

world. The prevalent idea in regard to the island was that it was a land of fog and fish, bog and brake. That idea is being fast dissipated. Capitalists see in the country a field for profitable investment. Here also the sportsman finds a field for gratifying his desires. Sporting facilities are abundant, especially in the interior, where an ideal camping life may be enjoyed. Caribou hunting and trout and salmon fishing are the chief attractions which the interior offers to sportsmen. The accommodations for tourists from the time they board the Str. Bruce at North Sydney until they reach St. John's, the railway terminus, cannot be excelled. The proprietors of the line, Messrs. Reid, leave nothing undone to cater to the wants of passengers. Hotels are being erected at intervals and a log cabin has been constructed near Bay of Islands, where the tourist may rest far removed from the "maddening crowd's ignoble strife."

The climate of Newfoundland is temperate. The spring is sometimes disagreeable on account of the tardiness of the ice king to retreat to other waters. The summer heat is tempered by the cool breezes from the ocean, whilst an insular position does much to modify the biting frosts and cold blasts of winter.

Newfoundland is self-governing and we opine badly governed colony. There is an assembly elected by popular suffrage every four years. The Governor and members of the Legislative Council are appointed by the Crown. Many efforts have been made by persons within as well as without the colony to induce the inhabitants to enroll their country as a province of the Dominion of Canada, but without avail. The natural ruggedness of the country, together with the traditions of a people, many of whom are the off-spring of the sons of the Emerald Isle, combine to cause a desire of liberty to burn strongly in their breasts, and make them loath to forego the boon that their forefathers fought for and entrusted to their care.

It has been said that the oldest of British colonies is at present most backward, but let us hope, now that a tendency towards colonial affiliation has set in, that Newfoundland shall receive the attention which is due her. Let us hope