

of England, fell in with that part of the coast called Bonavista, and, without making any stay here, coasted along the continent of America, until he found himself in latitude  $38^{\circ}$  north, when, being short of provisions, he returned to England, taking with him from Prince Edward Island (then called St. John) three of the aborigines.

It was the general belief till lately that this was the first part of the American coast visited by Europeans ; but it seems now to be established that the land in question was Labrador, and that Newfoundland was the territory seen immediately opposite, and named St. John's. Considering the relative position, the common opinion, making the latter Prince Edward Island, is quite untenable. Yet we should not have thought it possible that Avalon, or some other large peninsula, might have been deemed an island, did not the white bears, which are found only on the Labrador, appear to decide in its favour. Newfoundland, however, was certainly discovered in this voyage, and has always been claimed by Britain. Cabot gave it the name of Baccalaos, being the Indian title for cod-fish.