

Do you mean to deny that, while some lands which, when valued in 1674, were muir ground, are to this day muir ground; other lands which, when then valued, were in as bad a condition, have been since doubled in value by having been improved? Do you mean to deny that, since 1674, some lands, situated near the town, have, independent of improvement, derived a considerable increase of value from the mere circumstance of the town having risen to its present importance? Do you mean to deny that lands have, since 1674, been reclaimed from the waters, and cannot now be valued because the lands to which they are added were valued before? Do you mean to deny that there are now fishings on the coasts, for which large rents are paid, and which cannot now be included, although by the law entitled to be, in your "well-known valuation of lands and fishings," because at the date of your well-known valuation such fishings did not exist? Unless ye mean to deny all this, your criterion is unjust.

And yet ye have, in the face of all these facts, which must have occurred to the mind of any man having the slightest pretensions to common sense, resolved, Gentlemen of the Majority, that this well-known valuation is the most safe, judicious, and sound that can be devised.

I have already admitted its permanency; but believe me, Gentlemen, that the value of land is not permanent but fluctuating: and if you do not believe me, let me entreat you to compare your fathers' rentals with your own.

Believe me, Gentlemen, that the actual value of a Landholder's stake in the country, is the actual value of