

“with the number of fishermen. The waters bordering on Anticosti, are “stocked with the same kinds which are met with on the South and North “coast of the St. Lawrence.”

There cannot, however be a better proof of the importance that should be attached to the Fisheries, than is offered by the large fleet of American vessels that frequented the Island, during the existence of the Reciprocity Treaty, with their expensive outfits, (some of them coming for a distance of 500 to 1,000 miles,) and the great interest manifested by the Government and people of the United States, since the abrogation of the Treaty, with regard to the fishery question with Canada. It will also be observed from the terms of the Washington Treaty, that the American Government agreed to admit fish caught and cured in Canadian waters free of duties, which will enhance, by 20 per cent. at least, the value of Canadian fish.

COMMERCIAL POSITION.

The favourable position of Anticosti as regards shipping and general commercial enterprise has been shown, and the extent of fisheries surrounding it. It is self evident that if the Canadian Fisheries were not of an immense value, American fishermen and capitalists would not so eagerly seek to renew their former privileges with the Canadian authorities. Keeping this in view, the advantages to parties residing upon the Island will be very great, with every facility for drying and curing the fish, and with ready means of shipping to American as well as to all other markets of the world.

We look forward with confidence at no distant day to see extensive commercial transactions carried on on the Island, and a direct trade opened up for the exchange of the produce of the Island with that of the United States, West India, South America and the Mediterranean. Many a large town in various parts of the world has sprung up into a position of great commercial importance with less promising resources than a town on Anticosti may present; but these resources must be properly developed to ensure such a result. Many a project of less promise has, in this country, been at first sacrificed through timidity and prejudice, which, upon subsequent trial, has proved a success.

TOWNS.

It is proposed to lay out town sites at Ellis Bay, Fox Bay, and at the South West Point (Lighthouse). The Chief Town will be at Ellis Bay, where the principal place of business will be established. Ellis Bay is beautifully situated, having a fine command of the surrounding country, with an excellent beach; its salubrious and bracing sea-air will doubtless make it eventually a place of resort for thousands of pleasure seekers, where they can combine sea-bathing with many other summer sports, such as shooting, fishing and sailing.

COLONISATION.

The Directors having in view the importance of permanently colonising the Island, propose, when the several permanent improvements referred to in the next paragraph shall be far enough advanced, to take the necessary steps to bring under the notice of the emigrating population of Northern Europe the innumerable advantages of Anticosti, as a place where there is every prospect for an industrious family securing a home of competence and independence; and with a view to the adoption of a system of colonisation to the mutual advantage of Emigrants and the Company, the Directors propose to make an appropriation commensurate with the importance of the undertaking.