

itself is comparatively free from fog. But to add to the dangers of navigation, there are the shifting currents of the ocean, and the great tidal indraught of the larger bays, so that mariners have to be very careful in approaching the coast.

INLAND.

The center of the island, so far as explored, is described as being hilly, abounding in lakes of all sizes. There are valleys, and ponds, and marshes, brooks and branches of rivers, and undulating plains. In some parts there is good timber; in other parts there are great barrens, where reindeer abound. One third of the interior is estimated to be covered with lakes and lakelets, great and small, from 60 miles in length to the little pool a few yards in extent. This central field awaits the advent of the farmer, and no doubt in time the fertile land will be brought under cultivation. The veins of metals will be explored, and the material wealth of the island made subservient to the wants of man. There are not many large rivers. The largest is the Humber, falling into the Humber arm of the Bay of Islands.

POPULATION.

According to the census for 1891, which includes Labrador, the population of Newfoundland was 202,040, of which 4,126 resided in Labrador. The principal denominations are: Church of England, 69,834; Roman Catholic, 72,696; Wesleyan, 53,276; Presbyterian, 1,459; and other denominations, 4,795. The professional men are: clergymen, 180; teachers, 601; lawyers, 43; doctors, 62. There are 1,545 farmers, and 53,502 engaged in curing fish.

MORAL QUALITIES.

Rev. Moses Harvey, LL. D., in "Newfoundland as it is, 1894"—an admirable hand-book from which we have freely drawn our information—thus speaks of the people:

"It is admitted on all hands that a more moral, law-abiding people cannot be found elsewhere. Serious crime is rare, and the proportion of offenders against the law to the whole population, is very small. Temperance has made great progress among them, and, on the whole, they are a sober people. Then kindness and hospitality to strangers who visit the country are proverbial. A traveller finds himself at once at home in Newfoundland, whether in

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