

THE RESOURCES OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

One of the most vivid pictures of Newfoundland that has recently appeared, comes from Mr. O. A. Clough, a visitor to the island last summer, and writing to the Montreal Herald. Mr. Clough writes about the subject with enthusiasm. He says, truly that for four centuries Newfoundland was "practically lost to the outer world," and then states with equal truth that the island has been rediscovered by the railway. He pays a just and glowing eulogy to the magnificent enterprise of R. J. Reid, in spanning the island from ocean to gulf with 548 miles of railway. Writing of our Capital city, St. John's, he gives a graphic account of its site, surroundings and population. It is built on the side of a hill, rising from the water's edge in terraces and overlooking one of the safest harbors in the world. The mouth of the harbor is known locally as the Narrows, and is defended on the North side by a steep hill, rising by straight faced cliffs 600 feet out of the water. A corresponding hill is on the south side. Those hills have been fortified in the past-- and it is often said nowadays that they shall be manned and gunned again. They are nature's own bulwarks for Britain's Western Empire. The harbor trends inward triangularly, and is safeguarded by the hills at the entrance from the fury of the Atlantic storms, which but for their would play havoc on the settlement.

All Clough says of the surroundings of St. John's that it is a landscape diversified by lakes and trees, and fertile meadows beautified by cultivation and adorned by pleasant homes of surpassing loveliness. The writer in this graceful passage alludes to Quidi Vidi Lake, Fresh Water and River Head Valleys, and these scenes fully merit the praise. A drive through River Head Valley (St. John's West) on a fine day in summer offers a picture of infinite variety. Hill sides clad in dark green trees, with meadows, lawns, and country villas, diversifying the scene. And a sparkling river seen at intervals between the overhanging foliage. It makes one of those delightful surprises for which a visitor to the island is not prepared. And there are many such all over the country.

To mention some of those charming scenes--There is on the West Coast the magnificent Humber, the Newfoundland Rhine, flowing around mountains, and leaping over precipices in silvery cascades into the Bay of Islands, itself a splendid sea view. Near St. John's is an ideal watering place and summer resort, Topsail, the Newfoundland Brighton. This charming seaport lies in the very edge of the sun. It is defended up the rear from fog and cold winds by high hills, sloping down into green fern plots, and shady groves. In front is a long strand of pretty beach and sand (just perfect for sea bathing) and out beyond is Conception Bay, with the famous iron locality, Belle Island, nine miles in length, seeming to float on the surface of the water. In the glassy smoothness of its mirror like surface Conception Bay is more like an inland lake than a part of the Atlantic Ocean. Along the railway track from St. John's the traveller may branch off from Whitbourne to Placentia. The situation of this historic town (once the French capital of Newfoundland) is admired by all travellers. Built on a level beach, surrounded, or nearly so by a network of waters, with two great sea arms running miles inward, and lofty tree-clad hills, sentinelling it in all directions, it has won the title of the "Killarney of Newfoundland."

Placentia is of very special interest to the Catholic tourist. Here is a very good historic picture of the trials and triumphs of the Church. In 1880, King Louis of France, the grand monarch, holding sway in Newfoundland, established the church, causing a parish chapel to be erected under the title of "Our Lady of Angels." About the same time Placentia, then under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Quebec, was honored by an episcopal visitation from Mgr. St. Valier, second bishop of that Sec. In 1718, as a result of the Treaty of Utrecht, the French Catholics evacuated Placentia. English settlement began, and about a hundred years ago, Prince William (afterwards William IV.) wintered in Placentia and richly endowed the English Church there, leaving it a silver communion service, still preserved. It looked then as if the old French capital was lost to the Church, but another change occurs. Early in this century Irish emigration flowed in, and to-day Placentia is at least nine-tenths Catholic. Bishop Howley has elegantly deplored the triumphs of Irish missionaries in Newfoundland.

Though France's lily never grew; And England's rose lie withered too; See! I have brought this sweet trefoil, To take deep root within the soil. Let it be our hope and prayer, that there and elsewhere the shamrock come to stay. But speaking of Newfoundland scenery we may mention the splendid scenery and sea-arm of Salmonier, the picturesque rapids and waterfalls of "Colonel; the charming

Valley of Placentia, and other places all within easy reach of St. John's. To the scenic attractions of our island, Mr. Clough gives unstinted praise. In graphic language he depicts the "iron-bound cliffs," the calm bay, the glimpse of the great ocean, the clear sunning waters; the sparkling waterfalls, resounding in solitude; the rivers flowing at the foot of the mountains; the deep secluded glens, and the silent forest, and he continues: "For ages in this sea-girt island these (natural aspects) existed in richest profusion unnoticed and unknown, but now (owing to steam and railway) unveiled in all their glory." In my next communication I hope to have a few interesting notes on the industrial, social and educational aspects of Newfoundland.

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Catulle Mendes has been commissioned by the French Government to write a report on the progress of French poetry for the 1900 exhibition.

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Notes of Interest.

J. S. Sargent is painting the portrait of Lord Chief Justice Russell. Municipal honors have fallen on the British peers. Only two-- the Earl of Sandwich and Lord Forester-- have accepted Mayoralties this year; three years ago the office of Mayor was filled by eleven peers. Two crocodiles in a circus at Bayeux, France, got into a fight in which the hind leg of one of the beasts was badly lacerated. A veterinary surgeon was called in, who amputated the leg successfully, the crocodile being as lively as ever. President Faure's daily mail is said to contain on the average 700 letters, of which 250 are begging letters, 150 petitions on political matters, 100 petitions from criminals, 100 complaints against officials, 80 anonymous insults, and 20 threats of death. Major Count Stelberg-Wermigerode, who killed a sergeant with a blow of his sabre last fall on account of a hitch in the camp cooking, has been sentenced by court-martial to be dismissed from the German Army and to be imprisoned for forty months.

are the only members, who are recruited from year to year in separate classes. At their entry they pay one ruble (about fifty cents), and whenever one of their number marries every member of that class pays an additional ruble. The assessment thus collected is offered to the bride to buy a trousseau. One restriction prevents new members from taking advantage of the older ones; No dowry assessment is called unless the girl has been a member in good standing for one year. Each class is permitted to have not more than 100 members; after that admissions are refused until vacancies occur by marriage, when new members are taken in at the option of the members.

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