

LETTER FROM
 MR. JAMES A. WALKER, MONTREAL,
 TO
 WM. COUPER, ESQ., NATURALIST, &c., MONTREAL,
 AND
 ANSWER THERETO AND REPORT
 IN REFERENCE TO
THE ISLAND OF ANTICOSTI.

Montreal, 11th March, 1874.

WILLIAM COUPER, Esq.,
 Naturalist, &c.,

DEAR SIR,—I have read with interest your report on the resources of the Island of Anticosti, as published in the *Montreal Herald* of the 4th Sept., 1872; in which you give the result of your observations of the Eastern portion of the Island, near Fox Bay; and as I am informed that you spent some months of the past summer at the other extremity, near Ellis and English Bays; may I ask you to be good enough to embody your impressions of the capabilities of this portion of the Island in a letter, which you may allow me to publish in the Appendix to the Prospectus, shortly to be issued by the Anticosti Association. I am now collecting on the part of the Association, such facts and statistics as are available to show the public the true position of Anticosti, as regards its soil, climate, forests, fisheries and other resources; and knowing the high esteem in which you are deservedly held by this community, both as regards your scientific attainments, and honourable character, I shall value very highly any statement you may find yourself justified in making in favour of Anticosti, as a field for successful colonization, and where industrious men may, with proper encouragement from the proprietors of the soil, build up a prosperous and contented community.

I have the honour to be, &c., &c.,

(Signed), "JAMES A. WALKER."