GEOLOGICAL SURVEY NEWFOUNDLAND

CHAPTER I.

Report of Alexander Murrry, C.M.G., F.GS., for the Year 1881

Geological Survey Office, Athenæum Building,

> St. John's, Newfoundland, 6th March, 1882.

Sir,—Herewith I have the honor to furnish you with an account of the proceedings of the Geological Survey during the year 1881, with Mr. James P. Howley's Report to me of his labors in the field the same year.

During the early part of 1881, while I was in England, on leave of absence from the Colony, I took the opportunity for revising and correcting the whole of earlier Reports of Progress on the Geological Survey, and having them re-printed and bound in a single volume by Mr. Edward Stanford, of Charing Cross, London. At the same time, some discrepancies which were observed in the original draught of the large Map, issued in the first place for the uses of the Boards of Education, were corrected and some additional work inserted, while the surface was laid off in contour lines of equal elevation and depression of 500 feet apart. Some of these Maps were coloured orographically; others were left uncolored. These also were executed by Mr. Stanford. Copies can be obtained at this Office, of Reports and Maps, or at any of the Stationers at St. John's.

Since my return to St. John's, nearly all my time has been occupied in fitting up and arranging this office, placing all Maps, manuscript or printed, in such order as to be readily accessible at