

of Indians who come over for the purpose from Mi from the Americans. Some of the halibut which are or four hundred pounds.

" The caplin, which are now merely used as bait that they are sometimes thrown up by the sea and if they properly cured and exported, they would find a quality could be made from them by the simple process

" The number of schooners which resort to the the Lower Provinces, and the Magdalen Island, in that there are sometimes as many as one hundred Fox Bay at onetime all of which are generally very successful. if these fisheries can be so profitable to expensively fitted out schooners (of from 40 to 150 tons), some of which come a distance of fifteen hundred miles, and have to bring every supply, including provisions and salt, with them, how much more profitable would they become to parties residing upon the island, who would have their supplies upon the spot, and who would carry on their operations in boats? How important also to the latter would become the trade which might be created with the former, the supplying them with provisions, often with fishing gear, and with every description of marine stores; and how soon would such a trade lead to more extensive transactions, in regard to the purchase of fish upon the spot, and the disposal of it in the best markets, and to a further trade in West India. South American, and Mediterranean produce, obtained in exchange for fish, and being in great demand in Canada? It might also lead to the ^{establishment} of good-sized villages, and ultimately of towns. Many large towns in various parts of the world, which are now places of great wealth, have risen from elements quite as slight as these.

" Though all the rivers of Anticosti abound with the finest salmon, few of them are fished to any extent, in consequence of there being but a small number of persons residing upon the island and those who come there not being prepared, and not having the right to fish in the rivers, which, with sufficient attention and judicious management, might be made almost as valuable as the best salmon rivers in Scotland, for each of which a rent is obtained of from five to fifteen thousand pounds sterling per annum.

" With so many other resources, it is of little consequence whether or not Anticosti shall be found to possess valuable minerals. There is no account of its ever having been visited by a geologist; but iron ore of great richness and quartz are frequently met with on the island, and recently some substances have been discovered resembling mineral paints. Plumbago may also exist there, as it has been found among limestone of a similar character to that of the island upon several parts of this continent, and Mr. M. Ewan mentions having found ^{free} stone there, some of it as fine as water of Ayr-stone, and some as coarse as grindstone. The fossiliferous limestone, which exists in great quantities upon the shores in that horizontal strata, is of so fine a grain and colour, and so hard, that it is most reservedly classed under the head of marble.

Were this marble quarried to any extent, large profits could be made by disposing of it to builders in the chief towns of the province, whose wealthy inhabitants are beginning to vie with each other in the beauty of their residences and the style of their living. To Quebec and Montreal it could easily be conveyed as ballast. Being very durable, as well as very beautiful there is little doubt that, were it brought to those cities in any quantities, it would be selected for many public buildings. Both Lieutenant Baddeley, R. E., who touched at several parts of the island in 1831 and Sir Richard Bonnycastle, R. E.; who landed at the entrance of Jupiter river in 1811, speak of the value of this marble.

The captain of the Wilmington, who has a good knowledge of the construction of harbours of refuge, and who proved himself to be a thorough seaman upon several trying occasions, de-

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