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THE GREAT LAKE BASINS OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

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When recently considering the physical and geological relations of the Canadian flora, my attention was drawn to the many interesting questions connected with the formation of the St. Lawrence Great Lake Basins. What had been their history in past time? Were these lakes, as has been so long maintained, the outcome of the forces of the glacial age, or had they not in some cases an antecedent, and in others, or all, a subsequent history as well? What influences had they exercised on the climate, fauna and flora of the north-eastern part of the continent in the past? How far do their present contours and depths, the physical

AUTHOR'S NOTE.—Since this paper was written, I have seen the very brief abstracts of articles on a similar subject by Prof. Spencer, which have been published in the RECORD OF SCIENCE for October, issued this month. I am glad to find that his views on one or two points referred to in this paper confirm the conclusions I had arrived at independently.

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