

by which this important object may be best effected, it will be for you to devise. I will merely observe in recommending the subject generally to your attention, that besides the usual objects of importing Stock Cattle, models of improved Agricultural Implements, Seed and the like, the plan, not only not expensive, but quite capable, if properly managed, of being made to pay its own expenses, of *Experimental Farms*,—of which the principal objects are practically to demonstrate, not only the best mode of cultivating particular crops, but also to shew what crops are best adapted to particular soils and situations, and therefore likely to be most productive and remunerative, and perhaps above all to ensure a supply of pure, unmixed seed—has been found eminently useful and successful in Great Britain.

“ With regard to another valuable branch of Provincial enterprise, viz. ‘The Coast and Harbour Fisheries,’ all the information which has reached me on this very interesting subject has tended to satisfy my mind that a Bounty, judiciously guarded against abuse, might at the present juncture be very beneficial; on this subject I shall lay before you Petitions which have been transmitted to me from the County of Charlotte.

“ The Report of a Geological survey and exploration of a section of the Province will be laid upon your Table, and I trust to your liberality to enable me to continue so useful a research.

“ Upon a subject of so much importance to a rising and essentially agricultural Colony as that of the survey of its lands, I would offer the following observations: The necessity of promptly providing for the Loyalists and disbanded Troops, at the first settlement of this Province, appears to have led to a hasty and in many respects inaccurate mode of making those surveys, in which generally speaking the lots appear to have been marked only on the front, without any extension or marks of the other boundaries: this imperfect mode of survey has necessarily occasioned much confusion, and consequent litigation, which as lands become more valuable, is likely to increase. To obviate these evils for the future, as well as to provide for the reception of Emigrants, and to facilitate the settlement of the rapidly increasing population of this Province, I would propose that the practice of granting isolated Lots, to be selected at the will of the applicant, should be discontinued, and that situations well adapted and likely to be taken up for immediate settlement, should be selected by the Government, particularly upon the Great Roads, either already laid out or in contemplation, and that in these situations blocks of Land should be surveyed, and the boundaries marked, and subsequently divided into Lots, in such a manner as should accurately determine their limits. This should be done at the public expense, and a corresponding addition be made to the purchase money of each Lot. By this arrangement less expense would be incurred than the aggregate amount of the survey of separate Lots; the doubts and confusion respecting boundaries would be avoided; the lines of Parishes would be more easily ascertained and fixed; allotments would at all times be ready for the immediate location of Emigrants, upon such terms as the Government may adopt, and the settlements in the Province would not only be accelerated but rendered more contiguous and compact, and the population more condensed—advantages too obvious to require to be enlarged upon. In addition I would suggest the expediency of selecting proper sites and making reservations for small inland Towns and Villages, to which Roads should be, if not opened, at least laid out; these would

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