

of procedure customary in Great Britain. To those who have been engaged in the fisheries on our coasts, or in our rivers, there cannot, in all the world, be a more suitable choice; and there is no part of the American continent that can compete with it in wholesome, suitable, and cheap timber for ship-building; for, besides other descriptions, I consider the Nova Scotia oak, when properly seasoned, as good as any for this purpose except British or African oak. The vicinity of all sorts of wood to the coast reduces the prices to little more than the mere expense of cutting.

To the enterprising capitalist, the vast mineral wealth offers a source of unbounded and richly remunerative occupation. The Americans are aware of this, and would rejoice more in the annexation of Nova Scotia than of any other province to their Union. As it is, I am authentically informed that several have been recently perambulating the country with the secret purpose of ascertaining where the richest and most workable deposits are situated, and on what terms they might secure them by purchase, but ostensibly with a different object in view. They will not now long allow these valuable treasures to remain useless or hidden in the earth, if continued to be neglected by those who ought naturally to use the means of developing them.

I would not be tedious, although I could enlarge much more on every point, did I consider it necessary. Other countries may hold out greater inducements in some single respects, but there are none that can offer so many aggregate advantages, especially to British emigrants. There we have a home prepared, suitable to all our habits and pursuits, in every respect adapted to our constitutions and mode of living, and comparatively quite at hand. It is no argument to ask why such a country has been neglected so long—there is a time appointed for every