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been very bad for the last two or three years.' Another result was that the people, instead of working hard in their boats, sat with their hands in their pockets, and so became demoralised. The interior of Newfoundland was not an agricultural country. The fine agricultural land which was sometimes described was rocks and bog, and the timber scrub. The other day on board a steamer he met the special commissioner of a London newspaper, who in his account said that in the interior the land was magnificent, and that any number of fortunes could be made there; but the truth was that the land there was very inferior. It can grow potatoes, oats, and vegetables, and help a fisherman to live, but it could not compete with Manitoba as an agricultural district.

Mr. HOLME said that though Labrador might not be in a perfectly satisfactory state with the Hudson's Bay Company, it would be much worse without it. If it were not for the Company there would be *neither law nor order* in the country. It was true that a government court-house—a ship—annually went round the coast, but a court which only called in for about ten minutes in each year was not of much force. More than this, the Company took the place of Poor Guardians. There were thousands of cases in which the people would have starved if it had not been for the Hudson's Bay Company, which supplied them with food and other necessaries, and kept them going without any possibility of ever being paid for what they gave.

The PRESIDENT, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Holme, said that Labrador was evidently not a hospitable country, or very inviting to English travellers. The falls of the Grand River must be very stupendous if they were of anything like the magnitude that Mr. Holme had suggested. He confessed he was somewhat sceptical on that point. Judging from the aneroid observations given in the paper, he should say that Lake Waminikapou must be 700 or 800 feet above the sea, and the authority for 2240 feet as the height of the tableland was doubtful. Anything like a fall of 2000 feet was hardly conceivable.

The vote of thanks having been agreed to, the meeting adjourned.