

other vessels are sent to other markets with the picked fish, or to England with the oil, and return in time for the ensuing season about the 20th of March. In this manner, every person from the boy to the Skipper is stimulated to exertion; and, at the end of the season, he knows accurately what he is to receive. The owner in the mean time makes advances to each person's family as previously directed, and the whole is conducted in the most perfect harmony and regularity, upon principles and ancient habits that are known to every one, and cannot admit of wrangling or cavil.

Some vessels make only one trip to the Banks between the 20th of March and the 20th of May; and then go to the Labrador, returning from thence about the 20th of September; and then one other voyage to the Banks before the end of November, which always closes the fishing season.—At the Labrador, the crews fish on the same, or nearly the same principle of shares, but with this difference, that when the fish are cured on the spot, which is not always the case, a portion of the crew is employed on shore to dry the fish. Perhaps, as was before stated, the Merchant owns ten or twelve of these vessels, all of which he sends to the Labrador in company with a ship or brig, and a supracargo on board, who delivers out the stores and superintends the whole of the fleet; the ship also fishing with the rest, having a proportioned crew. At the end of the season the whole *Catch* is culled;—The Supercargo dispatches the small vessels with the green and refuse fish to their home, having settled all accounts with every crew. The ship or brig is loaded with the best of the fish, and with the supracargo proceeds to the Mediterranean, Spain, Portugal, Madeira or the Azores, where he disposes of his cargo, and thence returns home with a cargo, or a freight of fruits and wines in time, by the 20th of May, to proceed again in the same round, as he had done the year before.

Under such a scene of activity, annually pursued by a set of people, the steady inhabitants of the same harbour, and who by intermarriages are generally related, can it be wondered at that, they are thriving and harmonious?—and yet, it may, with confidence be asked, is there any thing in all this practice, but may be accurately imitated by these Colonies, provided they possess the same inclination, the same perseverance, and the same legislative encouragement?

The Nova-Scotia Shore fishery for Cod, is carried on in boats which seldom go out of sight of land, and are usually at home every night. The people are seldom much above poverty, for none but those will engage in an employment of such fatigue as it is. Judging comparatively with the fish brought to market, it occupies a great deal too many people. But the quality of the fish is esteemed superior in general to those taken and salted on the banks. The same person is usually both a Fisherman and Farmer, and thereby spoils