

graphes français ou portugais, trente ou quarante ans après la découverte, toutes les analyses de ce document pèchent par la base, et c'est peine perdue de s'évertuer pour en résoudre les points douteux." (*Op. cit.*, p. 67.)

I then proceeded to show that the Canadian portion of Cabot's planisphere has been plagiarized from a Dieppe map, adding the following remark :

" Si notre théorie est exacte, le lecteur se rendra compte du peu de garantie qu'offre un point d'atterrissage établi dans ces conditions, et combien peuvent être contestables les contours qui servent de base à une approximation aussi tardive." (*Op. cit.*, p. 84.)

" Il est donc possible que, malgré les assertions, Cabot ait atterri en 1497, non à l'île du Cap Breton, mais sur la côte du Labrador. Il était même dans la nature des choses que, partis de Bristol, les Cabots vinsent y aborder, plutôt qu'à l'entrée du golfe St-Laurent. (*Op. cit.*, p. 96.)

II.

" In his latter books Mr. Harrisse transferred the landfall to the absolutely impossible Cape Chidley. In dwelling upon the amazing quantity of codfish as a crucial indication of the true landfall, Mr. Harrisse has conclusively disproved his main thesis, for the codfish do not arrive at Cape Chidley until August 15th, five days after John Cabot is known to have been in London." (Dr. Dawson's monograph of 1896, p. 10.)

This argument of Dr. Dawson has found great favour with Canadian critics, who have not failed to herald it, and in very disobliging terms, as a complete refutation of whatever opinions I may have held regarding Cabot's landfall.

Unfortunately, Dr. Dawson to-day frankly confesses that he "has fallen into error" when he stated that I had "transferred the landfall to Cape Chidley," and in his further statement that I had "dwelled upon the amazing quantity of codfish as a crucial indication of the landfall." (Dr. Dawson's monograph of 1898, pp. 154-5.)

So far, so good.

III.

" If John Cabot could have got there [*i.e.*, Labrador] 'two or three weeks before June 24th,' which is Mr. Harrisse's last theory, or even on June 24 or July 3, there would have been no fish, for the fish does not strike at that latitude until about July 15." (Monograph of 1898, p. 155.)

Prof. H. Y. Hind's table, quoted by Dr. Dawson, gives as the mean date of arrival of cod in southern Labrador, at Chateau Bay, 20th June. Now, John Cabot does not say *when* and *where* he first observed the amaz-