

The general views of this writer are correct, and the principles he inculcates sound, but in some of his details he is I conceive, mistaken. When I can take up the subject with more expectation of doing justice to it, than time will now permit, I may controvert a few of his minor propositions. At present I will confine myself to the observations that it is not what is called the Canada trade-bill, that is, the act of 3 Geo. IV cap. 119, that gives the privilege of trading with France, Spain, &c. but a previous one, viz and that I conceive it wrong to depreciate the privileges thereby given, for, altho' in the present state of commerce, and deficiency of capital and enterprise, there may not be much opening or encouragement for speculation to those quarters, yet ingenuity, industry and penetration, if encouraged and exercised, may and will discover objects of commerce, that may be profitable both in the export and import line; for instance, were the fisheries in the gulph prosecuted, there can be no reason why the salt cod cured at Gaspé, or at the mouth of the Saguenay, as well as the mackerel, and herrings, which are abundant in the proper season, all the way our coasts extend, should not be equally in demand, and purchase return cargoes, as well as those from Newfoundland and other quarters, which form so considerable a portion of the articles of consumption, which the southern Roman Catholic parts of Europe draw from abroad. Tobacco, the successful cultivation of which, in Upper Canada has before been stated, may become an article of great importance in such a trade; and why not also maple-sugar? which, in the markets of the continent, so long, during the late wars, used to the "sucre de beterrave," would rival the muscovado sugar from the West Indies, if imported at a price below it, which I am persuaded might be the case. If but a small portion of our inexhaustible supply of sturgeon, was properly pickled for the French and Italian markets, it would soon gain a reputation that would render it a profitable and permanent article of trade — These are a few objects that present themselves at first sight: many more must occur to the inquisitive mind, when well informed of all the hitherto little explored and understood capabilities of this extensive country. This subject is well worthy the attention of all parties; but opportunity does not now allow of my enlarging upon it.

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One or two articles have been left out for want of room; they will appear in next number, when PHINEAS'S second letter on the subject of the medical board, will, when shortened a little, also find a place.