

erected here by an enterprising merchant some years ago, and seems to have proved a stimulus to agriculture. Beyond Cape Cove, and between it and Grand River, nine miles to the west, many of the dwellings are mere huts, from which half-clad women and children peered at the passing waggon, while the little plots of cleared land with tiny potato gardens, and small patches of oats and barley, overrun with weeds, told only too plainly their own story.

The fact is, as was shrewdly remarked to me by an inhabitant, the owners of these wretched little clearings expect four months' fishing alone to support themselves and their families for the whole year. This, of course, is out of the question, and poverty and misery are the natural consequences.

Grand River may be called a French village: with the exception of a branch establishment belonging to the wealthy firm already named, in which the *employées* all belong to the Church of England, the inhabitants are Roman Catholics and mostly of the poorest class.

Besides the large stores of this fishing establishment and the Church, there are no buildings of any consequence in the place. Between Percé and Grand River the road was very good, though as there was not a stone used in its repair, and it seemed to have been mended simply by clay thrown into the middle from either side, I think we had the dry weather to thank for its excellent condition.

A few of the bridges were shaky and dangerous; some were good, and a few new ones that promised well, were in course of construction.

Here my travels terminated, my brief holiday not permitting me to proceed any further.

From all I had seen and heard, I returned with the conviction that the district is one of exceeding beauty and fertility; that its resources are numerous and only need development; and that the careful and industrious who will make "fishing subordinate to farming," can secure an easy livelihood; and that "the country will improve exactly in the ratio in which this is done." It appears to me, however, that a new generation must arise, or at all events that a new system must be adopted before the country can really prosper; for I heard on all sides that the fishermen as a class, the French almost without exception, would not work on the farms.

They were reported to spend weeks ashore in summer, during rough weather, in complete idleness, fishing seeming to unfit them for any other pursuit. This they must unlearn; otherwise, fishing must become the exclusive work of a few, perhaps of non-residents, while those who are to "dwell in the land" and to be fed, must learn that while they need not