

the chief exports. During the same period the lumber exports grew from \$125,000 to \$12,000, but some of the largest lumbering concerns have now been transferred into pulp and paper-making enterprises, and this has caused a diminution in the export of lumber. On the other hand, during the past two or three years quantities formerly exported have been used in the Colony in the construction of the concrete "formes" in building paper mills and in the new towns these have brought into being. A year hence, when the Harmsworth mills have been running full time for a twelve-month, and other pulp and paper enterprises be in operation, an enormous addition to the exports will be provided from this source, as well as affording thousands of working people wages and remunerative employment.

### AGRICULTURAL.

Farming on a large scale is not practised, but nearly every settler has his small tract of ground on which he grows vegetables for his own use and maybe maintains a few live stock. In some sections, notably on the West Coast and in the hamlets near Saint John's, many people have abandoned fishing almost entirely and undertaken the cultivation of the soil with fairly profitable results. The total value of the actual farm products raised and consumed in the island each year is about \$4,000,000, in addition to which nearly \$1,000,000 worth of articles are imported annually, all of which could be raised in the Colony, and the imports of flour, bacon, hams and salted meats represent another \$3,000,000, a portion of which could be raised here, or if not, other articles might be substituted therefor, which would provide employment for a great number of people in the Colony itself, and keep this large sum of money for domestic circulation.

### Population and Progress.

Newfoundland had a population of 146,536 in 1859, and 229,984 in 1901, an increase of 57 per cent. in one generation while the population of the Maritime provinces of Canada, which in 1871 was 769,415, had only increased to 891,943 in 1901, an advance of but 14 per cent. in about the same period. Estimates of