

*Note 1, page 90.*

WHEN I state that Newfoundland, under the fostering care of a local legislature, aided by the mighty protection of the parent state, would become the Holland of America, I know that I shall be sneered at by those who are always misrepresenting Newfoundland and its resources, and that many of the friends of the country will think that I am pushing the thing too far; as to the censure of the former I am perfectly indifferent, but before the latter pass a final judgment, I have to request that they will consult the History of Newfoundland, from the earliest period, and remark the great advantages that have been derived, not alone by England, but by France and other countries, from trade and fisheries; let them also consult the opinions of some of the best writers and greatest men of England, France, Holland, and America, on the great importance of Newfoundland, and if, afterwards, they say that I am in *error*, they must acknowledge that I have erred in right noble good company. It is an error most people fall into when speaking of Newfoundland, that they do not give themselves the trouble of considering that the British fishers are only a portion, and by far the smallest portion, of the Newfoundland fishery: the French have by far the best part of the