

people. Nay, as years advance, I find a sort of sneaking attachment growing up in my breast towards the very goats that perambulate the streets of the Capital without asking leave, to whom we have generously accorded the "freedom of the city." I notice that, as years roll past, our city goats are becoming more and more literary—devouring whole acres of wall-literature; so that, in the course of time, they may be applying for admission to the membership of the Athenæum, on the ground of their attainments in letters. Byron says "Dear is the helpless creature we defend against the world." For years and years, as most of you know, I have been doing my little best to defend THIS NEWFOUNDLAND OF OURS against a hostile world, and trying to make it known and respected abroad; for as you are all aware we are something worse than unknown, we are mis-known sadly. While engaged in these efforts, possibly I have formed an exaggerated estimate of our country; but if an error, it is on the right side; and I must now go on to give you some reasons for the faith that is in me regarding the future of THIS NEWFOUNDLAND OF OURS.

I have said enough regarding the people, and now I turn to the country itself. Things are on a large scale on this side the Atlantic; and Newfoundland is no exception, being the tenth largest island in the world.† According to an excellent little manual of the Geography of Newfoundland, published lately by Mr. James Howley, Assistant Geological Surveyor, and which every one should possess who wants to know what the country is, THIS NEWFOUNDLAND OF OURS is 317 miles in length, 316 miles in breadth, with an area of 42,000 square miles of land. So far as size goes, therefore, we have a very considerable estate; and, in the long run, size tells immensely, and becomes a measure of political power. Our island is one third larger than New Brunswick; more than twice the size of Nova Scotia; contains 10,000 square miles more than Ireland; 12,000 square miles more than Scotland; is three times as large as Holland, and twice as large as Denmark. As to Prince Edward Island, if it were cut up, we could drown it in three of our largest lakes. Our Grand Lake has an area of 192 square miles; the celebrated lake of Como, in Italy, has only 90 square miles; and the renowned Killarney only 8