

To this general rule there seems to be an exception in the case of the herring fishing in this Bay of Island, Newfoundland. For this, there seems to be an obvious reason.

As long as these immense shoals of herring frequent the Labrador shores there seems to be little or no doubt of the supply being abundant in this Bay, which nature seems to have marked out as their winter quarters. In about 300 miles of the West Coast of Newfoundland there are only these three Bays, viz, Bonne Bay, Bay of Islands and Port au Port Bay. The gulf does not seem to afford this fish the protection it requires from the Fall storms and tempests so peculiar to the place : hence the necessity of its taking refuge in the tranquil waters of the Bay of Islands especially. Hence the remarkable fact that while other fishing grounds are abandoned, and again frequented by the fish, this Bay is unknown to fail. As a proof that this Bay is actually the winter ressort of the Labrador herring—no more proof need be required than this. They never appear here till after heavy storms from the North-East, and then they are often seen in shoals in the gulf on their way up the coast.

RELIGIOUS STATUTS.

Having said so much on the physical and industrial statuts of the localities under consideration I must now speak of their religious state.

The first germ of Catholicity was planted by a branch of the first catholic family of Bay St. George coming here some thirty years ago. This was indeed at first confined to one single individual, a female who was married to an Englishman, whom she was the means of bringing to the true church together with a large family they reared. As soon as the locality was