

where heretofore little manifested itself. All those already settled down became most anxious to acquire titles to their holdings. Enquiries were constantly made as to the terms upon which the land could be obtained, and several applications were sent on during the summer. Some twelve or more lots on the South side of Northern Arm were no sooner staked off than they were immediately sought after by families just arrived from the French Shore, which latter place they were obliged to abandon. Late in the autumn, the people of the outer Bay began to flock up here in their boats and craft for timber. Some of these people came several miles in an open punt, and in the height of a gale of wind, to find out my camp and make enquiries about applying for land, etc. A few of the Nova Scotian timbermen employed at the Dominion Point saw-mill, being anxious to settle down here, applied to me for information, and upon my recommendation, began to clear some vacant lot in Peter's Arm before we left. On former occasions, as in the Codroy Valley and St. George's Bay, I have seen similar indifference towards utilizing the land all at once give place to a most lively interest and activity on the part of the people as soon as they found the Government disposed to help them along, and itself exhibit a well-founded belief in the value of the lands by sending surveying parties to block them off. After the experience of this and former occasions in the Exploits Valley, I cannot for a moment doubt that the region is destined in the future to become the home of a large and thriving population. There is no possible reason that I can see why it should not be capable of supporting many thousands of our people. Of course, before any extensive settlement can take place, roads must necessarily be constructed, so as to utilize the lands in the rear, and up the river valley. I have indicated on the plan some of the most necessary roads at present required. A main line extending from Northern Arm across to Peter's Arm, thence to Dominion Point, Wigwam Point, and finally along the west side of the main river, appears to me the first desideratum. Another line from Norris Arm to Burnt Arm and Kite Cove would open up a large tract of land, and prove extremely useful to the large population in the latter locality. A line extending from the head of Norris Arm to Burnt Bay, a distance of some twelve miles through a good piece of country, would connect the settlements in that direction, viz.: At Burnt