

(Confidential Prospectus.)

"ANTICOSTI COMPANY,"

OF

CANADA.

This company has been formed for the purpose of purchasing and colonizing the Island of Anticosti, and also for working and developing the many valuable resources known to exist on the Island. A special Act has been obtained from the Dominion Parliament incorporating the Company, and received Royal assent on 14th June, 1872.

The Directors of the Company, after mature consideration and investigation of all matters connected with the Island and its resources, have effected the purchase from the Proprietors, on the most favourable terms, of the whole of the Island of Anticosti. This Island is situated in the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, in the Dominion of Canada; it has over 300 miles of sea coast; is about 140 miles long and about 35 miles broad in the widest part, with an average breadth of $27\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and comprises a territorial area of 2,460,000 acres, being one-fourth larger in size than Prince Edward Island.

The Capital of the Company is \$2,500,000, divided into 25,000 shares of \$100 each.

The whole Island of Anticosti was first granted by the Crown of France, in 1680, to one Louis Joliet, in consideration of the discovery of Illinois—now the state of Illinois, U. S. A.—and for other services rendered to the Government. But after the conquest of Canada by Great Britain it passed into the hands of wealthy English families residing mostly in England, who have ever since, by succession retained the proprietorship; although frequent attempts have heretofore been made both by the Government of Canada and by private individuals to purchase the Island, with a view to colonization and development of its resources, they have invariably failed to induce the English proprietors to consent to a sale. This fact appears to have been the only obstacle to the colonization of the Island. Like the objection made by the "Hudson Bay Company" to the colonization of the North West Territory, so have parties been found ready at all times to discourage every attempt hitherto made to purchase the "Island of Anticosti." This company has however, at length succeeded in making an absolute purchase as above stated.

The climate of Anticosti is exceedingly healthy, and certainly not more severe than that of the other Maritime Provinces. The cold blasts of the winter are very much tempered by the waters of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, and the heat of the summer months rendered much less intense by the same influence. The atmosphere is pure and clear, not subject to fogs as prevail upon and around the "Island of Newfoundland." Vegetation progresses most rapidly, and crops come to perfection in good season, a fact which shews that climate (unless it be very severe) is by no means the most influential element in determining the Agricultural capabilities of a country. The geological character of a country has more influence upon its economic prospects than climate; and as the geological character of the Island is favourable, with a fine and healthy climate, it should, therefore, be care-

Climate and
Agricultural
Capabilities.