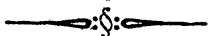


FIRST REPORT of the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the internal resources of the Province in its Agriculture and Exports, and the practicability and means of enlarging them, also to consider of the expediency of granting encouragement to Domestic Manufactures.



YOUR Committee fully impressed with the importance of the subject referred to them, have not failed to give it their most mature consideration.

To simplify and facilitate their enquiries, it was deemed expedient to arrange them under separate heads, and your Committee have received great assistance from numerous written communications made to them by intelligent individuals, to whom (from an anxiety to submit to your Honorable House an extensive view of this important enquiry) your Committee had, at an early period after their appointment, written on the subject.

The several heads of enquiry to which your Committee directed their attention were,

1st—As to what may be deemed the internal resources of the Province in its Agriculture and Exports?

2d—The quantity of our Staple articles exported?

3d—The value of such Resources, and whether any, and if any, what material depression has occurred therein, and the causes thereof?

4th—Whether, and if so in what degree, are these affected by the intercourse between the Provinces of Canada and the United States, and between this Province and Lower Canada?

5th—How far these are affected by the restrictive policy of the Mother Country?