

In the wake of the railway followed the lumbermen, almost a curiosity in this richly-afforested island, for until twenty years ago the colony imported nearly all the lumber used, whereas now, in addition to supplying the local needs it exports from a quarter to half a million dollars worth; and more recently the lumbermen have been replaced by the pulp-and-paper makers, who are busily engaged in creating what promises to become the second industry in point of value. Through the instrumentality of the railway and the coast-boats, business was decentralized, isolation was banished, and trade facilities were increased.

#### NEW METHODS OF COMMERCE.

Concurrently new methods in commerce, business and banking were adopted; reforms in the Civil Service made for a decided increase of efficiency; lax methods of collecting revenue gave place to a vigorous enforcement of the customs laws; a crusade against the smuggling so extensively conducted from St. Pierre. Miquelon, the little French colony off the south coast, helped largely to swell the revenue, while the enforcement of the Bait Act against the French, by crippling our keenest competitors in our foreign fish trade recovered for us the Iberian markets, of which their bounty-aided competition had temporarily robbed us; and the curtailment of the antiquated "supply system," which had placed our fishermen in the control of local traders, by throwing the former more on their own resources, induced them to greater energy and renewed effort, so that their catch being better cured, they profited all the more.

