

Sequestered from the means of acquiring a knowledge of God and of themselves, and following the depraved propensities of nature, many have contracted habits, and acquired a character not many degrees above absolute barbarism.

This will not exactly apply to those parts of the island, which from local and political causes have concentrated their population. The continual influx of foreign news, and itinerant speculators; with the improvements of which associated bodies are more susceptible, operate strongly in their favour.

At the time Mr. Jones commenced his beneficent labours, a moral darkness enveloped the island. Few were the avowed worshippers of God in "spirit and in truth." Whatever

ther without herculean labour and pains. The coasts swarm with fish, and the country abounds with wood.

To the Agriculturist Newfoundland promises nothing. The soil is bad and superficial. Vegetation is rapid but confined, owing to the humidity of the atmosphere, the sudden transitions to which the climate is subject, and the transient duration of the season. Common hortulan plants grow very well, because soon matured, and without much trouble.

The country is of an irregular surface, and is covered with wood, and intersected by morasses and large ponds, as to defy the courage of him that would explore it. The Aborigines have never been civilized, but remain in their original state of barbarism and independence.

Minerals and Flowers abound in this country, and unfold a wide expanse to the eye of criticism. But as the knowledge of the Sciences is confined to few, the ignorant observer of nature's works, passes by woods and metals without notice, or beholds them with indifference. He sees no beauty, no grandeur, where the Metallurgist and Botanist discern harmony, proportion and design.

The settlers are absorbed in the Fishery. It is the exclusive trade of the island, and is therefore the object of universal pursuit. The interests of individuals ultimately terminate in the aggregate interests of the fishery. As an establishment of this kind it is the first in the world, and is pregnant with immense advantages to individuals and the nation.

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