

in 1797, there were 300 inhabitants, and in the Colony 1581. An increase for Bonavista of 141, and a decrease for the Island of 312, but it is thought to have been purposely underrated. The catch for that year is given as 1,000,000 qtls, so that there must have been a goodly number of English youngsters coming and going. In 1732 the population is given as 5,000 and Bonavista at 300. There were 16 housekeepers, 13 wives, 21 sons, 13 daughters, and 96 men servants. The latter were likely transient residents who returned to Devon and Somerset in the fall of the year, and the harbinger of their home coming was, when the Anglican clergyman began reading the Sunday morning lessons out of the Book of



Bonavista, looking towards Canaille.

Proverbs. It was cheering news for the household at the Sunday dinner table, when the church-going father announced, the youngsters will soon be home, the parson read this morning from the book of Proverbs.

By 1832 the population of the Colony had increased to 60,000 when it was granted responsible government, and Mr. William Brown of Bonavista became the first representative to the House of Assembly. The comic paper "Punch" of London characterized it as the Bow-wow Parliament. The Speaker is represented as a Newfoundland dog with wig, gown and bands rising to put the motion. Those in favor say "Bow", those against the