

now stands nothing but the forests they ask us to give them ? I would not favour giving the land and forests to these people, if there were a Newfoundlander at hand to undertake to do what these men have undertaken, but to keep on waiting for such a man to appear, and tie up these pulp areas, destroying the chances of employment, allowing our sons and daughters to seek for bread in another land, would be next to madness.

Let us hope that the Harmsworth enterprise will prosper, and all others as well, so that instead of spending idle winters or seeking employment abroad, our stalwart sons will find labour and good wages at home.

If the country had been opened up by such enterprises say twenty years ago, when the first of our people commenced to leave home, the population would number at least a half a million people instead of the couple of hundred thousand we are to-day.

The state of Massachusetts alone has over thirty thousand Newfoundlanders and their descendants. The most of these people settled there between the year 1885 and 1895. Since the latter date, travelling has become much easier and cheaper. Previous to this New York, Boston, Montreal and Toronto were looked upon as very distant places. A man who had been to New York was a very privileged being; but now, to have been to British Columbia, Klondyke, or even South Africa last year, and to the fishery this, is a very common occurrence with our young men.

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