

58. The exports of fish and oil and skins, in the years named, were:—

Fish—	1888.	1889.	1890.
Cod.....	\$4,182,626	\$3,907,205	\$3,193,681
Lobsters.....	385,077	472,524	520,078
Herring.....	232,947	211,537	241,218
Oils—			
Cod.....	210,520	238,716	240,820
Seal.....	287,520	373,317	334,710
Seal-skins.....	286,464	302,064	220,321

Exports of principal articles, New-foundland.

59. The mining industry comes next to that of fishing, the copper deposits being considerable, and the exports of this ore range from \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually. Lead, silver and coal have also been found. In spite of much deliberate misrepresentation, there is no doubt that a large part of the island is well adapted for agricultural purposes. The supply of timber is considerable and lumbering is carried on to a certain extent.

Mining and other industries, New-foundland.

60. It is generally admitted now that Newfoundland was discovered by Sebastian Cabot on 24th June, 1497, and is therefore the oldest British colony, though it was not until 1583 that the island was formally annexed to the British Crown. Owing, however, to the persistent attempts of those interested in the fisheries, to prevent settlement, progress has been very slow, and only during the present century has any material advancement been made.

Discovery of New-foundland.

61. In 1884 the population was 197,335 (including Labrador, 4,211). In 1891 it had only increased to 202,100. The capital of the colony is St. Johns, with a population of about 30,000. The other principal towns are Harbour Grace, Carbonear, Twillingate and Bonavista.

Population of New-foundland.

62. Representative government was granted to Newfoundland in 1832, and responsible government in 1855. The Governor is appointed by the Crown, and there are two chambers, a Legislative Council (not to exceed 15 members), nominated for life by the Governor in Council, and a House of Assembly consisting of 36 members elected under manhood suffrage. Members of the Council receive \$120 and those of the Assembly \$300 per annum.

Government of New-foundland.

63. Following are some financial and commercial statistics respecting the colony:—

Statistics of New-foundland.