

those principles which Her Majesty has handed to us, being again restored, will under Your Excellency's wisdom and talents, greatly add to the welfare of the Island. That agriculture will be fostered as a grand auxiliary to our fisheries, and as a sure means of reassuring the inhabitants of the Colony from a re-occurrence of those evils which have so lately affected it, that public works may be promoted and that religion and moral education will be encouraged.'

His Excellency was pleased to express his gratefulness at being waited upon by so respectable a company, representing the peaceful and loyal community of a settlement of long standing; and spoke of the happiness it would afford him to further the interests of the place and by any means in his power to contribute to the prosperity of its inhabitants. 'But, gentlemen,' said His Excellency, 'let me not fail to impress you on this occasion with the important fact that the grand resources for doing away with too oft occurring and extensive pauperism with which your settlement has been visited, and for bringing in its stead, in which I am confident may, under the ordinary help of the Divine hand, be accomplished in a generally comfortable existence for each settler. Let me assure you that the remedy is with yourselves. The people have only to appreciate the advantages which lie around them, to be a prosperous and happy people, and on you it depends to stimulate and direct these energies.'

(What a transformation has taken place in the intervening years. If His Excellency were here to-day, and got off such a speech he would likely be called to order. It was not indolence but the conditions of their environment.—C.L.)

His Excellency then expressed a wish to see some of the most poverty stricken homes, but his attention was diverted to the growing of wheat. Dr. Skelton had been experimenting. Wheat and barley of the growth of nine weeks were shown to His Excellency. He thought it a flattering picture of what the island could do. He moved on to another part of the harbour, and saw specimens under less favoured conditions, and expressed satisfaction.

(Bonavista evidently dropped experimenting.—C.L.)

On the Governor landing, enquiry was made for horses to pro-