

REPORT  
OF  
EXPLORATIONS AND SURVEYS  
IN  
PORTIONS OF THE COUNTIES OF CARLETON, VICTORIA,  
YORK AND NORTHUMBERLAND,  
NEW BRUNSWICK.

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The region to which this report relates includes portions of the <sup>Region described.</sup> counties of Carleton, Victoria, York and Northumberland. It lies immediately north of that described in the Report of Progress for 1883, and forms a parallelogram, of which the western and the eastern borders are respectively marked in a general way by the boundary of the State of Maine, and a north-and-south line cutting the Miramichi River about eight miles below Boiestown; while the southern border is an east-and-west line crossing the St. John River two and a-half miles above Woodstock, and the northern border a similar line intersecting the same river four miles north of Aroostook junction. Owing to the approximation of the St. John River to the United States frontier, north of Woodstock, the portion of the area lying to the westward of that stream forms but an inconsiderable part of the whole. It is, however, its most populous portion, the settlements east of the river being comparatively few, while over a large part of the district examined the country is still in unbroken forest.

Topographically, the region is one of much diversity. Portions of <sup>Topographical features.</sup> it, more particularly on the western side of the St. John River, though by no means low, are comparatively flat or gently undulating; but in general the surface is broken by numerous ridges, varying in elevation from 500 to 1,200 feet above the sea level, while between these, the valleys, though sometimes broad and open, are often remarkable for their depth and their abruptness. These depressions are usually occupied by water-courses of greater or less size, and within the district are included, wholly or partly, such important streams as the Tobique, the South-west Miramichi, the Beccaguimic, the Aroostook, the Nashwaak and the Presque Isle. The usual course of the hill ranges is