

of these mills in the two provinces have increased in that time from twelve or thirteen to near fifty.

The Produce and exports from these Provinces can not therefore be in any degree ascertained until the year 1785 when the effect of their first exertions may be known, which increasing as they probably will do in the same proportion must in a short time answer the expectations and justify the predictions of the most sanguine Advocates for the Settlement of the Country. For altho' the Country especially New Brunswick has been but partially explored, it is reduced to an absolute Certainty, that the Resources for the Lumber Trade are literally inexhaustible, except the article of White Oak, some of which has been lately discovered, and it probably may be ~~much~~ found in greater quantities, on a more thro' Survey of the Country.

Your knowledge of that part of the Peninsula of Nova Scotia about Windsor, Horton, Cornwallis, Cumberland and Annapolis Royal must have convinced you that an immense quantity of Cattle and Sheep may be raised and supported there. And what is astonishing - by an estimate made by Captain Benthick of His Majesty's Navy, who is lately returned from the Island St. John, there are now on that Island upwards of 9000 thousands head of Black Cattle, & 12000 Sheep.

It is not to be supposed that the Inhabitants of New Brunswick will be

inattention