

arriving at Cape Breton? Therefore, what course did he follow? All the historians are unanimous in saying that he coasted the American Continent, some at the 62nd, others at the 58th or 56th degree of North latitude. Consequently, he must have either come across Labrador or Newfoundland. Is it not right to believe that, before entering the gulf of St. Lawrence, if he ever penetrated into it, he coasted the eastern side of the Labrador or Newfoundland territories? Nevertheless, it is well established that Cabot sailed along the coasts for a length of three hundred leagues before returning.

Hakluyt left us the text of the legend published on Cabot's map, in Clement Adams' edition. It reads as follows :

" In the yeere of our Lord 1494 (read 1497) John Cabot a Venetian . . . discovered that land which no man before that time had attempted, on the 24 of June, about five of the clocke early in the morning. This land he called Prima Vista, that is to say First seene, because as I suppose it was that part whereof they had the first sight from sea . . . "

2. When we know that Cabot had most of the maps published before his, which he had the opportunity of collecting in his quality of pilot major and professor of cosmography in the *Hotel du Négoce* at Seville, how can we explain the strange fact of his placing Cape Breton three degrees more to the South East than the Cape where he puts his famous inscription? We must conclude that he knew nothing of the geography of these regions.

3. In the documents previously quoted and in some others which were published afterwards, we find, when Cabot's discoveries of new lands are mentioned, the English terms of *New found land* or *New found isle*. What does this mean?

Barnett wrote in his history of Bristol these significant words : " In the year 1497, June 24th, on Saint John's day, as it is in a manuscript in my possession, was *Newfoundland* found by Bristol men in a ship called the Matthew."

It is no one else than Cabot who is meant by " Bristol men".

Pasqualigo in his letter dated August 23rd, 1497, says : " The discoverer planted on his *new found land* a large cross".

On August the 6th, when he arrived from America, Cabot received from Henri VII, as a reward for his services a gratification which has been taken from the royal chest. It is indicated in the following note : " To him who *found* the *New Isle*, 10 l.