

confine relief to such as are really destitute, to diminish its cost and—where such a condition can be enforced—to ensure a return in labour. Notwithstanding all these precautions, pauperism—systematic and anticipated—has become in Newfoundland an evil of such extent and magnitude as (when considered in connection with the short fisheries of recent years) to give rise to a doubt whether the ordinary pursuits of the people will continue to afford remunerative employment for all who are engaged in them. The question is one of immense importance, for in addition to the Fishery every exertion must be made to procure employment for our population less precarious than that branch of industry to which they almost all now devote their time and labour.

Governor's Speech continued.

I imagine it cannot be doubted that Agriculture will yet afford employment to many. The cultivation of every patch of ground, however small, must prove advantageous, and I trust that due encouragement will be given to the respectable Society who devote their time and attention to the furtherance of that most important branch of industry.

It is well known that valuable minerals exist in Newfoundland; many specimens have been collected by a committee of members of both branches of the Legislature, appointed as local commissioners for the Colony, in order that it may be represented at the Great International Exhibition to be held in May; specimens of other articles, the produce of the Colony, have also been sent home, and all will be exhibited by Mr. F. N. Gisborne, who has been appointed Commissioner in London. This gentleman having explored a considerable part of the interior, and being thoroughly acquainted with Newfoundland, will be eminently qualified to afford information at the Exhibition, and to direct the attention of many of the scientific men who will be present on that occasion, particularly to our specimens of minerals, the existence of which cannot be doubted; and it is to be hoped that capital may be attracted to the Island, tending to the development of resources which, for want of such aid, have hitherto lain dormant.