

both employments. —Every little Cove contains a few families—those who live within reach of the harbour of Halifax, and other towns, resort to their markets with fresh fish at times ;—but the general and greater number of those who are engaged in the shore fishery, are much secluded ; and, on that account, even though the practice would admit of improvement, it would be almost impossible to introduce any,—but, in fact, it is of a nature not susceptible of any improvement whatever.—Many attempts have been made to extend some encouragement to these people, but the abuses have been such that in whatever way given, they have never been steadily pursued ; which is of itself an obstacle, in all cases, sufficient to prevent any good effects, even though the object itself were otherwise attainable. The best means of extending encouragement to the shore fishery, is by a steady supply of salt, at a reasonable price. Bounties have been sometimes given upon the quintal ;—but the effects are felt no longer than the bounty lasts. A bounty so bestowed, though it should exhaust the Treasury, would never improve the Fishery.

The subject of Bounties has long engaged the attention of the Legislature of the Province ; and, owing to the various means through which they can be extended, and on which they can be applied—no steady experiment has ever been pursued on any one object. The foregoing facts therefore have been stated, and the reasoning made use of has been applied to those facts, principally with the design of fixing upon some means through which the drooping commerce of this Province may be encouraged and directed into new channels, or the old ones revived and improved.

There have often been invidious distinctions made between the commercial and agricultural interests of this Province. To refuse effectually a position so unauthorised, a reference need only be made to the Table No. 2, and then let such persons as have suffered themselves to be warped by so strange a theory, be asked, whether or not a full supply of those articles of Agriculture ; the Fisheries ; Miscellanies, and from the Woods, would furnish employment to the residents of Nova-Scotia ; and if the answer proves to be in the affirmative, let such persons then point out the means by which those articles are to be conveyed to market. The Committee know of none—unless it be through the medium of commercial men. There are very few articles contained in the list in question No. 2, but what are carried to the West-Indies, by the States Americans ; and if the people of these Provinces expect to exclude the American vessels from thence, they will find it to be necessary that every branch of employment furnishing the articles contained in the list No. 2, should meet suitable encouragement, in order that they may be carried there, and bring back those returns, without which, there can arise no revenue. Those who supply timber will soon discover that no vessels will arrive