

not to seek a precarious toleration from repulsive and jealous authority, but to be welcomed by the Government, and enjoy its favor and patronage. Here they may participate in all the privileges of British subjects, and enjoy the blessings of religious liberty :—their industry rewarded, their integrity respected, their enterprise encouraged without any illiberal tests and odious exclusions, and shackled by no other restraints than such as are the result of just and necessary laws.

That the climate of Upper Canada is mild and favorable, the most superficial observer may infer from the prevailing health and vigor of its inhabitants ;—that the soil is prolific, is evident from the teeming abundance of its harvests, as well as from the immense growth of its forests ; and that our commerce may yet attain an important character, has already been proved from the magnificence of our rivers, the number and convenience of our harbors, and those facilities of inland communication, and foreign intercourse so desirable to the trading world.

Our exports to the Mother Country at present chiefly consist of lumber, ashes, and agricultural produce. The former, although now forming an important item in our trade, must in time diminish, even although no other cause for its decay should arise than the natural decrease of stock. Our forests are extensive, but not inexhaustible ; and this trade cannot always continue to yield us the profit it at present does. The same remark may in some measure apply to ashes. The quantity of this article furnished by us to the market must be lessened as the country becomes stripped of its timber. So that viewing the subject in its true light, and comparing the present with the future, it is evident that the character of this Province is decidedly agricultural, and that from this source, we must obtain the means of permanent support. The produce thus derived will, no doubt, not only exceed our own wants, but will in time yield us abundant wealth. It is the avowed opinion of men who have been attentive observers, that our surplus produce will be fully sufficient, at no dis-