

ST. JOHN'S,

8th NOVEMBER, 1876.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency, the enclosed "Notes on the Northern Labrador Fisheries."

Since the sketch Charts illustrating these Notes were sent to you in September last, I have had the opportunity of seeing and studying Commander Maxwell's Chart of the Labrador from Sandwich Bay to Nain, published during the past summer. This most valuable and timely addition to our knowledge of the Labrador Coast will serve to illustrate the accompanying Notes respecting its Fisheries, and form to a certain extent the basis of future enquiry into the resources of these Northern Seas.

I am convinced that investigations extended over another season, and having the study of the Fisheries as far as Cape Mugford or Cape Chudleigh in view, would lead to the acquisition of information of great value to the commercial interests of Newfoundland, if pursued in a scientific manner, and the deductions compared with the known results of similiar enquiries on the Coasts of the United States, the Dominion, and Northern Europe.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY G. HIND:

The Hon. F. B. T. CARTER, M.E.C.,

Attorney General.