

The lecturer then gave detailed information on the following subjects :

The trade between the Islands of St. Pierre, and Miquelon, and Spain, and France ;

The trade with Canada and New Foundland ;

The nature and value of the exports to St. Pierre and Miquelon, by each of the provinces of Canada and especially by the Province of Quebec ;
Navigation.

He then concluded in these terms :

I thought you would not be sorry to hear something of that corner of the world, the last remnant of French grandeur in North America and as my noble friend, Lord Dufferin, so eloquently says when speaking of Iceland in his "Letters from high latitudes" translated into French by your fellow countryman, Mr. Bedard, the modest archipelago of which I have spoken, "shares with the Dominion of Canada the Aurora's ruby affluence and is wrapped in the same silver mantle." For you, French Canadians in particular, the subject cannot be altogether devoid of interest. Your forefathers, before landing on the shores of the St. Lawrence, all passed close to the rocks of St. Pierre and Miquelon, and they would have then been greatly surprised if they had been told that they would one day be the last and only sentinel of their mother country in these waters, over which sailed all those gallant cavaliers who founded Canada or defended it, Cartier, Champlain, d'Iberville, &c., *Sic transit gloria mundi*. But another conquest did not arrest in their flight the prolific seeds which were to give birth to a numerous posterity. The 60,000 colonists sent to this country by France multiplied in an almost miraculous manner and there is every reason to believe that she will one