

Portugal Cove, where a railway to St. John's ought to convey us; and I hope that in a very few years a railway will connect the Conception Bay and St. John's trading communities, and be most highly advantageous to both. I regret that I cannot take you into the unexplored interior—to the Big Pond, 70 miles long, the future seat of a great population; to Indian Pond, and the other great lakes and rivers which beautify the country. (This is only an outline of the description of the country, which, with the explanations on the map, occupied more than an hour.) The interior appears to be a country such as Britain was anciently, marshy, but easily reclaimed; there being everywhere a fall into the great lakes or by the rivers to the sea. When we know what the state of the North of Europe was eighteen hundred years ago, and what a great change it has undergone since, we may reasonably hope that the climate of the interior of Newfoundland will by cultivation, drainage, and reclamation of bog land, undergo a great change. The coast climate will always depend on the Oceanic current, but the interior climate will under those influences be modified. I know many persons imagine that the interior will never be inhabited, but they have not studied the subject. I see the sandy and barren shores of the Baltic, with a climate and soil far worse than Newfoundland, and without any great maritime or fishery resources as we have, the seat of a large population. Why? Because the people of Courland, Finland, Estonia, Prussia proper, Mecklenburg, and all these other Northern regions have no other place to go to. They cannot as of old follow their chiefs from their forests and carve out for themselves homes in the genial climes of Southern Europe. Suppose America to be the old country, and Europe the new, and that the tide of emigration set eastward, it would naturally be directed to the Banks of the Garonne, the Tagus; the Gaudalquiver; or to the shores of Italy or Sicily, not to the Elbe or the Baltic. Such is the case with us at present—the tide of European emigration sets towards the broad rich lands of the United States. But let these get filled in another couple of centuries when land now sold at \$1 an acre, will be paying an annual rent of \$5 or \$6, and it will be as difficult to get a living there as now in the crowded countries of Europe: when taxation will be increased, perhaps large standing armies kept on foot; then the people of these Northern regions, increasing and multiplying, will cultivate their now waste lands, as the Swedes, the Danes, the Russians and Prussians have done, when there was no outlet for them, and Newfoundland will count its population not by thousands but by millions. The increase at pre-