

consists of a tunic or shirt of leather coming to a point in the skirt both behind and before, ornamented with quills, fringes and beads. The trousers and shoes are of one piece, and are also garnished. Men and women are clad in like fashion in trousers.

4th. The Esquimaux as far as we know of them are very numerous. At the points with which we are acquainted, their coast line extends inland to below Point Separation on the McKenzie, the Bloody Fall on the Copper-mine River, and the confluence of the Great fish with the McInlay Rivers. They are a more powerful, braver and energetic race than the Indians. Their complexion in truth is fair, and some of their women are reported as absolutely beautiful.

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ARTICLE VI.—*On the Natural History of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the distribution of the Mollusca of Eastern Canada.* By ROBERT BELL, jr.

Having been employed by Sir W. E. Logan to assist Mr. Richardson in his geological explorations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the summer of 1858, and at the same time to collect as many specimens as possible, to illustrate the natural history of that part of the Province,\* the following lists, prepared by his directions, contain a brief summary of my observations, together with numerous facts regarding the distribution of the Mollusca in other parts of the country.

The district explored is that part of the Province below Quebec which is bounded on the north-west by the St. Lawrence, east by the Gulf, and south-east by the Bay of Chaleurs and Ristigouche River, and is chiefly comprised in the counties of Rimouski, Gaspé, and Bonaventure. By referring to a map of the Province the localities mentioned in this article will be readily found, the greater number of them being situated on the south-east side of the St. Lawrence, between Quebec and Gaspé. In these lists I give the names of all the localities at which each species was found when not generally diffused, from which some inferences may be drawn in regard to their geographical distribution; and I must here acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. D'Urban of the

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\* During the summer of 1857, I accompanied the same party on an expedition to the Gulf, and some observations which I then made on the natural history of the country through which we passed are published in the Report of Progress for that year.