

"Situated on the water-shed are the White Hill plains, the "Great Barrens," where a splendid ranching country is reached, equal as a cattle and sheep raising district, to the celebrated foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Montana, or to Alberta in Canada. Game of all kinds abound here, and deer are especially numerous. Portions of the valley of Kitty's Brook are well adapted for farming and pasturage. The great valley of the Exploits, now opened up by the railway, presents such manifold advantages for farming and other industrial pursuits, that it must one day become the seat of a large population. With a splendid river, abundant timber and a fertile soil it will not long remain in its present wilderness condition. The Exploits is the largest River in Newfoundland, and drains an area of 4,000 square miles, of which it is calculated that nearly half are reclaimable and fit for settlement. The lower valley between Red Indian Lake and the sea, is capable of sustaining many thousands of inhabitants."

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT.

In the report of the Geological Survey it is said:

"The soil of the Exploits Valley is equal to the best parts of lower Canada; there is a little swamp; it is encumbered with boulders, the hills wooded to their tops; the root-crops grown by the few settlers are excellent; as a grazing ground and stock-raising country it can hardly be surpassed. The timber is in many places still abundant, consisting of pine, white birch, very large spruce and tamarack. . . . The river and its tributaries afford water power to any extent. . . . The country south of Hodge's Hill and on the southern side of the Exploits presents an unbroken dense forest in a series of gentle undulations as far as the eye can reach. The country between the Victoria Lake and the head of Red Indian Lake is well timbered throughout. . . . The quality of the spontaneous productions along the lower reaches of the river indicates a fertile soil."