

**THE
CANADIAN LAND AND EMIGRATION
COMPANY'S
TOWNSHIPS,
AND
THE BACK COUNTRY OF ONTARIO.**

AS the enquirer about lands in the country North of the Towns of Peterborough and Lindsay will hear various conflicting reports as to character of the soil, and its fitness for agriculture, some of them depreciatory, a few words as to the causes of such reports may not be amiss.

It is well known to all those that have any knowledge of the geological formation of the Back Country, that there is a rocky belt running in a north-westerly direction from the neighborhood of Kingston through the Mineral Regions of Madoc, Marmora, Belmont, Burleigh, Harvey, &c., past Bobcaygeon to the Georgian Bay a little South of Muskoka Lake. In this belt is to be found the junction of the granite and limestone formations, the Southern boundary of the Laurentian. It is very distinctly marked in Sir W. Logan's Geological Map as the Hudson River Group. It varies in width in different localities presenting only a few fertile patches; beyond this, however, is a large tract of excellent land broken only here and there by rocky ridges. Those who go as far North only as the rough tract return with an evil report of the country, having arrived at the not unnatural but certainly illogical conclusion that it must be worse the further North you go, and even some residents of the front, who know otherwise from personal observation, decry the back country for reasons of their own, but contrary apparently to their own interests, as the success of the comparative front, Peterborough, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon for instance, depends entirely on the speedy settlement of the back country. Along the Bobcaygeon Road, which badly laid out as it is across the rocky belt and across all the creeks and ravines in the country, gives some countenance to the reports, the settlers delight to frighten the new comers with tales, drawn entirely from