

HUDSON BAY

Proposed utilization of its land and water resources.

A NEW COLONY — A RAILWAY TO REACH IT.

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To the Northward of Quebec is a vast expanse of water discovered in 1610 by Henry Hudson, and it is called by the name of this intrepid navigator.

The bay extends from the 51st to the 63rd degree of North latitude, in which direction it measures 825 miles; and from the 78th to the 96th degree of West longitude, which gives it a breadth of about 630 miles.

Its area is 397,000 miles; say six times that of the Gulf of St. Lawrence; five times that of our great fresh water lakes combined: the Ontario, Erie, Michigan, Huron and Superior with Georgian bay in the bargain — see report of Min. of P. W. for 1883-87 page 14, by G. F. Baillargé esq., at the time deputy minister of the Dept.

Approximating to the size of the Gulf of Mexico in length and breadth, Hudson Bay is three times the extent of the Caspian sea or of the Black Sea; twice that of the Red