

tatoes, to Newfoundland, and grain, pork, and potatoes, to Miramichi, and grain and potatoes to Halifax. But the importation of potatoes from Ireland, at Newfoundland, the fall of the price of timber at Miramichi, and the very low price at which flour from the States is imported at Halifax, has greatly injured their market at all these ports. Indeed, it is my opinion, that Great Britain constitutes the fountain-head and heart's blood of the trade of the whole civilized world; and if she gets faint and low spirited, trade must flag every where in proportion. This has caused great deficiency in their returns from all these ports lately. But the Islanders enjoy a privilege which many of the labouring classes at home cannot at present obtain; they may all be employed in cultivating the ground, and the ground, I have heard it said, is so very grateful, that no man ever yet bestowed prudent labour upon it but it repaid him for his toil. *But they have all need to be taught this lesson, that their success in agriculture must spring from the dunghill.* Instead of going a fishing, fowling, or making timber, if they were to repair to the shores to collect the kelp and sea weed—to the mussel banks for what is called mussel mud, or to the woods to gather fern to rot down to dung, and to the sides of their marshes to throw up compost dunghills, in all these ways they might provide good manure for their land. They might have to exercise the patience of the husbandman in waiting for their reward, but in proportion to their exertions in this way, they may depend upon its abundance. Plenty of good manure, if the land it is laid upon is well cultivated, will generally bring good crops, both white and green. A good crop will not only furnish present food for man and beast, but also the means of enriching the land in future (provided the dung is taken care of, as directed), that a continuance of good crops may be expected. By pursuing this plan, they might exchange their fish and potatoes three times a day for the good substantial food of