

one knows in this country, our Labrador men generally leave about June 7th, and arrive at Labrador June 20th. Again, the persons who make this objection admit that, on the following year, 1498, Cabot not only made Labrador, but went as far north into Hudson's Strait as the 67th or 68th degree of latitude. As to the second objection, about the fertility of the land, growth of wood, etc., I must first say that it is utterly untrue that Labrador is not wooded; and it is astounding that people keep repeating this statement in spite of its having been over and over again refuted. As a matter of fact there are immense forests on Labrador, where timber is found much larger than anything of the kind in Newfoundland or Cape Breton. If any person wishes to be convinced on this point, he has only to look on the Admiralty Survey chart of Labrador, brought to such minute perfection by the patient labor of years under Captain Orlebar. There he will find, in many harbors, such notices as the following: "Wood and water"—"Lowland covered with wood"—"Abundance of wood and water," etc. The names of "Woody Island" and "Green Island" frequently occur; and the Eskimo names *Napatalik* and *Napa-Katakt-alik*, near Hopedale, which mean "Wood-Island," and "Spar-Island," that is to say "Island where masts of ships may be cut." These names, I say, speak for themselves, and ought to prevent such statements from being made by some writers, without foundation, and repeated by others without investigation.

As to the statements made by Cabot and his men, concerning the temperature of the climate and the fertility of the soil in their New-found-land; in the first place it is not improbable that they may have exaggerated somewhat on these points. They wished to make the most of the new lands discovered, and induce people to come out to them. This was an old trick, and we are told that it was so done by *Eric Raud* when he discovered Greenland. "If I speak of it as it really is," he said, "no one will come to it"; hence he called it *Greenland*. Again we know that on this first voyage Cabot coasted or *cabotaged* along for 300 leagues. This may have been along the coasts