

The tactics adopted by some of these writers and would-be railway magnates cannot possibly do themselves any good, but will tend to act injuriously on the whole country, in that their statements, many times, are altogether miles away from anything like the truth, and at variance with the already published reports and facts by the Government and well-known and disinterested private individuals—which, as a consequence, will create doubts in the minds of those who would be otherwise useful and friendly in the promotion of the enterprise. The only excuse I can offer for such amateur "journalists," is that, in all probability, few of them have ever been farther north than the Muskoka District, and then only on a fishing tour, so that the knowledge gained by such parties would be worthless.

As already intimated from my years of experience in this northern region, in exploring, surveying, locating, constructing railways, etc., etc., much more might be said on the present and all-absorbing topic at issue, particularly with reference to the enormous forest and *economic* mineral wealth, right through to Hudson's Bay, a great deal of which is within easy access of one of the *already* projected railways; the writer of this, however, does not deem it prudent, or within the bounds of justice to himself, to hand over any further information, other than what is now contained in these pages, without infringing on his own personal rights, professionally.

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HUDSON'S BAY AND STRAIT.

The Hudson's Bay is a great inland sea extending between the 51st and 63rd degrees of north latitude, and is about 1,000 miles in length by 600 in width, having an area of about 500,000 square miles. It drains an extent of country about 2,100 miles from east to west, and 1,500 miles from north to south, or an area of 3,000,000 square miles. . . .

The southern end of James' Bay is in the same latitude as the south of England, so that seven degrees length, at least, of the Bay is in like latitude as from the English Channel to the North of Scotland.