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Newfoundland, its Mineral and other Resources.

A LECTURE BY J. H. COLLINS, F.G.S.

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SIR F. A. ABEL, Bart., K.C.B., &c., &c., in the Chair.

THE CHAIRMAN, in introducing Mr. Collins, said he was an eminent mining engineer, who had had opportunities of making himself practically acquainted with some of the most important resources of that interesting country, Newfoundland. Up to the present time the members of the Imperial Institute had heard little about this colony, and he was sure all present would hail with particular interest any information that Mr. Collins could give concerning it. Interest had been aroused lately by accounts of its wealth in minerals, which hitherto had been very little explored, and it was to be hoped that the efforts of Mr. Collins and other enterprising gentlemen to develop the resources of this, one of our smaller, but most important, colonies, would result in very great advantage indeed to the mother country.

Mr. COLLINS said: I have been asked to give you my ideas on the mineral and other resources of Newfoundland, and, although I cannot profess to be able to say anything very profound after a two months' visit, preceded by a course of Murray and Howley and supplemented by one of Judge Prowse, yet, the general ignorance which prevails respecting this Cinderella of Colonies, as it has been called, is so great, that what I have to say will probably not be altogether without value or interest.

INTRODUCTORY.

That Newfoundland is the oldest British Colony, and an island nearly as large as Ireland, situated in the latitude of the