

This state of things my friends ought no longer to continue—we are more or less blameable in numberless cases. Let us in God's name, try to better our condition, it can be done: where there is a will there is a way; let us exert ourselves more, economise, leave off unnecessary foolish dress, apply ourselves more to solid, industrial pursuits; make the most part of our clothing; we have the material. Shun the Shops as much as possible, except for ready pay, and carefully husband the resources which the Almighty's bounty so plentifully bestows on us.

To continue the Gaspé Branch of the Agricultural Society, under the special patronage of Messrs. John and Joseph Eden, the Proprietors. A word or two more on the system, the reflections which will arise out of it as we go along, may help us; at least they will be of use on their own account, and you can ponder over them at your leisure.

The object of these two men before named is to receive a certain sum from the government by showing a fictitious amount, said to be subscribed and paid into the Secretary Treasurer, (Honest Joe's) hands at Gaspé Basin, and after compassing their wish on the receipt of the government bounty, to be paid (in part only) to a set of miserable scramblers of their own stamp, the most part already taken up in dress, tea, or clothes, from the President or Mr. *Secretary's* Snip.

This requires a thorough and searching investigation from its first commencement, and it is a growing evil which ought not in a civilized community to exist. It should be expunged from the locality, and not permitted a day longer *even to be named*. It having hitherto been known to be a master piece of fraud and systematic villainy, concocted, and upheld to fill John and Joe Eden's basket.

In order to avoid all common place-cant as much as I can, I will say, because I think it, that 'tis not a breach of Christian Charity, to think or speak of our neighbours.

We cannot avoid it, our opinion must follow the evidence we see, circumstances, time, and chance alters cases, and 'tis our duty to speak what our opinions are when we find persons placed in authority, (forgetting themselves) acting inconsistently and prejudicial to our interests, wishes, and feelings; and when we are made to smart and suffer for their uncalled and unwarrantable doings. But, God forbid that this should ever be done but from its best motive, the sense of what is due to justice, governed by discretion, and the utmost fellow feeling.