

corn is an exhausting crop, and always stands in need of manure.

But while the scheme holds out this encouragement for the production of Indian corn, the committee had obliterated from it one of its most important objects—the erection of oatmills. No man would surely tell him that the meal manufactured from these two grains was of equally nutritious powers; because a labourer who was fed on Indian meal would not require less than eight or ten diets a day; whereas a sturdy resolute Scotchman at any sort of work would outdo forty of them. Nay he would not hesitate to appeal to the brute creation in proof of his opinion. Give him only a hundred pigs from Chester or Sambro who lived there by diving for lobsters (he did not want pigs from Horton or Cornwallis, whose taste was vitiated) and to their decision he would refer the whole case. Take quantities of oats, and Indian meal, and mix them with water in separate troughs; and you would find that all the pigs would run to the oatmeal and eat it up entirely before they would touch the other.

He was also much surprised to find that the curing of beef and pork was left out of the scheme. At the present moment these were the two main articles of agricultural produce, which were calculated for an export, and neither husbandry nor commerce would thrive till an export was provided. Were some of our merchants to embark heartily in this concern, the weekly papers would announce to our farmers the price of cattle and of meat; and thus they would proceed from home with a certainty of the rates which could be obtained. The consumption of butchers meat depended at present almost entirely on the army contract; and if this from any cause were to be discontinued, cattle would fall much lower than we could possibly conceive. It was certainly a pity to confine our farmers to a demand so extremely narrow, when to us the sea was open for a large export trade.

A statistical account of the province was also overlooked in the present scheme. It would be easy for us now to collect materials for such a work; especially as we had three colleges and grammar schools without number. The questions proposed