

are all in a sense affiliated, the same agent buying for all of them in St. Johns, and the same schooner, the *Cooperator*, which belongs to them, bringing them their supplies and carrying away their fish.

To keep the people going, however, without occasional dependence on credit, which is the same thing as charity here, it was evident that an increased capacity for earning was necessary, and that could only be acquired by getting work in the winter. The doctor therefore obtained from the Newfoundland government a timber area on special terms, to enable any one in need to get at least enough food for the time by hauling out logs for the mill, while it would afford labour as well to many who thus would be enabled to save against bad times.

At first, the mill did not prosper, as lumbering was entirely new to the doctor, who knew more of pills than mills, and yet was unable to import a manager, owing to the smallness of his capital. This however has been remedied now, and a flourishing little industry has sprung up relieving all the poverty in the district round. Over sixty families now live all winter where none lived before. Their children can go to the school