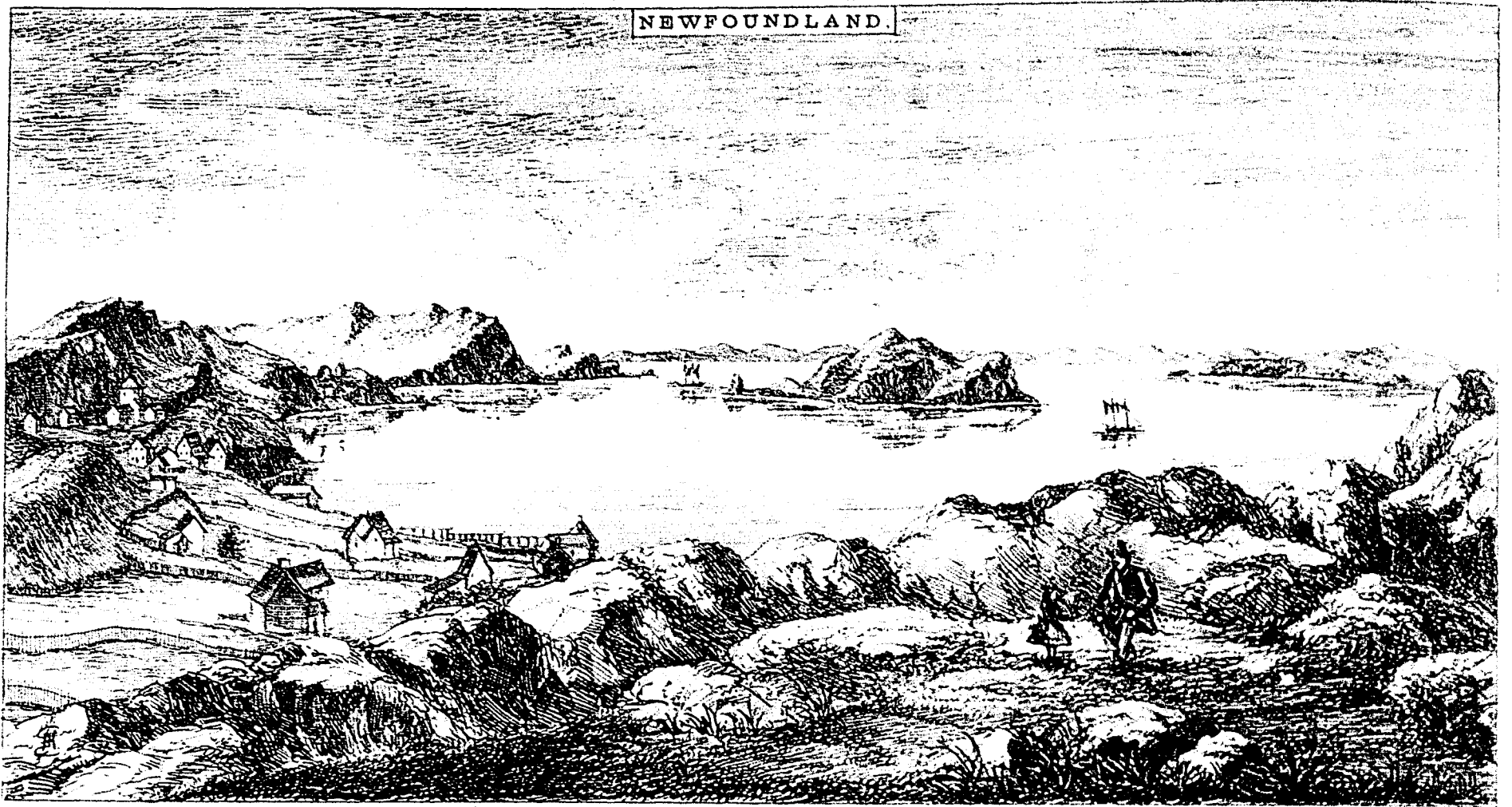




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VOTING IN THE FRENCH CHAMBERS.

