

NEWFOUNDLAND MEN.



PATRICK T. McGRATH.

PATRICK T. McGRATH is the "hustling" editor of the *Evening Herald* newspaper, and is the youngest man in the colony occupying such a position of importance. He was born at St. John's Dec. 17th, 1868, and educated at the Christian Brothers' School, where he took highest places at the various examinations, and won considerable scholastic distinction. Leaving school at fifteen years of age, he entered the drug business with the firm of M. McMurdo & Co., serving them eight years, and acquiring a thorough mastery of the business in its various branches, but was compelled to resign owing to ill health. Being fond of literary pursuits, he found time to contribute largely to the newspapers on a variety of topics, political and otherwise, participating in many controversies with some of the ablest colonial writers. Immediately after leaving McMurdo & Co.'s he was offered and accepted the position of reporter on the *Herald* staff, retaining it until the beginning of the present year, though he had editorial control during the Hurla Bye-Election in the fall of 1892, and also during the general election in 1893, when he ably advocated the interests of the Grieve-Monroe party. In January of this year he was placed in the "editorial chair" with full control, and has done much to "boom" his paper since. Amongst other new features introduced by him has been the amplification of the daily telegraphic news, which no other paper in the colony has so far attempted. He is a hard worker, quick to "catch on" to all matters of newspaper value, has a well developed and retentive memory, a graceful and pointed style of writing, and generally is on the high road to certain and enduring editorial success. He has occupied the position of secretary to the Total Abstinence and Benefit society, for the past three years. He is also correspondent for some of the largest and best known English, Canadian, and American papers. Apart from his business, Mr. McGrath is a gentlemanly and popular young man, whose generally recognized talents are appreciated by all who know him. He has "no time to get married."