

"nel (viz., between the Mingan Islands and Anticosti)." Now, is it not natural to suppose we must have had indications of these shales in the cliffs of the island also, if the Bird's Eye, Black River, etc., actually existed there? The Utica shale occurring at Collingwood, etc., if you examine some of the specimens in the Museum cases, will be found to contain large numbers of Trilobite fragments (*Asaphus Canadensis*) (Chapman), and occasionally a few Brachiopods, but the former are altogether absent from the shales you find among the shingles on the Anticosti shore. It certainly closely resembles the Utica rock, but one may well hesitate to confidently recognize it as such.

The Hudson River, or "Bala beds," are said to be some twelve feet in thickness in the Quebec Province. That Anticosti was once joined to the main land can scarcely be doubted. The Flora and Fauna, with a few exceptions, are similar. No snakes have ever been seen there, however, and, stranger still, notwithstanding the many wrecks along the coast, rats are never seen there alive. The French fishermen believe the climate proves fatal to them. Hawks, eagles, foxes and martins may, perhaps, have more to do with it. It can scarcely be imagined that the air of one of the healthiest islands on the globe, where sickness is almost unknown, is responsible for their absence.

Lever in "Con Cregan" lands the hero of the work on the island, and gives an amusing account of the means taken to rid himself of his unwelcome predecessors, the rodents, which shared with him the shelter afforded by his cheerless domicile. Putting aside this circumstance as an exaggeration, merely intended to heighten the effect for his readers, the novelist's description of the surroundings, both in Anticosti and Quebec, bear the impress of personal observation, and could scarcely have been otherwise acquired.

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