

this no one tried to found a colony in Canada, but the fishermen still sailed regularly to Newfoundland.

**Sir
Humphrey
Gilbert.**

In the year 1583 Sir Humphrey Gilbert set up the royal banner of England on a hill overlooking St. John's harbour, Newfoundland, and took possession of the island in the name of his queen, Elizabeth. But on his return voyage he was lost in a storm, and for forty years no settlement was made.

**The Exiles
of Sable
Island.**

By this time people had discovered that they could make much money by trading in the furs of the beavers and other wild animals which were then so plentiful in Canada. In 1598 the Marquis de la Roche, a French



A GENTLEMAN OF
ELIZABETH'S REIGN

nobleman, engaged to found a colony in return for the sole right of trading in furs. It was difficult to persuade people to go to Canada, however, and criminals were taken from the prisons to make up the required number. They were carried across the ocean



CANADIAN BEAVERS AT WORK.

in a ship so small that it was said they could wash their hands in the water from its sides. Forty of these men