

wood. The pine is extremely large and fine. In some places is found the curled maple, which takes an excellent polish. Spruce of many kinds is the universal produce of the whole Island ; from one species of which is got the balsam of Canada, which the Canadians hold in great repute. From the maple also, at the proper time of the year, is extracted a liquor which they boil into a sort of sugar, pretty good and medicinal.

WHAT PARTS OF THE ISLAND ARE BEST SITUATED FOR
TRADE AND FISHERY, WITH THE REASON.

Port Joy,* Cardigan, and Richmond Bay, are without dispute the only places where ships of burthen can safely enter, and consequently most proper to erect the principal towns and settlements upon. In point of fishing, Richmond Bay has much the advantage of situation ; the fish being in great plenty most part of the year, and close to the harbor. Ships outward bound from any of the above ports have their choice of two passages out of the Gulph of St. Lawrence, viz : the Gut of Canso, or round the North Cape of the Isle of Cape Breton, either of which they prefer, as the weather, season of the year, or port bound to, may make it most advisable. Such parts of the Island on the South-West coast, or the places inland, not conveniently situated for fishing, may and undoubtedly will turn to a general good account, if proper encouragement be given to settlers, whose business is the cultivation of lands only—and upon the settling of the Island, I would humbly recommend that this particular branch of people should receive the utmost encouragement ; the great length and severity of the winters making it extremely expensive and difficult to provide sustenance for their stock, as that season is of very little use to them ; besides the very short time they have for ploughing sowing, reaping, and making of

*The French name for Charlottetown harbor.