

tain; here, as soon as the winter garment melts and discovers the surface made brown and russet by long continued frost, the animating rays of the Sun, in latitude 46 deg. arouse the dormant but refreshed powers of the earth, which soon assumes a beautiful verdure, and continues to give evidence of its fertility, until the commencement of Winter. Grain sown in May may be reaped in August.* The general face of the country is only a little uneven or undulated, but in some parts hills are found of moderate height, and few countries have a greater uniformity of soil; or, according to their extent, so small a portion of land wholly incapable of cultivation: none can be better watered—for it abounds in navigable rivers, fresh water brooks, and springs of excellent quality.

Mode of Tenure.—Upon the conquest of the Island from the French, about 70 years since, it was granted by the British Government, in Townships of 20,000 acres each; whereby the Colony sustained a deep and lasting injury. Had so fertile a country continued Crown land, and been granted to actual settlers in quantities of land equal, or proportioned to their means of improvement, the greater part of it would now be occupied by men of talent and capital, and in a high state of improvement—what might not the Island in such circumstances have done!

The Proprietors themselves, also, have been too generally negligent of their property. Living

* Although Prince Edward Island shares not the wild extravagancies and romantic scenery which characterize her neighbours, the Traveller will be delighted with her milder and more feminine beauties and graces; nor will the sentimentalist want subjects for his pen, when he contemplates the azure expanse of ocean, the noble navigable river and its busy craft, the alternate forest, of varied hue, and the well cultivated farm, displaying the solid supports and comforts of the rural life—but the sole object of the writer of these hints is to make them useful to Emigrants, by detailing only such facts and circumstances as may benefit and assist the Emigrant in the serious affair of beginning the world in a young country.