

learned of the establishment by the Harmsworths of London in the interior of the island of a pulp and paper enterprise involving an investment of \$6,000,000, that has now borne practical fruit in the manufacture of excellent paper, similar to that on which this pamphlet is printed, and which is designed to revolutionize the industrial future of the Colony, while another English concern, the Albert Reed Company, has similar mills now in course of construction and will begin manufacturing before the close of this year.

### Its Past History.

After its discovery the fame of its fisheries soon attracted English, Spanish and French voyagers, and in 1583 Sir Humphrey Gilbert annexed it for Queen Elizabeth, England thus obtaining her first colony, which some years later Sir Walter Raleigh declared was the "stay and support of the West countries of England." The French still resorted there, using the fisheries as a nursery for men for their navy, until the treaty of Utrecht, in 1713, confirmed England's sovereignty, the French being granted Saint Pierre Miquelon as a fishing base and fishing rights over one-third of the coast. These afterwards becoming the bane of the Colony as "the French Shore question."

Gilbert's enterprise was the predecessor of the organized companies of "merchant adventurers," like those trading to Hudson Bay, the East Indies and elsewhere, which have done so much to enlarge England's territory and prestige. In Newfoundland the venturers secured absolute power, divided the coastline among themselves and strove to retain its great fisheries for their personal profit. Fishermen were hired in England for the summer; it was forbidden to winter in Newfoundland; shipmasters were fined heavily unless they returned home all they took out; and justice was administered by fishing admirals, the captain of the first smack to enter a harbor each spring becoming by that fact admiral and chief magistrate, the second vice-admiral, and the third rear-admiral.

Yet settlers took root; though there was no established authority, and the admirals seized the best fishing places for themselves