

extracted from the Tilt Cove copper ore, but very little prospecting for this mineral has been done.

Asbestos is fairly common. At St. George's Lake, near the railway, a large vein outcrops on which some development has been done. Good prospects are known to exist at Bluff Head, Port-au-Port, at North Arm, Bay of Islands, and at Trout River, near Bonne Bay.

Mica of good size has been found in the Laurentian rocks in the Long Range Mountains.

ROOFING SLATE

Slate occurs at Smith Sound and Random Island, Trinity Bay, and extends from there to Bonavista Bay, and also dips under the sea and reappears at Paradise Sound, Placentia Bay. A valuable deposit is also found at Bay of Islands. Some of it is equal to the best Carnarvon Slate, and is extensively distributed wherever Cambrian rocks appear.

MARBLE AND GYPSUM

At the mouth of the River Humber and along its banks there are enormous deposits of the most beautiful marble yet untouched, as well as extending over other parts of the country; and at Bay St. George and Codroy are inexhaustible developments of the finest gypsum.

PETROLEUM

Petroleum has been noted on the west coast from Port-au-Port to Parson's Pond. At both these places successful borings have been made. Indications of petroleum are found over a wide area, but as yet little prospecting has been done.

COAL

It is a fact of primary importance that the island so productive in copper and iron ores is also proved to contain coal fields. The largest of these in the region around Bay St. George. At Crabb's Brook, on the south side of that bay, there is a fine seam of excellent cannel coal, between three and four feet in thickness.

There is another coal seam on Robinson's Brook, nine miles from its mouth, its thickness being four feet. Two other seams occur in the same section, the three seams giving a thickness of eight feet of coal. There is another seam known as the "Inland Trough of Humber River and Grand Lake," through which the railway runs.



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