

4. The Columbia, the Fraser and its chief branche, the Thompson, are the principal *rivers*.

5. The *population* consists of about 8,000 Whites, 1,600 Chinese, 500 Negroes, and 50,000 Indians. The Catholic *religion* prevails.

6. The Gold Mines of this region are very productive. Agricultural pursuits and lumbering are the principal resources of the Province.

7. *Victoria*, population 4,540, is the capital. It is situated at the southern part of Vancouver Island. Its environs are remarkably beautiful.—*New Westminster* is the next in importance, it is situated on the north shore of the Fraser River, 85 miles from *Victoria*; its site is magnificent and its *climate* incomparable.

## LESSON XXVIII.

## NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

*Area*: 2,450,000 sq. m.—*Pop.*: about 80,000.

1. The **North-West Territory** is a vast tract of country lying in the north of the Dominion of Canada, and extending to the Arctic Regions.

2. This country has no remarkable mountains; but it contains many fine lakes, the chief of which are: Great Slave, Great Bear, Athabaska, Winnipeg, and Manitoba.

3. The *climate* is extremely cold and is opposed to all cultivation, except the western part called the *Prairies*, which, being milder, can be easily cultivated. The other parts are useful only for fishing and hunting.

4. The principal rivers are the Mackenzie and its tributaries; the Nelson, the Saskatchewan, and many others.

5. The *population* is composed of the employees of the Hudson Bay Company, and a large number of Indians, the most remarkable of whom are the Esquimaux.

6. This Territory belongs to the Dominion since 1870. It is governed by the authorities of Manitoba.

7. Furry animals are very numerous, and the rivers and lakes abound with excellent fish.

## LESSON XXIX.

## THE ISLAND OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

*Area*: 42,000 sq. m.—*Population*: 130,000.

1. The **Island of Newfoundland** is situated in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Its coast is indented with a great deal of bays.

2. The *climate* is not so subject to changes as that of the continental provinces; it is a little moist, but salubrious.

3. The *lakes* are estimated to cover one-third of the island; the *rivers* are not considerable.

4. The *population* is composed, in great part, of Irish.—Its government is similar to that of Canada. *Catholics* constitute five-sixths of the population.

5. The quality of the *soil* in the interior, is but little known; potatoes are of an excellent kind.

Coal, gypsum, copper, silver, lead, iron, and other minerals are abundant.

6. The *Banks* of Newfoundland are very remarkable, and cannot be surpassed for fishing, especially for cod.

7. Newfoundland is the only British colony in North America that has refused to enter into the Dominion of Canada.

7. *Heart's Content*, at the east, is the *terminus* of the Trans-atlantic Cable.

9. *St. John's*, population 22,000, is the capital it is situated at the east, on Avalon Peninsula. Its harbor is sheltered by two mountains, and has a very difficult entry.