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Owing to the reluctance of the New-  
 foundland fishermen to abandon their  
 methods, and to the careless and de-  
 lective way in which some of them  
 have attempted the Scotch cure, the  
 herring industry in Bonne Bay and  
 in the Bay of Islands and indeed all  
 over Newfoundland is on the whole  
**IN AN UNSATISFACTORY AND DE-**  
**CLINING CONDITION,** although one  
 or two American and Canadian firms  
 have been able to make it fairly pro-  
 fitable.

### AND THE REMEDY.

But there is no reason why the her-  
 ring fishery of Newfoundland should  
 not grow in the same ratio as that of  
 Scotland did, if the Newfoundland  
 Government will in like manner **IN-**  
**SIST UPON THE DETAILS OF THE**  
**SCOTCH CURE BEING STRICTLY**  
**OBSERVED.** For the presence of  
 large shoals of herring along the  
 coast, in the bays and in the arms  
 which project from them, almost the  
 whole year round, at one part of the  
 island or the other, holds out the pros-  
 pect of a very remunerative branch of  
 the herring industry being established  
 in the Colony. The increase of the  
 herring fishery in Scotland has been  
 due mainly to three causes:—

**FIRST**—The system of fishing long  
 distances from shore;

**SECOND**—The great extension of the  
 Winter and Spring herring fisher-  
 ies;

**THIRD**—THE **ADOPTION OF**  
**STEAM DRIFTERS AND MOTOR**  
**BOATS.**

### PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS

In Newfoundland up till now it has  
 only been carried on in a half-hearted  
 manner, and the conditions with re-  
 gard to the means of capture and the  
 curing of the fish are very primitive  
 indeed. Still in the meantime, the her-  
 ring schools which appear in the bays  
 and arms at certain periods of the  
 year are generally so dense that even  
 the present antiquated appliances are  
 sufficient to land more fish than

many curing firms could cope with,  
 though none but those acquainted with  
 the great increasing consumption of  
 pickled herrings can realise the im-  
 portance and value of this branch of  
 the industry. Various attempts as is  
 well known, have been made to pro-  
 mote the herring fishery here and so  
 far without much success. But the  
 development of that fishery in a Col-  
 ony which possesses one of the larg-  
 est stretches of coast line for its size  
 in the world, and where the herrings  
 are found in such abundance, is a  
 matter that should not be lightly giv-  
 en up. **IT MAY THEREFORE BE**  
**ASKED WHAT ARE THE BEST**  
**MEANS TO BE ADOPTED.** I would  
 strongly impress upon the Govern-  
 ment the desirability of encouraging  
 fishermen and fish-curers to bring  
 their products up to the present re-  
 quirements of the market, and in the  
 initial stage of development of the  
 curing of herrings, this could most  
 easily be effected by the introduction  
 of practical men from Scotland where  
 the industry has been brought to a  
 higher point of perfection than any-  
 where else, and where a special study  
 has been made of the requirements  
 and tastes of the consumers in the  
 various markets of the Continent and  
 America. By bringing the ideas of  
 other countries into actual operations  
 the local people interested would come  
 gradually to realize the importance of  
 adopting modern methods, which  
 would go **TO BUILD UP AN INDUS-**  
**TRY WHICH MIGHT IN TIME BE**  
**UNEQUALLED IN ANY OTHER**  
**PART OF THE WORLD.** I have  
 come across people in my short so-  
 journ in Newfoundland who take an  
 extremely gloomy view of the future  
 development of the herring fishery  
 here, I am not of that opinion, but  
 have **THE OPPOSITE BELIEF THAT**  
**IT HAS GREAT POSSIBILITIES.** We  
 must lose sight entirely of precon-  
 ceived ideas, of what has been done  
 and experimented upon in the past.  
 What has to be dealt with now is the  
 future; and it is no answer to say that  
 methods that were unsuccessful when