

made, but of an indifferent quality. St. John's is the capital town of the island, and the place where all the fish caught on the Banks is dried, and packed up for Europe. The streets are narrow and dirty, the buildings low and inelegant. Every other kind of provision, but fish, is scarce and dear. The town is supplied with poultry, meat, and vegetables, by the Canadians and Americans, who are sure to find a good market for their productions. A turkey often sells for a guinea, and a leg of mutton for fifteen shillings. In short, the situation of the inhabitants at St. John's seems very much to resemble that of the people of St. Helena; and were it not for the abundant supply of fish, which is procured at both those places, their fare would be extremely scanty. At St. Helena, the inhabitants are allowed fresh meat only four times a year; and no man is permitted to kill a sheep or an ox of his own, without an order from the Governor. The inhabitants of Newfoundland are robust and healthy, and though enveloped the greatest part of the year in the dense vapours of the Grand Bank, yet possess the jolly, ruddy countenance of the English; which thus seems to be congenial with a foggy atmosphere. The women are said to be extremely prolific; but, as Sterne says, 'There is nothing wonderful in that, since it may be accounted for on the principles of their diet.'