

Logan I first met in the same year (1841). He had come to Nova Scotia to familiarise himself with the carboniferous rocks, as developed there, in the interest of the Canadian Geological Survey. In the autumn of 1843 he again unexpectedly presented himself, in rough and weather-stained attire, and explained that he had spent the summer in Gaspé, where it had been reported that coal had been found, and had commenced there his great survey of Canada, in the hope—not destined to be realised—of the discovery of productive coal-measures. He had, however, accumulated a great mass of notes on the geology of that interesting region, and was full of anecdotes of the adventures he had met with. At the close of the summer he had taken passage to Pictou in a schooner to wait for the steamer for Quebec. His visit was short, but we spent many hours over his notes and drawings of fossils, which showed that he had been studying rocks older than those of the carboniferous system, and therefore not likely to contain coal. He showed me drawings of fossil plants he had observed, which, for the first time, gave me the idea I afterwards followed up, that Gaspé might afford a fossil flora much older than that of the coal formation.