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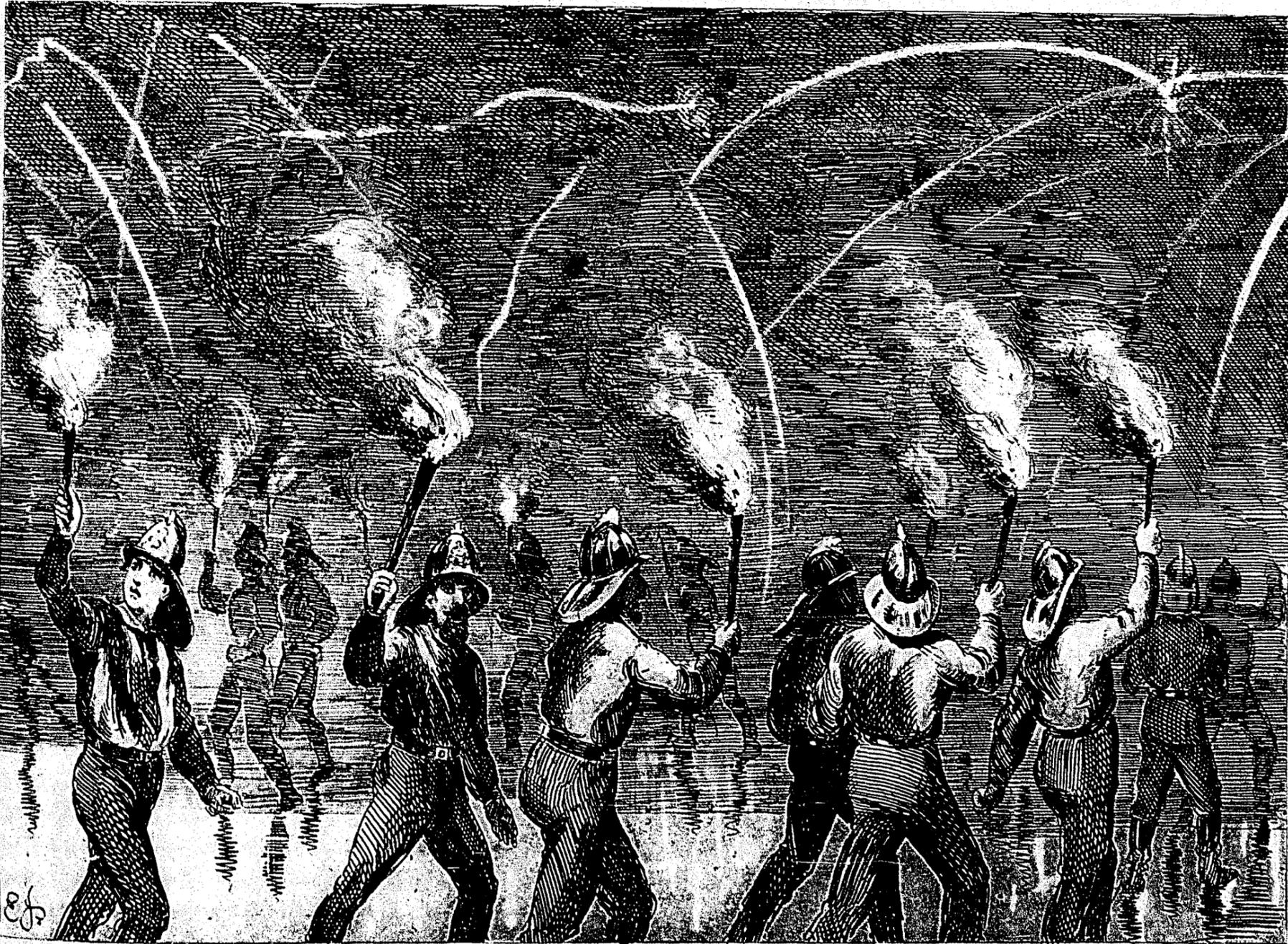
SIR GEORGE CALVERT,—AFTERWARDS LORD BALTIMORE,—COLONIZER OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND FOUNDER OF MARYLAND.

(By Our Newfoundland Correspondent.)

Newfoundland claims the honour of being the "Most Ancient British Colony," and is proud of the distinction. Before Quebec or Boston was founded, or the St. Lawrence or the Mississippi discovered, the modern history of Newfoundland commenced. The first North American land was sighted here; the first Anglo-Saxon colonist planted his foot here. Great and heroic men took part in the colonization of this island; and the glory which their names shed on its history should never be lost sight of. An intelligent acquaintance with its history would help to stir the fires of patriotism in the breasts of its sons, and make them regard it, not with a half-distrustful, shame-faced affection, but as a land to be proud of; and would kindle that love of country which ought to rise above all party or selfish considerations, and all political and ecclesiastical ties. In these sketches of great men

connected with its early history, I have tried to show that Newfoundland has claims to respect and consideration, from the fact that, in former days, it occupied a large place in the thoughts of men who were leaders in those great movements which have shaped the destinies of the world, and whose names hold a distinguished place in the pages of history. The early history of Newfoundland shows that its prospects were once as bright and fair as those of any of the neighbouring Provinces and States that have since grown into prosperity and greatness; and had not that hopeful promise been blighted by unjust and selfish legislation it would be to-day fully abreast of its sister-provinces. Time, the great avenger and redresser of wrongs, has brought about wonderful revolutions. England has long since repented of her harsh step-mother treatment of her eldest-born colony, and reversed her whole policy, leaving us with unrestricted liberties to fulfil our destinies. And now, once more, as in the days of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and Captain Whitbourne, the world is learning the importance of Newfoundland, and brighter prospects are opening before her. Her very existence had been almost forgotten, and it had become fashionable to sneer at

her as "the land of fog and codfish." All this is passing away; and now most intelligent and thoughtful men are aware that this island is rich in all those natural resources that are essential to national greatness, and that its commanding geographical position marks it as the connecting link between the Old World and the New. To that New World, by position, it has natural affinities; and more and more will westward proclivities be developed. The Western Continent, close to which it is anchored, is emphatically the land of the future, on which the wearied eyes of humanity are fixed with hope. To it men of all languages, of every country, are bringing the most various elements, and preparing the germs of future growth. No one can doubt that it is destined to be the great seed-field of the world, and that its boundless resources fit it to become the home of the most energetic and powerful community that has ever held the sceptre of dominion. Labour will here find its richest rewards and triumphs; and human energies will here achieve a prosperity without example. In this prosperity Newfoundland cannot fail to have her share, if her sons are true to themselves, and if, rising above the petty conflicts of the



LONDON, ONT.—RECEPTION OF H. E. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.—THE FIREMEN'S TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION IN FRONT OF THE TECUMSER HOUSE.

FROM A SKETCH BY F. M. BELL SMITH.