

Professor N. S. SHALER, in his Preliminary Report, says, —

“The greater part of the land on the island is very fertile. The gardens of the natives, though carelessly tilled, show the great capacities of the soil. All of the common field and garden plants will flourish there. The cleared ground springs up in a rich grass that affords an admirable pasturage for horned cattle and sheep.

“The island is well watered: there are several running brooks, one or two large enough for trout-streams, and the deep layer of drift gravel affords excellent well-water at almost all points.

“The climate of the island is the most important of its features. Its position is such as to assure it an absolute immunity from the excessive heats of summer, while its insulated position, and the strong currents of water that sweep around it, make its winter climate less rigorous than