

Boston, in the year 1639; and was for some years the general asylum for such as suffered from the spirit of persecution. Those whom Mr. Neale calls the sectaries, were such as espoused the covenant of grace, and on that account were persecuted by those who held the covenant of works; and there were for many years great contentions between them and their neighbours, the Massachusetts. But since there have been two churches in the island, the one Presbyterian, and the other according to the Church of England, they are tolerably good neighbours.

Rhode Island is, with justice, called the Paradise of New England, for the fruitfulness of the soil, and the temperateness of the climate; which, though not above sixty miles south of Boston, is much warmer in the winter, and, being surrounded by the ocean, is not so much affected by the land-breezes as the towns on the continent are. There is a very considerable trade carried on from hence to the sugar-colonies, with butter and cheese, horses, sheep, beef, pork, tallow, timber, frames for houses, &c. The pleasantness of the island invited so many planters hither, that it was in a few years overstocked, and some of them were obliged to return to the continent, where they purchased a tract of land, now covered with the towns of Providence and Warwick. It is indeed no wonder that this province should be so well peopled, if we consider its happy situation for trade, the goodness of its climate, and that there has been for some years an unlimited freedom of religion.

Hudson's Bay, or Streight, is in the N. part of Canada, in North America, where the English company, of the same name, have several settlements and forts, who, by their agents, carry on here a traffic with the native Indians for beaver-skins and other valuable furs to a considerable