

some in cutting and bringing home their fire-wood and making lumber, such as shingles, laths, hoops, staves, &c. and cutting and carrying pine-logs for the saw-mills. Some of the women are employed in spinning wool, and in knitting stockings and mitts; the flax, which they raise in Summer, is made into coarse cloth. Some of the families make upwards of two hundred yards of woollen and linen cloth in a year; and many families make two or three hundred weight of sugar, in the early part of the Spring, before the snow is thawed in the woods, from the sap of the maple trees; they likewise make very good butter and cheese, and raise as much poultry as they choose to keep.

*Religion.*]—There are a few persons who attend the Established Church once in a week; the far greater part are Dissenters, of one description or other; but as they have but few religious meetings, and not any ministers, their sabbath-days are generally filled up with looking over their past week's industry, and in visiting their neighbours. When any dissenting minister has happened to visit the Island from the Continent, many of the inhabitants have attended, with an apparent desire to be instructed. The native French, and Highland Scotch, are Roman Catholics, who meet regularly for worship every sabbath-day, and have a priest or two who reside among them.

*General Remarks.*]—This Island, which possesses so many natural advantages, such as a good soil, the finest water, a clear air, good harbours, and fine rivers, with abundance of fish and wild-fowl, and good timber for house and ship-building, and furniture, would, in all probability, have been in a much forwarder state of settlement, but for the following reasons. It was originally granted by Government in townships of twenty thousand acres each, and half townships to officers who had served in the army and navy, and others; the far greater part of whom have not taken the least pains to send settlers to their lands, but have apparently lain by to reap a future benefit from the active exertions of other proprietors: and a difference some time since prevailed between some of the Civil Officers of the Government and some of the Proprietors and Merchants, which has been very detrimental to the trade of the Island: Some persons, who are inclined to emigrate, give a preference to the Government and advanced state of settlement of the United States of America, it being much better