

Harvey says:—"About the construction of the railway there can be
 "but one opinion. The most competent judges pronounce it one of
 "the best roads ever laid down in a new country. There is no flimsy
 "work on it; all is solid and calculated to last. The road-bed is un-
 "surpassed; the rails heavy and of the best material; the sleepers
 "excellent; and the bridges and culverts, of granite and steel, are of
 "the best construction. The passenger cars are of the same style as
 "those used on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Pullman cars are to
 "form part of the equipment. In short, Mr. Reid has left nothing
 "undone to make the line attractive and successful. The most lib-
 "eral arrangements will be made for the promotion of a large passen-
 "ger and goods traffic."

And Dr. Harvey is sanguine that this trunk line will pay:—"Is
 "this railway likely to prove remunerative? Few lines, in a new
 "country, present more abundant elements of success. In the valleys
 "of Codroy, St. George's Bay, Bay of Islands, the Humber, Exploits
 "and Gander, which are either traversed or crossed by the railway,
 "there are immense stretches of good land well adapted for settle-
 "ment. Where the land is not arable it is in many places admirably
 "adapted for cattle-raising, especially in the Exploits Valley, where
 "there is an abundant supply of nutritious grasses in summer. Its
 "proximity to English markets—only six or seven days' steaming—
 "its excellent harbor, and its facilities for growing hay and root
 "crops, all mark it out as a ranching district of great promise. An
 "extensive lumbering business has already sprung up along these
 "valleys. At Bay of Islands is one of the finest herring-fisheries in
 "the world, which, aided by the means of transportation furnished by
 "the railway, will be greatly enlarged. Extensive marble beds are
 "also found here. A coal-field of great promise is crossed by the
 "railway near Grand Lake, and iron is also reported to be found in
 "its neighborhood. The finest coal-field of the Island is in St.
 "George's Bay. Asbestos and other minerals are discovered at
 "various points, and as the country is opened up and settled these
 "mineral discoveries may be expected to increase. Fine harbors are
 "available on both the western and eastern shores. In fact, the rail-
 "way opens up the most valuable lands in the country. All these
 "advantages combined give ample assurance of future prosperity for
 "the railway. That a small Colony, by no means wealthy, has dis-
 "covered such spirit, energy and sagacity as to construct such a line,
 "and to make provision for payment of interest on its cost, is certainly
 "greatly to its credit; and it is now quite certain that it can shoulder
 "the burden of debt incurred by its construction without any undue
 "strain."

Other chapters deal in a most timely and useful way with the re-
 markable mining developments now in progress on the Island, of
 which full accounts have been published in the 'Canadian Gazette.'
 Of Newfoundland as an agricultural and lumbering country he has a
 high opinion, and speaks well of the climate. He rejoices over the