

orders for necessaries, was established, which was at once extremely harassing and dissatisfactory to the labourer, and unpleasant and embarrassing to the employer. Stone cutters who earned nominally seven, eight, or ten shillings a day, would have gladly taken five shillings in cash rather than the higher rate in truck: a man wanting clothes was sent to a hardware store in Halifax to be supplied, boots and shoes were served out with grog, and other wants were supplied with similar impropriety. In this way the workman found himself but half paid, altho' high wages were nominally given him, he was dissatisfied and listless accordingly, and the activity of overseers was shackled by want of the proper authority and influence. Still be it recollected, that, the great wages which did not go to those who did the work, but which was distributed in three or four profits through various hands, had all to be paid from the funds of the company: the articles they gave in truck for labour, were only obtained on credit, they were not from the stores of the association. What a large sum might be inefficiently expended by such a system. As we before said, this may have been all a matter of dire necessity, and no doubt as increased funds were obtained, the undertaking was purified of such fruitful seeds of disease and disappointment.

That part of the company's Report, which alludes to the opening of the canal, naturally excites most pleasing emotions in those who love their country and rejoice at its improvement. We see, by anticipation, the increased importance of the very pleasantly situated town of Dartmouth; the picturesque walks from Findley's Cove, up the line of the canal and its six locks to the Dartmouth lake; we see the lakes, long sequestered and lonely, animated by the sails of schooners, the paddles of steam boats and the active voices of their industrious crews; the sylvan scenery of the Shubenacadie is enlivened by the traffickers of the great deep; and to its mouth, the coasters resort from the basin and the bay, hastening on their way towards the metropolis of the Province; while along the line from Minas to the Atlantic, the country taking advantage of the canal road, opens its features, and displays, up innumerable woodland vistas, the comfortable settlements, which are one day to become towns and cities of the land. This