20 years must elapse, before it can be disencumbered of the roots and stumps, and all the obstacles to cultivation, from which the land on Red River is by nature free. Nothing therefore but an adequate population is wanting to render these lands highly valuable to the proprietors.

By means of the arrangements, of which a sketch has been given, the conveyance of emigrants to this settlement may be effected at a moderate price, probably not materially different from that which must be paid for a passage to any other part of America ; and when the superior advantages of the soil of Ossiniboia are more generally understood, the settlers will not be limited to those who require the aid of a loan.—At all events, the Fund vested in the hands of the Trustees will be the means of bringing a constant influx of people ; and with the prospects arising from the natural increase of population, the value of land will soon rise in proportion to its natural advantages. There can be no doubt that in the course