

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WORK 30 YEARS AGO.

Younger Civil Servants do not remember the days when the steamer "Neptune" was employed in conveying parties of scientists to the sub-Arctic regions of Canada in order that surveys of the lands and waters might be made. The following paragraph, reprinted from the Montreal "Star" of June 2nd, 1884, recalls those times:—

"Arrangements for the Hudson Bay expedition are being rapidly pushed forward. The charter of the steamer "Neptune" dates from the 15th of July. She will be fitted up at Halifax, and coal at Pictou, from whence she will sail about the 15th of August, arriving in the Straits about the end of the month. The first work will be to locate six parties at different points of observation, who will be provisioned and left for the winter, the steamer returning for them in the spring. The "Neptune" will cruise about the straits till October. Lieut. Gordon, R.N., will have charge of the location of the meteorological observations, and Dr. Bell will have charge of the geological branch. The commander of the expedition has not yet been selected. As an evidence of the interest which is being taken by outsiders in this expedition, it may be mentioned that numerous applications for permission to accompany it have been recorded from England, the United States and other countries."

Referring further to that splendid Civil Servant, Dr. Bell, the "Star" says:—

"On completing fifty years in the service of the Geological Survey of Canada, in 1908, Dr. Robert Bell, referred to above, was superannuated. He was the son of the Rev. Andrew Bell, a minister of the Church of Scotland, and was born in Toronto in 1841. He studied civil and me-

chanical engineering and medicine at McGill University, taking several important prizes, and also devoted much time to chemistry. As he joined the staff of the Geological Survey at the age of sixteen, the majority of these studies were carried out in conjunction with his early routine work in that department, and he thus gradually fitted himself for the important work which was later to fall to his lot. Dr. Bell has had many opportunities of making extensive surveys throughout the Dominion, as at the time when he was filling important positions in the department the Dominion was developing in a wonderful manner. The various districts which he has explored include large stretches of the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, now the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, the Mackenzie River region, the shores of and country around Hudson Bay, the Labrador Peninsula and a part of Baffin Land."

## GIRL WANTED.

By Ninety-nine Thousand Young Men.

Wanted—Girl. Just a plain girl. Should not be addicted to the harem-skirt habit; rats and puffs not required. She need know nothing about bridge whist, or social scandal. Inability to decipher a French bill of fare will not count against her. Need not have done and have done by foreign countries. If she can sing and play a bit, sew and cook a trifle, so much the better. It is desirable that she have a little kindness of heart for people, young, middle-aged and old, and for animals. Need not be versed in church creed, but should believe in decency. In a word, we want just a wholesome, lovable, old-fashioned girl. No need to apply. Will come after you.—Judge.