

little influence upon the mass of laboring Proprietors, who Cultivate their own Lands and depend upon the produce for subsistence.

Hemp grows well in Canada and the rind has proved to be of very good quality. It is a fit first Crop for all newly cleared lands of good quality. These generally, are too rich for a Grain Crop till they have been reduced by a root Crop, which is hardly ever wanted to the extent of the whole of the new clearings—Hemp also answers well on all old lands richly manured, and brought into a State of Garden Culture. The Expense and the quantity of manure for any great extent of it, would be great and hinder other Culture which is considered to be indispensable.

From 1793 to 1816. The price of Wheat in Canada was so high as to leave no inducement to try any other Article of Culture, particularly one which is not an Article of food and for which there was no certain and ready demand.

Wheat which forms the Chief Article of food in the Country requires to be sown in quantity sufficient in the event of a bad year, still to ensure a sufficiency of food. All the labour that can be spared is generally and may be safely laid out on its Culture. If the season prove favorable the surplus finds a sale at the farmers' own door. Hemp does not offer the same advantages. It might be Cultivated in small patches about the Houses; but what is to be done with it after it is Cultivated—It may be known how it is to be sown to produce the best rind—When the two sorts are be pulled, how prepared; yet what is to be done with it? Carry it to the Town? Who will buy it? What price? Take it to the Naval Yard at Kingston in Upper-Canada or look out for an Agent? Carry it round the Shops to look for a purchaser and not one to be found; who knows the Article or thinks it worth buying? Yet under these circumstances it is sometimes thought wonderful that the Canadian farmers do not Cultivate Hemp! The only wonder is that there should be any person who can expect, that under such circumstances they will attempt to Cultivate it.

To give them a fair trial, samples of Hemp dressed as it is required, with the price per pound, ought to be sent to every *Marchand* in the Country:—Let him shew the Article and offer the price in ready money; if it is a remunerating price, the article will certainly be produced in abundance. Short printed directions might also be placed with the *Marchand*; but they must be *very short and sure*, otherwise better have none, but merely say to be Cultivated the same as flax but only thinner and prepared in the same way, *to be produced like the sample*.

I have been told that in Russia the whole of the Hemp is grown in small patches near the Houses.