

ceed to Catalina, whilst the ship was rounding the Cape to that harbour. But the attempt failed, as but one or two of the half-trained steeds of the place could be produced in time, and these without shoes.

(Bonavista can furnish splendid horses to-day, and rubber-tired carriages, and better still the iron horse, if preferable.—C.L.)

His Excellency therefore returned to his ship, having spent two hours, from the time he anchored until he was on his way to the Cape."

(The visit was very short, but not very sweet to some of the



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inhabitants. The conditions the Governor found seventy years ago were attributable to conditions and environment more than to anything else.—C.L.)

—From the *Public Ledger*, St. John's, August, 1847.

The French.

There are no evidences that the French were ever permanent settlers in the town. Some have thought that the ancient grave-stones in an old burial place at Mockbeggar were of French origin, but the inscriptions are defaced beyond recognition. The French were allowed to catch and cure their voyage along the shore in