

in 1854. In 1858, the Anglo-American Telegraph Company landed the first Cable in Newfoundland, which was also the first Telegraph Cable connecting the Old World with the New.

The first Geological Survey commenced in 1864, and in that year the first mine was opened. In 1869, the first effort was made to connect Newfoundland with Canada. In 1873 a steamship carried mails for the first time between Newfoundland, England and the United States. The second mine was opened in 1875, and in that year through the efforts of Sir William Whiteway and others, a grant of money for surveying the first mile of railway was obtained. Little Bay mine, the third in the Island, was opened in 1878.

The first sod of the first mile of railway was turned on the 9th of August, 1881. In December, 1884, the railway between St. John's and Harbor Grace was completed, making the first 86 miles of railroad in the Colony. The Newfoundland Northern and Western, now known as the Newfoundland Railway, St. John's to Port-aux-Basques, was opened for traffic in 1898.

This railway, though it has cost enormous sums of money, has placed the country on the road to prosperity. Without it, the people of the Island could never enjoy as they do now the advanced civilization of the world. It has brought us in close touch with every part of America, in fact with the whole world. Previous to the opening of this road, we received our foreign mails fortnightly. Now we get them almost daily. To visit Canada, or the United States then was looked upon as a long and tedious journey, now it is only a matter of a few hours' of pleasant travel to find ourselves landed on Canadian soil.

It has helped to make us known to the world at large. It has brought most of the foreign capital we now have to our shores, and will, it is hoped, be the means of making Newfoundland a very prosperous country in the near future.