

increases the demand for produce, and it provides, what is of great consequence in this climate, *winter* work for a numerous and hardy class of our population.

The timber is giving way in many districts to cultivation, and where it is spread too extensively to be exhausted, as is the case on the Ottawa, it is evidently encouraging it.—The farmer and the lumberer are ranging more distinctly into different classes, and there are already a number of farms far beyond the surveyed and regularly settled part of the country, which are cultivated for the purpose of raising provisions for the people employed in the woods on the timber. When the townships are extended in that quarter and the obstacles in the Ottawa removed, there is no doubt but that the land on the upper part of the river, will, on account of its vicinity to the lumbering operations, be chosen for settlement in preference to other situations.

I shall here give an extract from my son's report of the journey he undertook in the autumn of 1829, to ascertain the practicability of a water communication from the Ottawa to Lake Huron, which report was laid before Government, and is also inserted in the 2d vol. of the transactions of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, under the title of Topographical notices of that part of the country.

He corroborates what I have said of the influence of the lumber trade in promoting cultivation, and states the inexhaustible extent of the Pine forests.

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 “ lumber from the Crown lands along the Ottawa
 “ has been rendered a legal occupation. This
 “ branch of the timber trade has increased rapidly,
 “ and now forms a principal support of the Canada