

ANTICOSTI.

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AT a time when our Colonial possessions are being represented in London, a brief reference to the natural resources of Anticosti, a valuable though little known Province of Canada, will doubtless be interesting to the general reader.

Geographical Position and Ownership.—Anticosti is an Island lying directly in the mouth of the St. Lawrence, between the 49th and 50th degrees of north latitude, nearly the same as that of the north of France, and is a little over 2,000 miles from Liverpool. It is about 140 miles long, with an average breadth of $27\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and comprises a territorial area of more than 3,850 square miles, or about 2,500,000 acres.

It was first granted by the Crown of France in 1630 to Louis Joliet, and after the conquest of Canada by Great Britain it passed into the hands of wealthy families, mostly resident abroad, who, by succession, retained