

Bay, north of the George River. On the western side of this bay, the Eskimo informed me, it begins to be found in the Bay of Hope's Advance, or five days' journey south-eastward of Cape Prince of Wales on the south side of Hudson Strait, and that in this neighbourhood it was found further north in the interior than on the coast."

Dr. Bell further says:—"On the east main coast of the Hudson Bay the northern limit of the spruce was found to be a few miles north of Richmond Gulf, but it was reported to extend much further north at a distance inland from this coast. On the west side of the bay it was seen in considerable quantities all along the coast from Cape Churchill to Buttons Bay; and Mr. George McTavish, who has made several coasting voyages to the north and who, at my request, has kindly made observations and collected information from the natives in regard to the distribution of timber, informs me that it (spruce) leaves the shore about 20 miles beyond Seal Island. He was told by the Eskimo of these parts, who travel a great deal in the interior, that spruce timber begins to be met with at two days, say 55 miles west of the mouth of Big River, and that it is considerable further inland opposite to Eskimo Point, which is about in latitude $61^{\circ} 40'$ North. From this neighbourhood it runs west, north-westward, and crosses the Coppermine River about 20 miles from its mouth and thence reaches nearly to the Mackenzie River." This testimony corroborates the statements of Messrs. Simpson & Dease and Richardson and other early explorers of the northern littoral of Canada who report the presence of good-sized spruce trees.

In the Province of New Brunswick there are several pulp mills of considerable capacity, in the aggregate amounting to about 140 tons per diem. Mr. Chalmers, of the Geological Survey, began an examination of the province in 1882. During the intervening years he has studied that section of Canada with care. The result, so far as the flora of the province is concerned, is of the most satisfactory character. In his report he says:—"The black spruce is probably the most abundant tree in the district." (North-west New Brunswick.)