

taints, if we suppose that the extent of each holding will be of the same proportions as in inhabited parts of the province of Quebec. We are willing to concede that this cannot be fully realized for a long time to come and that the wooded lands of the James Bay Region will probably not attract a very large number of settlers, so long as the prairie lands of the West, continue, as in the past, to be the favorite field for emigration. But this does not destroy the facts nor prevent the James Bay Region from being an excellent farming country in which millions of poor people now living in poverty and hardship in Europe might find homes in which they would live in comfort and prosperity. Neither does it do away with the existence, in that region, of forests and mines of incalculable extent and richness, which may be worked with the greatest ease and profit and if we could only succeed in convincing some enterprising capitalists of all this, we would have attained to a great extent the object we had in view in writing this essay.