

country ; but several of their writers, while broadly asserting its inhospitable and sterile nature, have let out facts, which prove that those regions over which their hunters and trappers roam, are very far from being so unattractive as they would have the world suppose. Among other facts it is stated, that the buffalo bring forth their young in their territories at a late period of the year, while corn of various descriptions grows there in abundance ; and Sir George Simpson describes many spots as rich and fertile, and abounding in game which only exists in temperate regions. I have not his book at hand, but the point is worth looking into."

There is also a report current, and generally believed, that the Hudson's Bay Company oppose every attempt made to establish fishing stations in the excellent harbours along the British coasts of Lake Superior, which are admirably fitted for such stations, and that their agents instigate the Indians to destroy the nets, huts, boats, and barrels of the fishermen, and offer every annoyance in their power. If this be not so, who or what is it that prevents the development of the copper and iron wealth of the Canadian shore of the lake to the same extent, as both have been for some time on the American side ? This copper seems to be admitted to be some of the finest in the world. The Directors of the Company, one might have thought, would have gladly taken every means to make known this fact ; to attract thither British capital and enterprise ; to facilitate the working of the mines, and to take care their agents offered every assistance, which their experience of the country, and influence with the native tribes could suggest. Have they done this, or any part of it ?

Then, it is said to be impossible to see how the trade with the Indians is to be managed, if the mode to which they have been accustomed for so long a period be abolished. But exactly the same argument was advanced when it was proposed to put an end to the great leviathan monopoly that Parliament destroyed, viz. the exclusive tea trade of the East India Company with China. Having succeeded in putting down that, shall we allow to remain standing this, the last, and not the least odious of all the monopolies ?