

many good Sailors of People that are now useless, and even a Charge to the Colony.

Another considerable Advantage, which this Establishment would procure to *Canada*, is, that small Vessels might be sent from thence to catch Cod and other Fish, the Oil of which might be extracted at the Mouth of the River. These Vessels would be sure to dispose of their Cargoes at *Cape Breton*, and to load there again with *French Merchandize*: Or else a Vessel might be sent from *Quebec* laden with the Commodities of the Country, and take up Salt at *Cape Breton* for Fishing in the Gulph; and when she was laden again with Fish, return to *Cape Breton* and dispose of it. By this Means she might lay out the Profits of both Voyages in the Merchandizes of *France*, to be disposed of in *Canada*.

Upon this Head it is proper to take notice, that what has hinder'd the *Canadians* from fishing in the Gulph, and at the Entrance of *St. Lawrence's* River, was the Necessity they were under of carrying their Fish to *Quebec*, where they could not have made enough of it to pay Sailor's Wages, and other Charges, considering the Length of the Voyage; and that even if they had been so fortunate as to make some Profit, which seldom happen'd, that Profit was not considerable enough to encourage them to continue such a Commerce.

The two Colonies mutually helping each other, and their Merchants growing rich by the continual Commerce they would carry on, they might associate in Enterprizes equally advantageous to both, and consequently to the Kingdom; were it only to open the Iron Mines, which are in
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