NIPISSING AND BUDSON BAY.

Bay Railway, a few notes may be on what is already known of the mineral resources of the country be-Lake Nipissing and the salt water hes at a moderate distance due north oustitute the great metalifer n of Canada, as well as of the states an, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Then a in other countries likewise pro-

the Laurentian rocks on the Hudson's side of the watershed, at all events, have at afforded any indications of useful min-Su that the Huronian areas of a ock for mineral wealth in the region in with the exception of one interruption, the monian rocks extend all along the north one of Lake Huron from the St. Mary's ver to Killarney, and it was from their extense development in this region that they rived the name Huronian. From this shore, as a base, Dr. Bell, Assistant Director of Geological Servey, has traced these rocks atmoonaly to the north-eastward as far as its Temiscaming and thence, beyond the tershed to the country lying northeast of and Lake on the Upper Ottawa, whence y are continued in the wide belt of similar its which reaches to the routh end of Lake stassin. A great area of igneous rocky because in Agreat area of igneous rocky because in the stassin.

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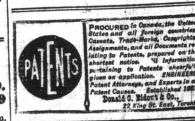
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