

ent outline, and the province became fitted for man's abode. From what has been set forth in this lecture, we conclude that the soil of Ontario has been obtained from the disintegration of rock during the vast period of time extending from the 6th to the 15th system of the geological records; the grinding action of ice, both as glaciers and icebergs, during the Ice Age, and what has resulted from a modification of the earth's crust since that time, together with the decomposed remains of plants and animals that have from time to time been added to it.

If the writer has awakened a desire in his readers to seek further information in the attractive field of geological science, he feels assured that they will consult larger works and satisfy the taste developed by reading this elementary treatise. In this connection the following books on geology will be found interesting and instructive:—"A Compend of Geology," by Joseph Le Conte; Handbook of Canadian Geology, by Sir J. W. Dawson; and the Manual of Geology, by Dana, latest edition.