

"I am however opposed to holding out encouragement to any class of settlers, except farmers with means sufficient to enable them to buy or stock rented farms. There are plenty of such to be had on favourable terms, and the parties are sure of doing well if they and their families have a reasonable amount of prudence and industry."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) A. C. BUCHANAN,
Chief Agent.

To W. HUTTON, Esq.,
Secretary Bureau of Agriculture.

FREE PORTS.

A Proclamation appeared in the Canada Gazette of the 31st December 1860, declaring in pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed last session that the Ports of Gaspé and Sault Ste. Marie, shall be Free Ports on and after the 1st of January 1861, and defining the limits thereof as follows:—

Gaspé.—"The limits of the Free Port of the Harbour commonly called Gaspé Basin, and the district to be attached thereto, shall extend three miles inland from low water mark, around the shores of the said Gaspé Basin; within the limits of the Free Port of Gaspé Basin so constituted, goods, wares and merchandize of every description, except articles prohibited by Law to be imported, may be imported without being liable to the payment of any duties of Customs, and landed at the said Port for consumption or exportation, provided always that the said goods, wares and merchandize shall, upon arrival, be duly reported and entered at the Custom House at the said Port, and that the importers conform in all respects to the existing Customs and Navigation Laws of the said Province, save and except the payment of duties attached to such importations into other Ports of Entry of the said Province, from the payment of which duties they are hereby relieved; All goods, wares, and merchandize that shall have been first duly imported and entered at the said Free Port of Gaspé Basin, may be considered free of duty within the following limits, to wit: within all that part of the District of Gaspé to the Eastward of the Boundary hereinafter described, that is to say: the North Eastern Bank of the River Nouvelle, from the mouth of that river in the Bay of Chaleurs, in ascending to the point where the said river meets the rear or Northern Boundary of the Township of Nouvelle, thence from the said point by a direct line Northward to the