

ment of their lands, and in all the arts connected with agriculture? Why does even the small portion of land which is cleared, still yield so small a part of the riches which might be drawn from it? Why is it so difficult to promote the raising of hemp, even after all competent judges are satisfied of its being advantageous to the proprietor, and suitable to the climate of the country? The answer to all these questions, must be the same. It is the entire ignorance of the land-cultivators that arrests the progress of these necessary arts. Their general ignorance cuts them off from all knowledge of the new and superior methods of treating the soil, or the grain, or of improving the breed of domestic animals. It does more than even preclude them from the knowledge of improvements. It confirms their prejudices in favour of all previous habits, and of all ancient errors. It prevents them from adopting even those improvements, which they see introduced by others.

Of all the diseases which afflict the human race, that which cuts off the greatest number of lives prematurely, is understood to be the small-pox. And yet, there is not another, of which the means of prevention are so certain, or so easily applied. It is, therefore, melancholy to reflect, that ignorance, and the prejudices arising from it, should deprive vast numbers of men of almost every nation, of the means of escaping this fatal calamity. Till the Canadian peasantry shall receive some portion of instruction, it is not to be expected, that they can derive any considerable advantage from the Jennerian Discovery. A practice which would annually save