

this: They care not what becomes of *New France*, when they have drawn out of it sufficient to live at Ease in the *Old*.

They observe farther, that the Commerce of Beaver cou'd never subsist more than a very limited Number of Inhabitants: That the Use of this Merchandize could never be general enough to support and enrich an entire Colony; and that the Consumption being certain, the Inconvenience above-mention'd could not be avoided, without falling into the former: That for want of making these Observations, the Inhabitants of *New France* are attached almost solely to this Commerce, as if they were certain that the Beavers would reproduce their Species as readily as the Cod-fish in the Sea, and that the Sale of their Skins would be equal to that of the said Fish: Wherefore they have made it their principal Occupation to hunt in the Woods, in order to get these Furs. These long and frequent Voyages have accustom'd them to a Life of domestic Indolence, which they find it difficult to leave, tho' their Expeditions produce but little, on Account of the low Value of the Beaver.

The *English*, they add, have followed a Conduct very different. Without amusing themselves in travelling so far from Home, they have cultivated their Lands, establish'd Manufactures, erected Glass-Houses, open'd Mines of Iron, built Ships, and all along look'd on the Furs only as an accessory Article, of which they made no great Account.

Necessity, it is true, did at last open the Eyes of the *Canadians*: They saw themselves obliged to cultivate Flax and Hemp, to make Cloths, and
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