

to plant the first of these and bear their initial expense. In a year or two they will yield marvelous profits.

These cares, which cause him to investigate, with such assiduous devotion, all possible sources of profit in the St. Lawrence and other rivers of this country, do not prevent him from giving a share of his attention to the gain that may be derived from land so rich in every kind of product as is that of Canada.

Therefore, he is directing a careful search for Mines, which appear to be numerous and rich; he is causing the felling of all kinds of timber, which is found everywhere in Canada, and makes it easy for the French, and others who come [9] here to live, to provide themselves with shelter upon their first arrival; he has started the manufacture of Staves, for export to France and to the Antilles, and of Masts, samples of which he is sending this year to la Rochelle for use in the Navy; and he is also giving his attention to wood suitable for ship-building, trial of which has been made in this country by the building of a bark which is found very serviceable, and of a large vessel which is all ready to be launched.

Besides the ordinary grains that have been hitherto harvested, he has started the culture of hemp; this will go on increasing so that all the country will abound with it, and will be able not only to supply its own needs, but also to furnish large quantities to France.²⁷

As for flax, we can [10] see from our experience with it during the past year, that its yield is excellent and it thrives finely.

Even the French Ewes commonly bear two Lambs, after their first year's growth in this country.