

and struck the loftiest notes from the poet's lyre, and given pathos and power to the orator who has commanded the applause of listening senates, and swayed the hearts of myriads. Why should not the love of country beat as strongly in the heart of a Newfoundlander as in that of an ancient Greek or a modern Briton or American? He too has a country and though he cannot say

" One half its soil has walked the rest
In poets, heroes, martyrs, sages."

Yet it is not unworthy of his love. It may not be able to boast of refinement, wealth and all the culture that wealth brings with it. No ancient institutions, hoary with age, are here; but here is a new land, with a bright and limitless future before it, on whose soil life will take fresh developments, and genius and enterprise new forms, starting with all the experience of the past to guide them, and all the mighty discoveries of modern science at command, and with natural resources which I hope to show you before I have done, are all that could be desired for securing a great and prosperous career.

I think we need not blush to own THIS NEWFOUNDLAND OF OURS. It is a goodly heritage—one we can bequeath, with the confident hope of future greatness, to those who are to come after us. To say nothing of its splendid geographical position, anchored near the shores of the New World, and reaching farther than any other American land towards the Old World, destined thus, as I believe, to furnish the shortest and safest route between both; to say nothing of its being already the great telegraphic station whence stretch the nerves which unite both hemispheres; not to dwell on the command of the Gulf of St. Lawrence which its situation secures, and putting out of view for a little its fisheries, agricultural capabilities and minerals—of all which you will hear presently—look for a moment at its present population as the nucleus from which may be developed an energetic, industrious, intelligent race, with plenty of iron in their blood, and able to shoulder their way in the struggles of the coming time, and bear an honourable part in the physical and intellectual competitions of future years. There is a great deal in race, in ancestry, in good blood. I, for one, believe in the