

## APPENDIX.

CONTEMPLATING the many advantages of Prince Edward Island as a fishing station, a feeling of surprise is created that no persons of capital have established themselves in Georgetown, which has an excellent, commodious, and safe harbour, easy of access and departure at all times; and very convenient to capital fishing grounds, now used almost exclusively by vessels from the United States, which never quit their anchorage, if they can any way avoid it, until they get their fare or load, which is accomplished in a few days after the fish have been collected together by being baited or fed. Many fine schooners anchor in Three Rivers on their way to the fishery; and it is said that the Master of one of them remarked that "the United States would cover Georgetown with Dollars, if that would suffice for the purchase of it.

The Colony produces timber for vessel building; here are abundance of shipwrights, food for fishermen, hemp, &c.; with indefinable quantities of fish at hand, and yet it has no fishery! The Agricultural Society which gets an annual public grant, and has accumulated other funds, might do the Island a service by offering a premium for "The best Essay on establishing Fisheries in Prince Edward Island; detailing the modes of carrying on each branch, the adaptation of the Colony for the pursuit of this source of national wealth, the probable benefits that would result from it; and what markets would be open to take the produce to with most profit or advantage: with a sketch of the present state of the North American, British, and United States Fisheries—including the number of British and Foreign vessels that fish in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and any other useful information connected with the subject."

The American home market is probably the great vent for the produce of their fisheries. The rapid encrease of Canadian population warrant the expectation that at no great distance of time the Canadas will become an extensive mart for the future fisheries of this Colony.

Another Premium might be given for "The best Essay on the natural and local advantages and resources of Prince Edward Island—what has retarded its improvement and advancement, present state of its agriculture, including arable-farming, grazing and dairy, breeding, stock in general; implements, labor, expences, profits; and means whereby improvement may be effected in any branch of rural economy—what ought to be the main objects of the settler's attention—can any articles be produced from the soil for exportation to meet the costs for Imports?" &c. &c.

One great proof of the rapid advancement of Prince Edward Island is that in the year 1820, the agricultural exports were worth £8000 only, whilst during 1831 they reached to about £30,000.