

"principal food,) appear very early on the banks of Anticosti, nearly at the same time as on the south shore; several fishermen on the north coast consequently repair here in the spring until the fish arrive at their own shores. The most frequented spots are the South West Point, English Bay, Belle Bay (Fox Bay), McDonald's Cove and Ellis or (Manche Bay. "Principal outfitters are the Messrs. Suter of Anticosti, Couture of Moncton, and Fring of Jersey. The number of boats engaged fishing this year was ninety. Fishing was most abundant this season, the yield being reckoned at 9,500 quintals of cod. About 90 fishermen from Gaspé, who went over to the Island were very successful, their catch averaging 100 quintals per man.

"Herring, which seldom fails, is mostly used for bait in cod fishing and for the family provisions. Something like 2,775 barrels were however, exported this year."

Halibut is stated by him to be found in large quantities around the Island. This fishery is mostly carried on by foreign vessels and with bottom or bultow lines. The local fishery overseer reported six schooners from Prince Edward Island engaged in this fishery on the banks of Anticosti. The salmon fishery was likewise good, though not so large as last year, on account of several of the Rivers not having been fished.

The great drawback is the difficulty experienced in curing the fish. Every facility and means will be adopted by the Anticosti Company to overcome this drawback.

APPENDIX E.

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ANTICOSTI.

"The following able report on the features and resources of this long neglected portion of British North America has been kindly furnished by Mr. Couper, the distinguished Canadian Naturalist, who has during the past two or three seasons devoted his attention to the productions of the island, and its trading facilities. The report itself is replete with interest, and contains facts which have never before been submitted to the public. For our own part we are surprised to learn that the Island is so rich in resources, and there can be little doubt, after the thorough examination that has been made, the results of which are condensed in what follows, that the Company have made a good bargain in the purchase of the Island."

"There is no doubt in my mind that an industrious maritime as well as an agricultural population would do well on Anticosti, there being many localities on the Island extremely rich for the production of cereals generally raised in northern climates, and root crops, such as potatoes, turnips, carrots, onions, radishes, lettuce, &c.,—in fact, for the cultivation of any garden vegetable. These, in connection with its unsurpassed salmon, trout, cod, halibut and mackerel fisheries, as well as an abundance of lobster in their season, make the Island more advantageous, indeed, offer greater facilities for the accumulation of the needful than appears to me to be derived by people residing in more southern localities in the Maritime Provinces."

"On my late visit to Fox Bay, Anticosti, about the middle of June last, I was astonished to find timothy and clover in a wild state, rivalling in growth any of the grasses occurring in the neighbourhood of Quebec or Montreal. White clover occurs in a wild state from Mingan westward on the north shore of the St. Lawrence. This excellent honey producing plant, if extensively cultivated on Anticosti, would, when the Island is peopled, and the honey-bee introduced, be another natural source of profit, and I really hope that I will yet see in the windows of our city stores labels informing the citizens that they have "Anticosti Honey" for sale."