

Sea, half that of the Mediterranean between Africa and Europe.

But may be you will have a more tangible, striking proof of the vast extent of this inland sea, when I tell you that its area is 26,500 times greater than that of the harbor here between Quebec, Levis, Beauport and the Island ; and this is no way disparaging, since the Quebec Harbor is celebrated amongst those of the entire world.

Some thirty years ago, several of you are witness to the fact — no less than 1600 vessels entered our harbor during a single season ; of which 400 at a time, and had they been of an average length of 500 ft : or of that of our present ocean steamers, and to each of them a radius of 1100 ft, could have swung around together with the tide and had ample room to manipulate and lighter in.

This bay, Sirs, is vast, vast as is everything in this new world of ours — our lakes beside those of the older continent — our rivers, the Amazonas, St-Lawrence, Mississippi in parallel with the streamlets Thames and Seine and Rhine of Europe ; vast as our Sierras, our Rockies beside the Pyrenees, the Alps ; the Muir glacier of Alaska vaster than all the old world glaciers put together ; as the Geysers of the Yellowstone, 50 ft in breadth and spouting their boiling waters to two and three hundred ft. in height, beside the Icelandic tiny thermal springs ; as America itself beside the other continents ; Chicago's Columbian exposition compared with all those the world had seen till then.

And yet great as are our lakes, our estuary of the St. Lawrence ; still when compared in size with Hudson Bay, they are but like the Saguenay with its majestic rocks towering to a height of 1800 ft. compared with the Colorado, where three Capes "Trinity" three "Eternity" must be piled the one upon the other to reach the apex of the monstrous flanks of this stupendous canon, the mightiest work of

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