

13. Area between Severn and Attawapishkat rivers and the coast of Hudson Bay, 22,000 square miles, or larger than Nova Scotia. Several lakes and rivers are shown upon the maps in this region in practically identical form since Arrowsmith's map of 1850, but I have been unable to ascertain the origin of the information.

14. Area between Trout Lake, Lac Seul and the Albany River, 15,000 square miles, or about half the size of Scotland.

15. Area to the south and east of James Bay, 35,000 square miles, which also may be compared to the area of Portugal. This region is the nearest of those which still remain unexplored to large centres of population. It is probable that much of it consists of low land which may afford merchantable timber.

16. Area comprising almost the entire interior of the Labrador peninsula or North-east Territory, 289,000 square miles. This is more than equal to twice the area of Great Britain and Ireland, with an added area equal to that of Newfoundland. Several lines of exploration and survey have been carried for a certain distance into the interior of this great peninsula, among which may be mentioned those of Professor Hind, Mr. A. P. Low and Mr. R. F. Holme.* The limits of the unexplored area have been drawn so as to exclude all these. The area regarded as still unexplored has, however, it is true, been traversed in several directions at different times by officers of the Hudson Bay Company, particularly on routes leading from the vicinity of Mingan on the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the head of Hamilton Inlet, and thence to Ungava Bay. These routes have also, according to Mr. Holme, been travelled by a missionary, Père Lacasse; but the only published information which I have been able to find is contained in a book written by J. McLean,† and in a brief account of a journey by Rev. E. J. Peck.‡ Mr. McLean made several journeys and established trading posts between Ungava and Hamilton Inlet in the years 1838-1841, while Mr. Peck

*Explorations in Labrador, 1863, Annual Report Geol. Surv. Can., 1887-88, Part J. Proc. Royal Geog. Soc., 1888. Ott. Nat. Vol. IV.

†Notes of a twenty-five years' service in the Hudson's Bay Territory. London, 1849.

‡Church Missionary Intelligencer, June 1886. Proc. Roy. Geog. Soc., 1887, p. 192.