

CHAP. II.

ON THE PRODUCE AND VALUE OF LAND.

TO return to the province of Upper Canada. An honest man, with industry, may live there in greater ease, and with less labour, than in any part of the continent with which I am acquainted. The land is productive, to a degree almost unexampled ; the soil is not indeed excelled by that of any country ; and though it is almost impossible to reckon upon an average produce of wheat, per acre, arising from causes which do not influence crops in England, still it may be expected that some account should be given. Thirty bushels of wheat, per acre, is reckoned a good crop ; but I have known fifty-five. Forty bushels of Indian corn is called a good crop ; but still eighty and even ninety have been produced. Pease succeed in a very great degree in most parts of the province. The weight of the wheat also exceeds that in the United States ; and I am told, that wheat here has weighed seventy pounds per bushel. One more advantage, and that of great importance, demands attention,