

that in all new undertakings there may be some hazard of success; we have old habits and prejudices to overcome; different interests to reconcile; but that ordeal is passed and that risk I first took on myself, that I might mislead no one. I am happy to say, that although I had to contend with many difficulties and impositions, yet the result has been favorable, and the enterprize crowned with success.

With a view to facilitate and encourage the growth of hemp by our land owners, I built some hemp mills, and provided the farmer with good seed—and although we had an unfavourable season, our crops on good land were excellent, averaging about a ton to every three acres. I feel then confident that when the process and advantage of the hemp husbandry is better understood, it will by degrees become popular and be more generally sown. While we read of the "march of intellect" in other parts of the Globe, of their new inventions, and various improvements, are the Canadas alone, with a soil and climate in their favour, to remain stationary? are we only to toil for a bare living on our farms? But to proceed—Gentlemen, this province, so fruitful in its resources, seems to further require a produce and a valuable raw material suitable to the English market and of demand in Europe; which shall enrich the farmer and afford us that circulating medium so much wanted among us. From the observations and calculations which I have made, I have reason to believe, the general cultivation and manufacture of hemp in the Canadas, would in time effect this grand object, and at the same time, much raise this colony in the estimation of the mother country and the mercantile world.

The strength and quality of the hemp grown here last season has been satisfactory, and a sample of it, which I had the honor of presenting to the Lieutenant Governor at my mills, was forwarded to Commodore Barry at Kingston, who pronounced it to be as good as the Riga or Peterboro' hemp. On this assurance the British Government have offered to spend from 1 to £200,000 a year with this Colony in the purchase of good hemp, if we will but grow the article and earn the money. I myself have received an order for twenty tons, at £50 the ton. It seems then gentlemen to rest with the land owners whether we shall avail ourselves of the