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PART V.

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PALEOZOIC ROCKS OF CANADA.

The formations of Palæozoic age, recognized in Canada, comprise, in ascending order: (1) A complete series of deposits belonging to the *Silurian Epoch*; (2) A succeeding series, referrible to the earlier part of the *Devonian Epoch*; and (3) A partial development of Carboniferous strata—these latter, however, being only found in Gaspé, at the extreme east of the Province.

SILURIAN STRATA:—The Silurian strata are usually subdivided into two series--the *Lower* and the *Upper* Silurians, respectively; but in Canada, the officers of the Geological Survey have recently adopted a third or additional group--the *Middle* Silurians. This latter group includes the lower portion of the Upper Silurian series as originally constituted.*

* The term "Upper Silurian." it should be observed, is employed in the preceding Parts of this Essay in its original signification; i.e., as including the so-called "Middle Silurians" of the later system of division.