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Some are of opinion that the fishery of sturgeons, which abound in Hudson's river, might be improved much to the advantage of the colony; and that, if proper measures were concerted, much profit would arise from ship-building and naval stores. It is certain they have timber in vast plenty, oak, white and black pines, fir, locust, red and white mulberry, and cedar; and perhaps there is no soil on the globe, fitter for the production of hemp than the low lands in the county of Albany. With regard to iron ore, a necessary article, we shall add an extract from the Independent Reflector, a paper lately published in America.

‘ It is generally believed, that this province abounds with a variety of minerals. Of iron in particular we have such plenty, as to be excelled by no country in the world of equal extent. It is a metal of intrinsic value beyond any other, and preferable to the purest gold. The former is converted into numberless forms, for as many indispensable uses; the latter, for its portableness and scarcity, is only fit for a medium of trade: but iron is a branch of it, and I am persuaded will, one time or other, be one of the most valuable articles of our commerce. Our annual exports to Boston, Rhode-Island and Connecticut, since the late act of parliament, to England, are far from being inconsiderable. The bodies of iron ore in the northern parts of this province are so many, their quality so good, and their situation so convenient, in respect of wood, water, hearth-stone, proper fluxes, and carriages, for furnaces, bloomeries, and forges, that with a little attention we might very soon rival the Swedes in the

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