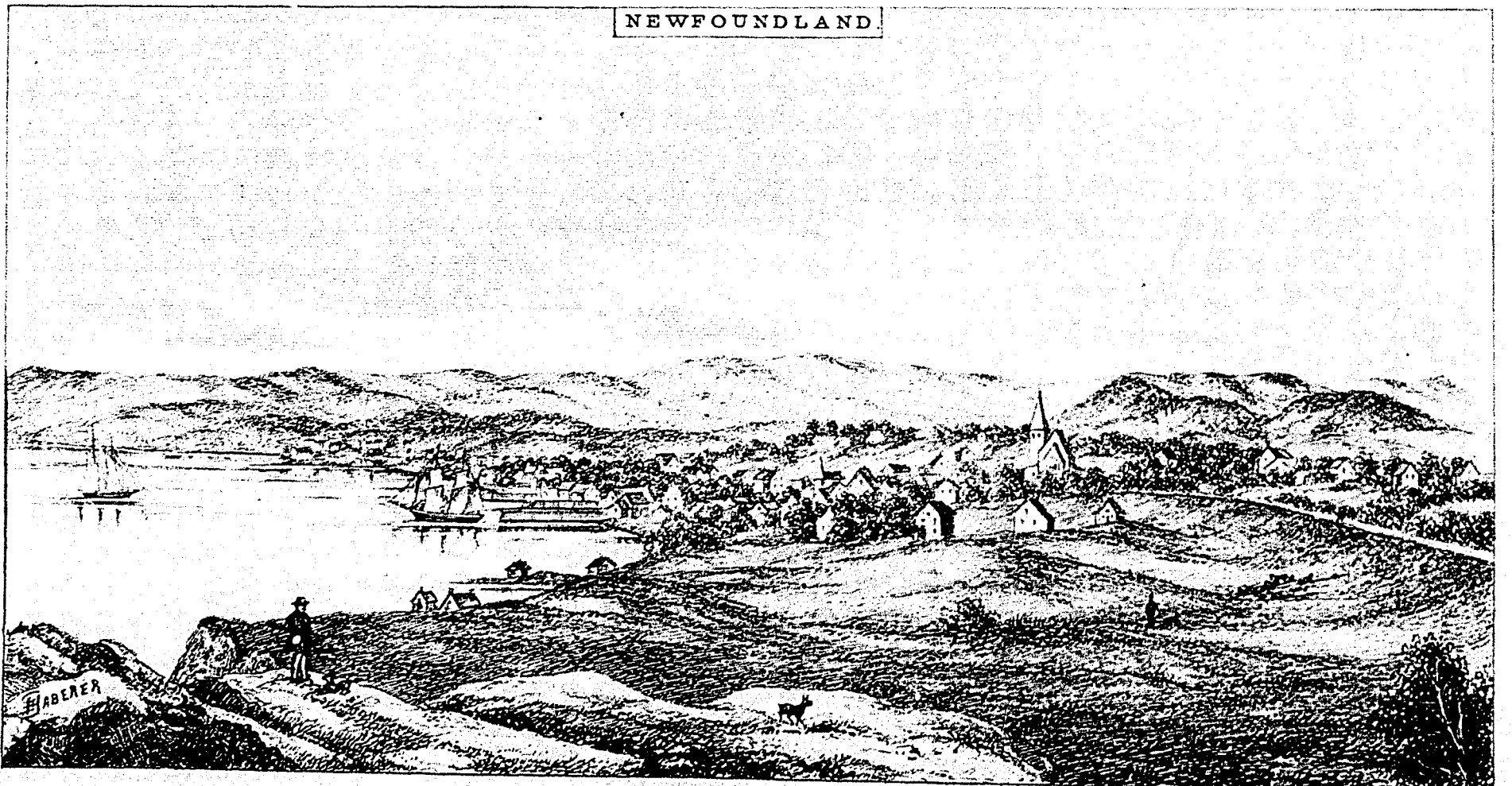
The present system of voting in the French Chambers being found both awkward and unsatisfactory, various new systems have been proposed, and are now under consideration. M. Jaquin, a clerk engaged in the Government telegraph office, has conceived a plan for recording votes by electricity, which is thus described: Before every Deputy two ivory buttons are placed, like the buttons of electric bells. If the Deputy wishes to vote "Yes," he presses the button on his right; if he wishes to vote "No," he presses the button on his left. The voter establishes by this means an electric communication, which is transmitted to an apparatus close to the President and his Secretaries. Every time the electric current acts thus it opens the door to a ball, and the ball falls through a tube into the ballot-box. The balls are made of glass or ivory, and are strictly identical in weight. The two ballot-boxes are then weighed, and the

number of balls is indicated by the weight. Finally, by turning a handle all the balls which have not been used are let out, and they give the number of members who have abstained or were absent when the vote was taken. Nothing can be more simple. M. Jaquin has offered to set up his apparatus in the Versailles Assembly for the sum of 60,000 francs. Another plan invented by M. Martur, a well-known electrician, does away with the scales, which might not always be true. Accordingly, as the vote is black, a piece of colored pasteboard appears instantaneously above a line bearing the name of the Deputy. Before each Deputy is a small box, supplied with two buttons. When he presses on one or the other he discloses the piece of white or black card on the board. This system has much in common with that used in hotels to indicate the number of the room from which the electric signal has come. The sum total of the votes for either side is marked on a totalizing board. The advantage of this system is that it enables the President to see whether a Deputy has not voted because he abstained or because he was absent. A member can, by placing his hand on both buttons, vote at once "Yes" and "No," and be thus numbered among the abstainers.

THE TREASURY GIRL.

A Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean* writes: "The Treasury girl is not beautiful except with that old-fashioned style of beauty in vogue when the daughters of the house esteemed it a duty to be self-supporting institutions. She has not leisure for the midday siesta in shaded parlor and the prolonged devotion at the toilet bath which produce the languid demeanor and peachy complexion of that fancy article of women which our rich men marry to put on exhibition with their stately horses and brilliant equipages. Mark them as they assemble in the morning, each with a scarlet napkin of luncheon and perhaps a novel from the library of the Treasury, on whose hero, if she be more sentimental than conscientious, she may allow her thoughts to dwell when they ought to be occupied in her country's service. Her overdress is perhaps a trifle worn and faded, her headgear is more hurried than studied, and an expression of anxiety and a hurried gait indicate

a fear lest she may be late. About nine o'clock in the morning they come one by one and straggling in by detachments; at three o'clock in the afternoon they depart altogether, and the number of them is overwhelming to contemplate. They go home with a slow step, weariness on the brow and ink on the fingers. Laying this manner of life the Treasury girl has neither the time nor energy to devote to making herself brilliant, vivacious and fascinating, which is one of the most laborious exertions of a woman's experience. Yet there are those who are patient exceptions, and who can come and copy by day and talk persilage, and tread the Boston by night all the gay and giddy season through, and then say, 'Oh, dear!' when Lent comes along and frowns their dissipation down. Sometimes one of these handmaids of the Government takes a notion to get married, as all girls will, but more than ordinary inducements, such as love, for instance, must be offered them in return for themselves. Most of our women marry for the sake of a home and the certainty of a livelihood, but these, the girls of the department, having these conditions assured them by their ability to work, are enabled to indulge in the luxury of marrying for love or not at all."



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