

the brick for his chimney. Here in abundance is found a sort of red fire-clay, which on being mixed with water forms a kind of Roman cement, not breakable, and will resist the weather of any climate. Mr. Nichols has two chimneys made of this material in his house, and so far they have resisted the cold of winter and the heat of summer. It makes a magnificent floor for barns and stables, and in that way all the stable manure is utilized and the stable keep sweet and pure. There is not much pine in this region, but timber consisting chiefly of spruce, fir and birch, that will take centuries for the settlers to cut out, is found here. Here a big trade can be done by the furrier, in fox, beaver and otter skins; here they are found in abundance, and I am told that one man alone last winter, who devoted himself to this business, made as high as \$400 from the pelts he had secured. As I have already said, this region, including the north branch of the Humber, Deer Lake, and the south branch of the Humber, Bay of Islands, struck me as containing by far the very greatest possibilities in the future through the agency of the railway, and principally from two distinct standpoints: First, as a great resort for tourists, who would come here via Port aux Basques and St. John's, both from the new and old worlds en route from Europe and America; and secondly, as a cattle raising district."

ADVOCATES DAIRY FARMING.

Mr. W. Beach Thomas, in the Address to the Board of Trade on agricultural matters at St. John's last October, says:

"It seems to me that if farming is to be developed in this country, it is absolutely necessary for you to grow seed, oats or corn, for the straw; to farm successfully it is necessary to put back on the land a great deal you take off. In England the ordinary tenant farmer is not allowed to sell off the land the straw growing on it. This regulation exists because it is necessary that what is grown should go back in farm manure. You cannot take oats apart from live stock and in Newfoundland where you can so easily grow all the food that is necessary to feed the stock well, it seems strange that this branch of farming is not more followed. The beast, when fed, will re-fer-