

REPORT

ON

EXPLORATIONS IN THE LABRADOR PENINSULA

ALONG THE

EAST MAIN, KOKSOAK, HAMILTON, MANICUAGAN AND
PORTIONS OF OTHER RIVERS.

INTRODUCTORY.

The present report is based mainly upon the observations made along the routes of exploration followed during the seasons of 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895. The knowledge so gained has been supplemented by information obtained from officers and servants of the Hudson's Bay Company, Indians, and other persons acquainted with the Labrador Peninsula. Free use has also been made, in regard to certain subjects, of the information to be found in the writings of Mr. Lucius M. Turner,* Dr. A. S. Packard,† and Mr. W. A. Stearns,‡ who have all spent some time on the southern and eastern coasts and there collected much valuable information relating to the history, physical geography and natural history of those regions. Observations on the natural resources of the peninsula made by officers of the Geological Survey in former explorations, have also, when necessary, been incorporated in the text; a list of these explorations is given at the end of the historical notes.

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