

produce, and by establishing commerce and forming business relations — which we can open not only with France, but also with the Antilles, Madeira, and other countries, in Europe as well as in America.

[6] He was so successful in this that fisheries of all kinds are in operation, the rivers being very rich in fish, such as salmon, brill, perch, sturgeon, and — without leaving the stream, even — herring and cod, which are prepared both fresh and dried, and the sale of which in France is very profitable. This year, trial has been made of these fisheries by Shallops that have been sent out, and have yielded large returns.

Of similar nature is the Seal-fishery, which furnishes the whole country with oil, and yields a great surplus that is sent to France and to the Antilles. This fishery was tried during the past year, and in three weeks' time it netted sieur l'Espine, over and above all expenses, nearly eight hundred livres for his share alone.

[7] The white-Whale fishery, which they hope to make successful with little expense, will yield oils of higher grade for manufacturing purposes, and in even greater quantity.

The commerce which Monsieur Tallon proposes to carry on with the Islands of the Antilles will be one of this country's chief resources; and already, to ascertain its profitableness, he is this year shipping to those Islands fresh and dried codfish, salted salmon, eels, peas, both green and white, fish-oil, staves, and boards, — all produced in the country.

But as permanent fisheries are the soul, and form the entire maintenance of commerce, he intends to establish them as soon as possible; and, to attain this end, he purposes forming some sort of [8] company