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BRITAIN'S OLDEST COLONY.

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HARBOR AND CITY OF ST. JOHN'S, FROM SIGNAL HILL.

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NEWFOUNDLAND is Britain's oldest colony, yet to the average Canadian it is one of the least known. This results largely from its isolation. Till the construction of the Reid Railway from Port-aux-Basques to St. John's it was a three or four days' voyage over often stormy seas to the ancient capital. Now it is brought into easy

access by seven hours' sail from Sydney, Cape Breton, and a twenty-eight hours' ride by rail. This great island is becoming more and more a favorite summer resort, especially to health seekers and sportsmen of the United States. These have discovered a new Norway of diversified scenery, of majestic fiords, of towering mountains, of streams teeming with fish and forests abounding in game. The enterprise of the Reid Company has made the once dreaded Cabot Straits but a ferry to be crossed in a short summer's night.

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