

precaution, one thing more is indispensable,—*Good Barrels.* The law furnishes the rule as to size, and timber to be made use of, and as so much consequence is attached to the barrel containing provision, the safety of which depends upon its retention of pickle, there must be a sufficient motive with every Gentleman, interested in the articles under consideration, to exercise the greatest attention to the procurement of tight barrels. The law requires no more than fourteen hoops to a barrel, but custom has established full binding, which is far preferable.

These observations are offered as the result of several years' experience in the superintendence of putting up salted provisions for exportation in a satisfactory manner; and from the information obtained of the present mode of proceeding with Beef in this place, I am persuaded that some improvements are necessary, and may be applied in the treatment of this article; and I discover no reason, why the Beef of this Province may not be raised, and supported in character, when brought in competition with that of any other country. It appears from an examination of the Law governing the inspection, that much is left to the discretion of the Inspector, and in the conclusions that he may draw, there is, of course, a liability to error and consequently want of conformity in the proceedings of Inspectors. The words of the Law are "That no Beef shall be packed or re-packed for exportation unless of good fat Cattle, not under three years old." As respects the age, the law is distinct, but as to qualifications otherwise, it is not so. It is, also, explicit as to the parts which are to be rejected as unsuitable for Mess, it is implied what sized Cattle will make lawful Prime, and what may receive the brand as Cargo. Thus, good fat Cattle only,