

below the snow, the temperature being sufficiently low to prevent the snow melting. In the interior of Newfoundland not much could be done in the way of agriculture. Those fishermen who lived on the coast and had farms got on the best, but they could not compete with Manitoba and other parts. Newfoundland was at present separated from the Dominion of Canada, having its own Governor, corresponding directly with the Imperial Government. It was quite an open question whether it would not be strengthened if it were joined to the Dominion of Canada. The country itself was rather like a very large ship, from which fish could be caught; certain minerals could be found in the interior, but directly they were taken out they were all sent away, so that although a great deal of money was made in Newfoundland the people themselves were poor, and as a rule, those who emigrated from England would find that they would do better in the central parts of Canada than in Newfoundland itself. At the same time the country had many attractions for those who had spent years there. The climate might be hard, but it was decidedly healthy, and was not all fog as some people seemed to think. Just in the Strait of Belle Isle it was foggy, and on the south coast it was foggy in the summer, but during the winter there was no fog. In the interior and on various parts of the coast the summer was beautiful. Though the salmon fishery failed last summer, yet that fishery was a very variable one, and next summer it might be good. Any gentleman going out there for sport in the months of August, September, and October, would certainly get good trout fishing, and probably good salmon fishing, especially if he had a yacht to visit different parts of the country, and if he went into the interior in the latter part of September, and came out before the end of October, he would have as good cariboo shooting as in any part of the world.

General Dashwood said that last summer he spent two months on the same part of the coast as Mr. Holme had visited, but he went no farther north than Sandwich Bay. All the white men there were from the south of England, and some of them lived there all the year round. One thing that struck him as a very great hardship on the old English settlers was that the Hudson's Bay Company, who had posts along the shore, laid claim to the exclusive right of killing salmon in the sea and also in the tidal portions of rivers. As far as he knew the right of fishing in the salt water was vested in the public, and the right of fishing in the tidal portion of rivers was vested in the Crown. But the Hudson's Bay Company claimed exclusive right to fish all along on many parts of the coast. They had fixed nets, and supplied the men with a certain amount of gear, and charging a rent, in the form of a portion of the fish, for the right of fishing those posts. If a man found all his gear himself, the Company took one-sixth of his catch. He himself happened to be a Justice of the Peace for Newfoundland, and he took the part of the people. He should have done so in any case. There were no members of Parliament on that coast of Labrador, and the people said if they did not do what the Company told them, their posts would be taken away. He had brought this to the notice of the Newfoundland Government, and he believed that next summer steps would be taken to put an end to it. He was armed with a letter of introduction from the Hudson's Bay Company, but did not use it. He found that every river that was not preserved by nature was more or less barred. He wrote to the agent of the Company at Sandwich Bay, calling his attention to illegal netting, especially in one river, where the netting was supplied by the Company and almost barred the stream, but the agent told the people not to mind what was said. In former days cod-fishing was carried on entirely with hook and line, with herrings, squib, or caplin for bait, but some very sharp men invented cod-traps, which ran out with wings to an enormous distance. A man in a boat who caught a fish that was too small threw it back again, but the traps did not, and the consequence was that the cod fisheries had