

When we consider that all that their coun-^{try} produces, which they can ~~produce~~^{convert} into any kind of Tools, is, wood and shells, we cannot wonder at their distress. With stone axes they cut all their timber, for making their huts, fencing in their potatoe grounds, forming their wooden spades and spatulas, and making their canoes.

Hence it is not in their power to build permanent or even comfortable huts, or to make fences &c for want of iron. Little can be done in cultivation, for the same reason.

I believe that there is ten times more land in cultivation, at the present time, in the districts round the Bay of Islands, than there was in 1814, when the Settlement was first formed. This improvement in cultivation is wholly owing to the Tools of Agriculture which have been sent out,