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CANADA'S FERTILE NORTHLAND.

During the Parliamentary Session of 1906-7 a Select Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire and report as to the value of that portion of the Dominion lying north of the Saskatchewan watershed and east of the Rocky Mountains examined a number of persons possessing special knowledge of "The Northland," and had submitted to it papers and records bearing upon the subjects submitted for its consideration. The Chairman of the Committee was Senator T. O. Davis, who with the exception of the present Minister of the Interior, has a better knowledge of the resources of Northwestern Canada than any other member of Parliament or Senator. The report of the Committee* has recently been published under direction of Mr. R. E. Young, Superintendent of Railway and Swamp Lands, and contains more information about the forest wealth of northern Canada than has before been gotten together under one cover. Of the agricultural and other resources of the "Fertile Northland," apart from the forests, nothing need be said here. It is now generally admitted that however great may be the value of the prairie lands of southern Alberta and Saskatchewan the well-watered, wooded country north of the Saskatchewan possesses advantages that will attract to it settlers of a class who would hesitate to settle on the open prairie. The report and the invaluable maps which accompany it may be had by applying to Mr. Young; the information there published relative to the value of the northern forests may well be summarized here.

Beginning with the eastern part of northern Canada, the territory of Ungava, Mr. A. P. Low, the Deputy Minister of the Department of Mines, who has explored the whole territory, reported that the only timber of commercial value that will be found there is on the rivers flowing into James Bay, and perhaps as far north as the Great Whale River. The timber extends inland from James Bay as far as the lakes in the centre

* Canada's Fertile Northland, Dept. Interior, 1907