

LITTLE ST. LAWRENCE, June 21st.—The few inhabitants here had done pretty well in the salmon fishery, as the river was so low as to prevent the fish running up, and so were netted at the mouth. NEWFOUND-
LAND.

ST. PIERRE, June 23rd, on account of fog. Found H. I. M. S. *La Touche Triville*, arrived on account of yellow fever in the West Indies; lost two officers and three men.

Very few vessels in harbour.

HARBOUR BRETON, June 25th.—Mr. Gallop, the agent to Newman & Co., informed me the fishing had been rather above the average. The weather had evidently been moderate, as Mr. Gallop's garden was in a flourishing condition, much more forward than any at St. John's on our departure.

BURGEO ISLANDS, June 26th.—The cod fishing had been very poor up to date, the fish small; on leaving, observed a large number of boats fishing, and not appearing to catch any.

An American, by name Smalls, who has lived at Burgeo for 13 years, had done pretty well in salmon, caught between Barachois or Grandy's-brook, and the Islands. There are numerous islands. The place wants surveying badly.

The fishermen appear pretty well off, and there is grass enough on some of the Islands to keep cows and sheep.

The business of potting lobsters has been given up here, one Jersey house having removed, and, also, it was found it did not pay.

There has been extensive fires on the main land this spring, supposed to have originated with the Indians, who burn the woods, either for mischief or by carelessness.

No complaints.

LITTLE HARBOUR, LA POILE BAY, June 29th.—Messrs. Clermont, Renouf & Co. had done very well this year, having shipped off four cargoes, and the fifth loading on our arrival, having sent home about 250 tons, or 5000 quintals a cargo.

Found some distress here, the people on the North shore of the harbour living in wretched tumble-down huts.

On walking to Great Harbour, met a young woman named Eliza Hopworth, who informed me that she, her mother, and sister had to exist on £10 currency, a year, government relief, and had no opportunity of earning more.

Eliza Hopworth was suffering from a scrofulous disease of the bones of the leg, rendering her perfectly unable to work, the mother also feeble.

The father of this girl was in the employ of a fishing firm at Great Harbour, but on it being closed the whole family were left destitute, the father dying shortly after.

We rendered some little assistance in the shape of money, but as these cases of poverty are of such constant occurrence, it is difficult to tell who are the most deserving of relief.

GREAT HARBOUR, LA POILE.—Place deserted, with the exception of the Stipendiary Magistrate's house, and a few fishermen's stores, wharves, &c., appear in good repair.

SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON, July 1.—To coal.

ST. GEORGE'S BAY, July 8th.—The fishing had been very good, the trade is nearly all with Halifax.

Some fishermen were anxious to know how far the French had a right to fish on the coast; also, the old story of saying "herring" and "salmon" are not *fish*, and if the French could take the latter.

The population remains about the same, 1700. Mr. Lind, the Protestant clergyman, died last fall. People were quiet, and their gardens looked after in a most creditable manner.

I sent Lieutenant Jenkins to St. George's River, who found three nets illegally placed, and destroyed them. There were no owners to be seen.

This is a very common practice, but generally the fishermen, if they get warning of a ship coming, place their nets legally, and on the ship going, at once place them right across the river again. St. George's river abounds in trout.

BAY OF ISLANDS, YORK HARBOUR, July 11th.—There are no inhabitants at this harbour, but on visiting Wood Harbour, found a man named Lovell, who had burnt his house down by accident in the spring, and so was left nearly destitute; said he did not know where to look to buy food for the week.

On being asked "if he hadn't plenty of cod and lobsters," said "yes," but evidently did not consider those fit for food.

I directed him to go on board the ship, when a collection of sea boots, hats, flannel shirts, &c., was soon made for him.

A complaint was made by three brothers, Sheppard, that the French Commodore had ordered them away from Lake Harbour; I communicated with him on the subject.