

ANSWER.

Montreal, 12th March, 1874.

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DEAR SIR,—I duly received yours of yesterday, and in answer thereto beg to send you affixed, a short report of my observations last summer on the Western end of the Island of Anticosti. The Island, in my opinion, contains manifold resources for successful colonization; and I shall be delighted to hear of the rapid progress of your Company with their project.

I am, &c., &c.,

(Signed), WM. COUPER.

 ANTICOSTI.

COUPER'S VISIT TO THE WEST END.

The Western end of the Island of Anticosti was visited by me in June, 1873. I landed at Ellis Bay, where Capt. Setter and a French family reside. From the day of my arrival (14th June) until I left in July, the weather was favourable, and all that could be desired for fishing and inland operations. I noticed that rain fell more frequently at Ellis Bay than it did at Fox Bay in the previous year; its duration, however, was not sufficient to interfere with fish-drying.

The soil on the South-Western portions is excellent, and superior to that of the East or North-East of the Island. There are meadows attached to Capt. Setter's farm, which annually produce grass and hay sufficient to feed forty head of cattle; and the Capt. and his neighbour can boast of as pure a breed of cattle as are found throughout the Dominion.

The greater portion of forest on the North and East of Ellis Bay consists of Pines, in size and distribution equal to the woodlands on the North of the St. Lawrence below Quebec. At Ellis Bay I have seen stumps of pines measuring from 18 to 24 inches diameter at their base. In speaking of pines I include juniper, tamarac, cedar and spruce. There are also clumps of