

ern side is much longer than the eastern, stretching for 85 miles from Cape Chapeau Rouge to Black River, whilst from Cape St. Mary's to the same place is 67 miles. A line drawn from Placentia on the east to Presque on the west encloses its principal islands to the north. On the western shore inside of Presque and near to the shore lie the islands of Great and Little Valen, Burgeo Islands, Ship Island, Barren Island, Woody Islands and Sound Island. Parallel to these and from four to five miles distant, lies the great island of Merasheen, 21 miles in length, with a cluster of islands, called the Ragged Islands, lying contiguous to its western shore. To the east of Merasheen lies Red Island in line with Long Island and several minor islands. Outside of Great Paradise, and on the western shore, a number of islands are strung along from thence to Jean de Bay, or Bay D'Argent. The principal ones are Marticot, Fox Island, Long Island west, Green Island, Oderin, Emberly, Flat Islands, with several islands inside close to the shore. To sail down inside these islands on a fine summer's day is a most delightful cruise, the scenery being varied and charming. The bay is noted for its numerous fishing banks and shoals. From Merasheen Head the great Merasheen Bank reaches for miles out into the bay, a shoal rock is situated on this bank in a line between Long Island and Placentia and is called the Telegraph Rock because one of the cables was laid over it and was cut through. Parallel to Merasheen Bank, and on the west is the White Sail Bank and the Oderin Bank. Further west and off of Mortier Bay lies the Mortier Bank. On the east of the Merasheen Bank are the shoals known as the Red Island rocks and Bennett's Bank, between which and the Point Verde Bank, which is parallel to, and in with the eastern shore, is a deep trough. On the eastern shore from Cape St. Mary's to the Gibraltar a series of fishing shoals and some island rocks stretch in a line from one to two