

SHOAL.—A shoal with 4 fathoms on it, and steep-to on the south-west side, is reported by fishermen to exist 10 miles S.W. by S. from the entrance to Little River harbour.

This shoal is said to lie in a N.E. and S.W. direction, to be about one mile long and a quarter of a mile in breadth; broken water has also been seen in the vicinity.

The supposed position of this reported shoal is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. from the spot marked on the chart New bank, on which the least water known is $1\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms; they may possibly be the same, but caution is necessary when navigating near this part.

LITTLE HARBOUR lies on the west side of La Poile bay, about 2 miles inside the entrance; the harbour is narrow, the broadest part being only $1\frac{1}{2}$ cables across, but the anchorage is good in 10 fathoms, muddy bottom, with the white storehouse and wharf bearing S.E.*

NEWFOUNDLAND—WEST COAST.

ISTHMUS BAY.—On the north side of St. George bay, and about 12 miles N.W. of St. George harbour, is Isthmus bay, which affords good anchorage outside the west point of the bay during off-shore winds, in 8 or 9 fathoms, sand, and gravel; inside the point, the bottom is rocky.

HUMBER RIVER.—In the south-east corner of the Bay of Islands is the entrance to Humber river, on the left bank of which is Birchy cove, where good anchorage may be had in $8\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, mud, with the church bearing S. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., and Petti Pas white storehouse N.E. Anchorage may be had further out in the river in 19 fathoms.

Petit Pas cove, opposite Birchy cove, affords fair anchorage.†

Bay of Islands to Bonne Bay.—On leaving Humber river there is a good passage east of Harbour island, taking care to avoid the shoal ground extending in a south-east and easterly direction from the island; thence cross the Bay of Islands, passing east of Pearl island and the reef which is above water and steep-to off the south-east end of the island; then between North head and the North Shag rock. From North head to cape Gregory a distance of $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a north-easterly direction, the coast should not be approached nearer than half a mile; but from cape Gregory to Bonne bay, a distance of 13 miles the shore is bolder.

Caution.—A reef extends half a mile in a N.N.E. direction from the North Shag rock, and lies with the North and South Shag rocks in line. The South Shag rock kept well open of the North Shag rock on either side will lead clear of the reef. The west extreme of a small black rock

* See Admiralty plan, La Poile bay, No. 2,916.

† See Admiralty plans, Bonne bay and Bay of Islands, No. 289.