

NEWFOUNDLAND ROYAL COMMISSION.

REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

1. WE, the undersigned Commissioners, appointed to enquire into the operation of certain Treaties in Newfoundland, and to suggest measures for giving effect to their provisions, humbly desire to submit to Your Majesty the following Report.

2. In order that the various branches of the complicated matter referred to us may be most easily referred to, we have divided the Report into the following headings:—

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I.—INTRODUCTORY.

3. We left Liverpool, as desired, by the steamer of September 3rd, 1898, and arrived at St. John's on the morning of September 12th. We remained there until the 17th as the guests of the Governor, Sir Herbert Murray, who received us with great kindness and hospitality, and who endeavoured in every way to further the objects of our mission. Amongst other things he recommended to us a capable and trustworthy shorthand writer, Mr. F. Marriott, who proved very useful to us.

Arrival at
St. John's.

4. On September 17th we proceeded by train to the head of Notre Dame Bay, and next morning embarked on board the Government steamer "Fiona," a small vessel of 273 tons gross and 160 tons net measurement, originally built in England for a pleasure yacht, and in her, after calling at Twillingate, where the inhabitants gave us a public reception and address of welcome (Appendix, No. 1), we went round the Treaty Coast, passing Cape Ray at sunset on October 4th, and anchoring soon after in Port aux Basques. We separated there, Sir James Erskine and Lord Westmeath going overland by train to St. John's, and Sir John Bramston returning to that port

Trip round
the Coast.
Return.