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79	Mr. J. P. Howley, F.G.S.— <i>continued.</i>	St. John's, October 18th, 1898.	copper at York Harbour. Pyrites at Brig Bay. Mica and marble near Bay of Islands. Good land and timber in the Humber Valley. Mr. Bishop's magnetic iron mine at St. George's Bay. <i>Minerals on the East Coast</i> —Formations containing oil between Pistolet Bay and Canada Bay—Hematite iron at Sop's Arm—Copper indications at Hare Bay, Goose Cove and St. Julien's—Marble at Canada Bay—Pyrites at Bay Vert—Gold at White Bay and Ming's Bay—Copper, iron and galena at Sop's Arm. East coast very little developed as yet. Suggests smelting works at Notre Dame Bay and Bay of Islands. Has never seen Frenchmen fishing for salmon in rivers.	
80	Commodore the Hon. M. A. Bourke, R.N. (re-called).	" " "	Crews of English and French warships on Treaty coast in 1898. Numbers of French fishermen—lobster catchers—Petits Pêcheurs. Statistics and details of the latter. Petite Pêche unprofitable—not remunerative in spite of the bounty. Attempt to revive fishing "en blanc" in 1898 a failure. Places on Treaty coast suitable for wharves. Employment of native labour in lobster factories by the French. Lobsters diminishing in quantity and size. Price formerly paid to lobster catchers by factory owners most insufficient—much larger now. Monopoly of British owners to their waters not admitted now. French have monopoly as against the British, but not as against their own countrymen. Number of illicit factories much less in 1898. More remunerative for lobster catchers to sell to factory owners at increased price than to can illegally. Constant disputes between British subjects in consequence of the <i>Modus Vivendi</i> . Money spent by the warships in the island. Expenses of a lobster factory on the west Treaty shore.	155
81	Mr. John Harvey (re-called).	" " "	Gypsum property at Romaine's Brook. De Wolffs, a London firm, could get capital to work it only for French claims. Sold his York Harbour copper mine, subject to expert report. Difficulties in floating any company. Labrador fish. Competition of French disastrous in 1886, bulk of Labrador fish not badly cured. Details of sales of tobacco. Amount not in proportion to the population. Think that three-quarters of the tobacco consumed from P. coast. West round to White Bay is smuggled.	157
82	Hon. Edgar R. Bowring, merchant.	St. John's, October 19th, 1898.	Prices obtained in foreign markets by Labrador fish not sufficient to cover expenses, fall in price due to French competition. Norwegian fish competes with Newfoundland shore fish in Portuguese and Spanish markets. Labrador fish preferred to French at equal prices in Mediterranean markets. French fish are always kept a-shilling or eightpence cheaper. Opinion of Mr. Jago, of Leghorn.	158
83	Hon. Augustus W. Harvey, merchant.	St. John's, October 20th, 1898.	Sale of bait forbidden in 1783. Treaty of 1783 did not include the sale of bait to the French or the taking of bait by them. Words of treaty most precise, did not give the French the right to take lobsters, salmon, or herring. Fishermen at St. George's Bay should not be compelled to sell bait first to the French. French catch less now owing to difficulty in getting bait. Price of Labrador fish consequently improved. Iron mines near St. George's Bay. Licenses refused in 1869, now shipping difficulties. Wharf not allowed at Bluff Head. Smuggling from St. Pierre. Thinks bultows and seines of very ancient date.	160